

Welcome to  
**Grantham MB Church**



# Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

“You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong.” Acts 3:15-16a (NIV)

## Call to Worship

*I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation*

Easter Greeting & Prayer ~ Psalm 4

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* (WT#391)

*This Is Amazing Grace*

## Hearing the Word

Scripture: Acts 3:12-19

Children's Prayer Time ~ Sending for Gather Round

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (WT#149)

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon: Pastor Michael VandenEnden

“Holy Disruptions: The Surprise of Renewed Life”

## Responding to the Word

*Good to Me*

Prayer of Confession

Ministry Focus & Prayer of Intercession

Offering

## Sent out into the World

*Kirisuto No Heiwa* (May the Peace of Christ Be with You)

## Benediction

Passing the Peace

**Prelude:** Brittany Koop

**Service Leader:** Chris Koop

**Song Leader:** Darryl Loewen

**Scripture Reader:** Ruth Braun

**TODAY:**

**10:00 AM** ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

**10:30 AM** ~ Worship

**Nursery:** Cindy Peñaloza

**Gather Round:**

**Kinder Class (JK – Gr. 1):** Beth Thiessen & Amber Loewen

**Primary Class (Gr. 2 – Gr. 4):** Alicia Janzen & Emma Loewen

**Junior Class (Gr. 5 – Gr. 8):** Mike Dyck

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**10:00 AM** ~ Coffee Fellowship Time

**10:30 AM** ~ Worship Service

**\*\*Songs and Story Time for children ages 3-10 during the sermon\*\***

**Nursery (ages 0-3):** Becky Loewen & Alessandra Mohabir

**Scripture:** Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**Sermon:** Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden

**7:00 PM** ~ Congregational Discussion Evening (*see insert for details*)

**THIS WEEK:**

**MON:** Badminton.....7:00 PM

**WED:** Tiny Trebles.....5:50 PM

Sing Out Choir.....6:30 PM

**THURS:** Men's Breakfast @ 569 Lake St.....8:30 AM

English Café.....7:00 PM

**FRI:** Sing Out Recital (*see insert for details*).....6:30 PM

## **JOINING TOGETHER IN PRAYER:**

*We want to raise the needs of our community and our world before God (Philippians 4:6). If you have prayer requests, please bring them to a pastor or any member of the Congregational Care Committee.*

- This Friday is the Spring Recital for our Grantham Community Children's Choir program, with choirs in two age categories. Please pray for the neighbourhood families that we serve, that God would grant the kids a rewarding and fun recital, and that they would sense God's presence and blessing through our welcome and joy of sharing music.
- Mennonite World Conference (MWC): Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Southern Africa. This request was shared by Danisa Ndlovu, MWC regional representative for Southern Africa: "Most of Southern Africa has received limited rains so far. Crops are showing signs of moisture stress or have already become unviable. In Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, dams supplying the city with water have not had any significant inflows so far. Some areas around the city are going for weeks without receiving water! We are concerned that diseases such as cholera can easily spread within the region. Pray that God show compassion to our region and provide rains. The situation is dire."
- Multiply: Please pray for Arun & Anjana, Multiply workers in Canada. Pray for ongoing cultural challenges faced by their children since moving to Canada, for the Gospel to go forth among the Punjabi diaspora in Canada, and for the multiplication of home fellowships.

### **(Prayers of last Sunday, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>)**

- Our Harry Dyck
- The daughters of Mary & Conrad Thiessen, that God would comfort them in this time of grief and loss.
- MWC: The Fellowship of Mennonite Churches in Taiwan (FOMCIT)
- Multiply: Wanchai (Ozz) & Sara Fast Kumrod, Multiply workers in Thailand.

## **JOINING TOGETHER IN GRATITUDE:**

**A HUGE thank you** to Gillian Giesbrecht for putting together the 2024 Easter Egg Hunt! Everything was so well organized and the kids had a fantastic time! The time and energy you put into the event was much appreciated!

Our Rick & Ruth Wiebe are delighted to announce the arrival of their grandson, Griffin Maverick, born to Olivia and Randy in Okotoks, Alberta on Wednesday, April 10. Join with the Wiebe and Regier families in giving thanks to God for the safe delivery of their new baby boy.

## JOINING TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY:

### **Grantham Community Garden**

Applications for a garden plot are now available at [granthamgarden.ca](http://granthamgarden.ca)

### **Sunday, Apr. 21, 6:30pm ~ Congregational Dessert and Discussion**

*Why support and belong to Mennonite Brethren conferences?* This is the question we will pursue together, using the World Café method to help guide our conversation. More information on the World Café can be found on the Info Desk (*Café to Go! A Quick Reference Guide for Hosting World Café*). Because this topic is about belonging to Mennonite Brethren structures, this discussion is most appropriate for church members or those pursuing church membership.

