

Glencross Mennonite Church

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“O Come,
O Come,
Immanuel”.

Deacon Couples:

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2nd Advent Sunday - Worship Service

December 4, 2011

“But because of his great love for us,
God
who is rich in mercy, made us alive with
Christ
even when we were dead in transgressions
it is by grace you have been saved.”
Ephesians 2:4,5

Pianist - Rosemarie Friesen
Song Leader - Peter Hoepfner
Electric Piano - Nettie Froese

Worship in Singing
Call to Worship - Ken Klassen
Announcements & Offering
Offertory - Christina Peters
Worship in Singing
Song - Faithful
Scripture Reading - Eph. 2:1-10
Message - Lawrence Klassen
“Advent - The Promise of New Life in Christ”
Communion
Song & Benediction

*In the beauty of a snowflake, falling softly on the land.
Is the mystery and the miracle of God's great, creative hand.*

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 7:30 Sr. Youth bible study at church

Friday 7:30 Care Groups

- Daniel & Helene's @ Peter & Vicky's
- Isaac & Marie's care group will meet at the church for an evening of fun & fellowship, please bring a snack to share.

Sunday School

- Everyone is invited to attend the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 18th, at 7:00 p.m. Parents, please have your children at church, in their Sunday School classrooms, by 6:30 p.m.
- Students interested in contributing to the prelude in some way at the Sunday School Christmas Program should talk to Rosemarie Friesen as soon as possible to sign-up. Practice for the Sunday School Christmas Program will take place on December 11th and December 18th.
- Parents, please have your children ready to practice, in the sanctuary by 9:30 a.m. Thanks so much for your help!
- There will be no Sunday School on December 25th.
- The Sunday School Department is again doing a Christmas Project. This year Compassion was chosen as the organization we will send donations to. The donations will help to buy christmas gifts for children who do not have a sponsor. For anyone who would like to donate as a gift to a teacher, family member, friend, etc, there are Compassion notes to fill out and give. Please see the display in the foyer for more information.

Praise & Prayer

1. Thank Him for our Sunday School Department, and pray for them as they prepare for the Christmas program.
2. Praise the Lord for the joy of the Christmas season.
3. Pray for those in Tabor Home: Tina Thiessen, Esther Martens, Annie Hoepfner. Pray for John Hiebert in the Altona Hospital.

From Dave and Lisa Janzen, Bolivia Field Director

On Thursday, December 1st at about 9:30 am, 5 or 6 men saying they were with CRE (the electric company) wanted to have access to Pastor Wayne and Sadie Thiessen's home in Villa Nueva, Bolivia. At the time, Wayne was at church and Sadie was home with their four youngest children. The thieves entered the house and tried to get Sadie to come up with money. They ransacked their office and some other dressers, but since they couldn't find anything they put Sadie and the children in the bathroom.

At this time Wayne came home from church. Lisa and I (Dave Janzen) were right behind him. We had arranged to spend a few hours with them that morning. When Wayne opened their front door he was greeted by about 4 men, some of them armed with pistols. Out of reaction rather than decision, Wayne turned around and ran behind the house and then behind a container that is toward the back of their yard.

Meanwhile Lisa and I got out of our car, not knowing what was going on. One of the men came toward us, showed us the gun and took both our cell phones. We had no money on us. He then demanded that we go inside the house where we were forced to lie face-down on the floor. This is where we stayed (and prayed) for about 2 minutes, at which time I heard the thieves' vehicle drive away. The whole incident probably took about 10 - 15 minutes.

We praise the Lord that no one was physically hurt. Please pray for the Thiessen's, especially Sadie and the children because they were the most involved and traumatized. I am convinced that the Lord frustrated the thieves attempt and they had to leave almost empty-handed. They got 5 cell phones and a camera, as well as about \$200 from the Thiessen's. We are praising the Lord for his protection! Our prayers were answered and the thieves just drove away. Thank you LORD!

From Bolivia
David and Lisa Janzen