

Glencross Mennonite Church

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Morning Worship Service March 18, 2012

*You have made known to me the path of life;
you fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

Psalm 16:11 NJV

Song Leader – Peter Hoepfner

Pianist – Shirley Unrau

Electric Piano – Bonnie Klassen

Call to Worship – Dennis Driedger

Announcements & Offering

Offertory – Emily Klassen

Special music – Jenn Klassen and Rose Friesen

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14

Message – “The Church! Why Bother??” - Abe Block

*When we are in a situation where Jesus is all we have,
we soon discover He is all we really need.*
Gigi Graham Tchividjian

Pastor Abe Block 325-0546

Deacon Couples

Ken & Irma Klassen 822-3655

Daniel & Helene Schulz 822-9612

Art & Carol Letkeman 822-6449

Pete & Louise Peters 822-3176

Isaac & Marie Klassen 325-4161

Dennis & Colleen Driedger 325-6932

We at Glencross, as part of the body of Christ,
are committed to obeying the commands God has
set forth in His word (the Bible) through:

Worshipping God
Evangelizing the unbeliever
Discipling the believer

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Ladies Fellowship at church
Wednesday 7:30pm Senior Youth meet at church
Friday 7:30 p.m. Care Groups

- Phil & Kristy's group has Bible study at church
- Pete and Louise's care group will meet in church on Friday 7:30
- 6:50 PM - Art and Carol's cell group meet at Henry and Shirley's at 6:50. Singing for John Hiebert in Altona.

NEXT SUNDAY- After the service there will be a vote regarding a Constitution change (Pulpit Committee wording) that was presented at the February membership meeting.

Coming up at glencross

There will be a Soup and Pie Lunch on April 22nd, at church.

**DVBS is going to take place the
week of July 9th - 13th.**

Ministry Opportunity - The DVBS committee is looking for a third person to help share the calling of organizing and planning our DVBS for this upcoming summer. If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Kristy Hildebrand, Marla Sanca, or Megan Peters.

Congratulations

To Rudy and Annie Losch on the birth of their son,
Benson Joshua.

He was born on March 14, 2012, at 9:44 pm.

He weighed 10 lbs (4535g), and was 22 in (55.5 cm) long.

TAKE NOTE:

TODAY: PVBC Coffee House, Sunday, March 18th

Do you enjoy coffee? How about great music? If you said yes to one or both of those things, then you should come to Pembina Valley Bible Camp for our Coffee House! We would love to encourage and bless the people around us with great music and amazing coffee! Come to the camp dining hall on March 18th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., music starts at 7:00 p.m. Oh, and its free! So come out!

The Senior Youth is once again hosting a **Formal Dinner!** Come for an evening of fun and fellowship on Saturday, March 31st. Tickets can be reserved in the foyer after the service on March 18th and 25th.

Clue: "Fasten your seatbelts, it's gonna be a bumpy night."

~ Bette Davis ~

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES:

Discipleship classes for baptism and membership have begun. Please pray that our time together will be meaningful and encouraging. Pray that the Lord would give joy to be victorious as we seek to grow in Christ.

Class Participants and not necessarily candidates are, Candice Dyck, Curtis Dyck, Kenton Klassen, Christina Martens, Jennifer Martens, Tyler Unrau, Ladawn Neufeld, Ashley Klassen, Kathy Driedger & Bill Driedger.

MEM Bolivia, Service Opportunity - Short Term Work Team, April 10 – 24, 2012. Project: Roof Construction for San Jose Ministry Centre. Contact David Janzen, david@gomission.ca or [011-591-776-76070](tel:011-591-776-76070). See Bulletin board in the foyer for more info.

I love the Lord because he hears my prayers and answers them. Because he bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I breathe. Psalm 116:1,2 TLB

Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for the abundance of provisions we have.
- Praise God for answered prayers. Carter Wieler was able to come home with Jamie & Stephanie on Thursday.
- Please pray for the new precious lives in our midst. Pray for Cohen Klassen (Gerald & Melissa's son) who is still in the hospital in Winnipeg. Also pray for Rudy & Annie Losch and their son Benson. He has a blood group incompatibility (a more severe form of jaundice) and needs to be under the phototherapy at the hospital probably for the next 2 days. They took him in on Friday and hope to be home Sunday evening or Monday.
- Pray for the children's camps in Cambodia:
 - Counsellor training is running from March 26-31
 - Camps are running from April 2-6
 - They are still in need of \$4,000, to be able to run camps in all 100 churches that they had committed to.
- Missionary of the Month:

Abe & Anita Harms. Abe is the Executive Director of Mennonite Community Services. Anita is the Coordinator for Family Education and Support Project in Aylmer, ON.

Thank you so much for all your prayers this past week. We could really feel God's healing. Carter is home and healthy.

Jamie, Steph & Carter Wieler

For Bulletin Announcements this week please call Jenn Klassen at 822-3418 email: jennmatt@snet.ca by Thursday at 8:00pm. Thank you.

THE CHURCH!
Why Bother??
Ephesians 1:1-14

I) Intro: Examples

II) Paul's Intro:

i. Saints

ii. Grace

iii. Mercy

iv. Peace

III) Great Paeon of Praise:

a. By whom - saints

b. Because -

c. God's purpose for the church

i. From eternity to eternity

ii. In Christ

iii. To be to the praise of His glory.

IV) Our Response:

a. Because of His blessing.

b. Because of His choice

i. Predestined

ii. Adopted

Is it possible to be a Christian without a church??

Yes - But it would look like - - - -

- A student without a school.
- A soldier without an army.
- A citizen without a country.
- A salesman without a customer.
- An explorer without a base camp.
- A seaman without a ship and crew.
- A business man without a company.
- An author without readers.
- A violinist without an orchestra.
- A parent without a family.
- A player without a team.
- A politician without a government.
- A bee without a hive.