### **From the Discernment Committee:**

To help prepare for the Annual General Meeting on May 26, the Discernment Committee is working to be ready for the annual confirmations and elections of those to serve in various roles and on committees at Grantham for the next year. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve this coming year and be ready when one of our Committee contacts you. Please pray for this task ahead.

Thanks - Deb Reimer ,Barb Stiver\_and Joyce Schimpky

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



The Tiny Trebles & Sing Out Choir present:

### *Songs for Spring*

Our children's choirs have been working tirelessly on learning songs for our annual spring recital, and...

### **Everyone is invited!**

You can also show your support by providing baked goodies! **Please email Pastor Tabitha if you can drop off a plate of squares, cookies, crackers & cheese, or fruit for this event.**

(All treats should be nut free – thanks!)

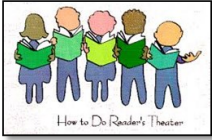
**Friday, April 19 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

### **May 5 ~ Library Book Sale!!!**

Next Sunday, [April 21](#), is the final day to bring your books to the bins in the foyer! Books will be available to purchase after the potluck for a donation to the King's Kids School. **\*\*Please do not leave books in the library\*\***

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D:

### *Reader's Theater Workshop – April 27*



**Who:** This workshop is for everyone who participates in Scripture reading or reader's theater here at Grantham!

**What:** A morning devoted to the craft of public speaking, basic stage direction, and reading. This workshop will be led by guest instructor Alissa Cooper.

**Where:** This workshop will be held here at Grantham in the upstairs foyer.

**When:** Saturday April 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**How:** Please register for this workshop by emailing Pastor Tabitha. (All regular scripture readers are encouraged to attend. Youth are also welcome!)



### *Kub Kar Races*

is zooming to Grantham this Spring!

**May 4 ~ Prep Day**

**June 1 ~ Race Day**

All Ages Event ~ Sign up in the foyer by April 21st

**Cost:** Adult or Single Child Rate \$12  
2 Children \$24; 3+ Children \$30



## **Save the Date!**

**Summer Bible  
Adventure Week  
AUGUST 5 - 9!**

**Kids** - stay tuned for more details!

**Adults** - We are looking for leaders to head up the following stations: Bible Exploration, Arts & Science, Games, Snack, Décor. Please let Pastor Tabitha know if you would like to be part of the planning team for this year's adventure!



**JOINING TOGETHER IN LEARNING:**

*Holy Disruptions*

**Easter Series 2024**

The Resurrection of Jesus is God's ultimate disruption into human history, reversing the course of sin and death toward a course of redemption and life. But God's way of holy disruption is not limited to Easter Sunday. In the sequel to Luke's Gospel, the book of Acts describes the continued ministry of Jesus through his disciples, as they are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The disruption of Jesus's resurrection continues by the Holy Spirit moving and working among the disciples and the disciples responding to surprises of the Spirit.

Moreover, for the Jesus Community living today, Acts still challenges us to embrace and join in the surprising work of the Holy Spirit extending the reconciliation of Jesus to the ends of the earth.



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

### **Eden High School – Parent Council Sausage Fundraiser**

The Eden School Council is selling delicious, Mennonite Smoked Sausage made with high quality pork, no preservatives, fillers or by-products. 100% gluten free. **The DEADLINE for orders is Friday, April 26 at noon and the PICK UP date is Saturday, May 4 at Eden High School, 535 Lake Street, St. Catharines from 10:00 to 12:00.** Please go to the Eden website and click on the Pink Pig which will take you to the School Cash Online system login. If you are not already registered for this system, you will need to create a profile. (Note: you do not need to have students in the DSNB School system to use this system, you will just see any Public items that are for sale.) When you complete your order you will receive an email receipt for your records. Should you need to contact the Eden School Council Sausage rep, please contact Karen Cerca at 905-933-6193 or email her at [karen@cercafamily.com](mailto:karen@cercafamily.com). The next opportunity to order sausage will be in the Fall 2024.

## **SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER**



### **Youth Unlimited YFC presents:**

A SERIOUSLY FUNdraiser (putting the FUN in FUNdraising) with The Fidgets ([fidgetcomedy.com](http://fidgetcomedy.com)). A clean, family-friendly improv comedy show

Saturday May 4 @ 7:00pm

Northend Church-455 Geneva St.

The Fidgets are an improv comedy team. (similar to Whose Line Is It Anyway)

You will be offered a chance to purchase mouse traps (\$15 each).

The last skit at the end of the night will involve taking all of the mouse traps purchased and setting them on the stage. With shoes and socks off, and blindfolds on, the last skit is performed on top of those mouse traps!

**Tickets: \$30 adult, \$15 child under 12; Mousetraps \$15**

**To purchase:** <https://yfcstcatharines.com/donation/fidgets-fundraiser/>

**Bulletin Image:** "Saint Peter Preaching," by Masolino da Panicale

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