

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Abbotsford Regional Hospital
Margret Bergen4158

Joy (Larry) **Locken**, has been in the hospital since Sunday, released for home on Friday, waiting for more tests. Larry and Joy appreciate prayers.

Anne Matthies, had a major stroke and is in the hospital in Ponoka, Alberta. Pray that they will find a new place for her to live when she comes out of the hospital.

Lillian Dyck, has Shingles on her face and would like prayer.

Mary (John) **Klassen**, Pray for Mary that the family can find a placement for her.

Liese Giesbrecht, fell and broke her wrist and is now in Bevan Lodge for 4 weeks for respite.

Walter & Ina Friesen's adult grandson, **Justin**, is at home.

Kaethe Peters, is recovering at home following pacemaker surgery.

Note of Sympathy

Lillian Harms, passed away Friday, August 28, 2020.

Our sincere condolences to family and friends

THIS WEEK

All Sunday Services & Bible Studies will be available on Television and the Clearbrook MB Website.

Today 9:00 am Pastor Johannes Stolz
 10:00 am Pastor Scott

Wednesday 9:00 am Congregational Meeting focusing on the leadership of the German Ministry.
 10:00 am English Bible Study - Psalm 36

Sunday, September 6, 2020
 9:00 am Pastor George
 10:00 am Pastor Scott

"Welcome back to our Bible Studies - The Bible studies will resume on Wednesday, September 2. These will be in our sanctuary. The German Bible study will begin at 9:00 am and the English Bible study will begin at 10:00
 Participants are invited - and the studies will be also broadcast on TV and live streamed."

Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Darum setzen wir auch unsre Ehre darein, ob wir dahem sind oder in der Fremde, daß wir Ihm Wohlgefallen.“
 2 Korinther 5:9*

Vorspiel: Wes Heinrichs

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor Fred

Gesang: # 20 Halleluja! Schöner Morgen!

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet Pastor Fred

Gesang: # 259 Welch Glück ist's erlöst zu sein!

Schriftlesung: Römer 15:1-3a

Gesang: # 260 Hauch, Gottes Geist, mich an

Botschaft: „Zu gefallen versuchen spielt eine zentrale Rolle in einem jeden von uns.“
 Römer 15:1-3a Pastor Johannes Stolz

Schlusslied: # 280 Faß meine Hand!

DIESE WOCHE

Alle Gottesdienste und Bibelstunden werden über Fernseh (TV)und Computer übertragen.

Mittwoch 9:00 Uhr Einladung von der Leitung der Clearbrook MB Gemeinde an deutschsprechende Glieder
 10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde - Pastor Walter - Psalm 36

Nächsten Sonntag, den 6. September, 2020

9:00 Uhr Prediger George
 10:00 Uhr Pastor Scott

Ab Mittwoch den 2. September werden die Bibelstunden wieder statt finden.

Sunday, August 30, 2020 Clearbrook MB Church



These Sunday services will be available on Television and the Clearbrook MB Website

9:00 am German Worship Service

10:00 am Family Worship Service

Pastoral Team

Scott & Miriam Tolhurst
 Walter & Edith Wiens
 George & Mary Baier
 Fred & Hani Ekkert

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PRELUDE:	Doug Johnson
INVOCATION/WELCOME:	Pastor Scott
HYMNS:	Come Thou Fount We Worship and Adore You
QUARTET:	I Stand in Awe of You
ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING:	Pastor Walter
MUSICAL MEDITATION:	Jonas Heidebrecht
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:	Pastor Scott
HYMN:	Jesus Shall Reign
MESSAGE:	"Hope in the Midst of Trouble" 1 Peter 3:18-22 Pastor Scott
HYMN:	Our God Reigns
BENEDICTION:	Pastor Scott

All Sunday Services & Wednesday Bible Studies will be Transmitted on Television and Livestream

To watch our Church Services - go to the Clearbrook MB Church Website and click on Watch Live.



Lectio Divina – Scott Tolhurst

Preaching. You can expect a three-point outline jammed with historical insight, mined from biblical languages targeted at cultural context; all of it framed by a good joke at the beginning and an emotional poem at the end. It would be familiar, not because you've heard it before, but because this is how you've heard it done before. Bible preachers, teachers, and readers tend to approach the Bible solely as a source of information, looking for instructions or directions. We employ a Google methodology, hoping for instant answers. That's what we do, but there's another way.

For centuries the Church has practiced a discipline called Lectio Divina. The Latin phrase means "divine reading" and while the phrase may be new to you, it's not owned by any particular denomination or generation. It refers to a manner of reading Scripture to saturate our souls - to transform as well as inform us. In his publication "Eat This Book" Eugene Peterson suggests Lectio Divina as a means to "rehydrate the Scriptures." It is less about underlining words, connecting repeated phrases or jumping to the footnotes. It's being attuned to the Voice of God. How? A few suggestions.

Take your time. The Bible isn't just ink on a page, but a conduit of the Spirit. It is a living Voice of the Spirit. It is not ours to dissect, summarize, manage, or control. It presides over us. So we may benefit by reading smaller amounts and take more time to do it. Why? Because listening well requires space to sink in. I once asked Church Board members to sit with the same Psalm daily for a week. The raised eyebrows of suspicion became smiles of appreciation as they reported new depths with God and His Word.

Consider afresh what it is you want from the Scriptures. If it is information, history, answers, commands or principles, the Bible is plump with all of that. But our quest is not just for data, but for God. Jesus once chided Pharisees for searching the Scriptures for their personal benefit and ignoring Him in their reading. (Jn.5:39) How can we read the love letters but neglect the Beloved?

Submit to the sound or the silence of His Voice. God speaks, but He is not verbose. There is much He says but much more He doesn't say. I have questions that God chooses to ignore. There is information I'm convinced I need but am denied. God speaks by His wisdom and will. We have to allow for mystery. We listen for God, not demanding that He speak, or becoming cynical through the silence. We wait for God to speak knowing that whatever He gives is just what we need - even if it is silence.

Lectio Divina may be a new label, but it simply describes a disposition before God and the Scriptures. What disposition? Take your time. Listen with your heart. Open your whole life. Accept the mystery. Wait in faith. God is speaking

- Upper Room
- Unser Tglich Brot - Jul/Aug/Sep - noch nicht erhalten
 - Unser Tglich Brot - Aug Grodruck, Sep Grodruck
 - Our Daily Bread - September/October/November
 - Our Daily Bread - July/August/September Large Print
 - Today - September/October
 - September Bridge
 - Daily Prayer Guide: Multiply - September 2020
 - Inspirational Cards

CFEG TV viewers: We regret that our church TV station has had some occasional interruptions in its broadcast quality. Our broadcast engineer has been consulted in order to find the source of that problem. It may be that some of the station's older pieces of equipment need to be replaced. The plan is to make some major equipment upgrades by fall. We appreciate your patience and continued support of the church's TV ministry. Eldon DeFehr, station manager.

We are welcoming people to our German service.
If you have any questions ask for more details at the Office.

We will continue to invite our congregation, attendees of the English Services, to the sanctuary for "face-to-face" worship services! We are phoning a maximum of 50 people to join us each Sunday. We also broadcast our services via TV and Livestream. It is good to see many of you!

Pastors' Vacations:
Pastor Fred and Hani are on vacation from September 3 to September 16. Thank you for praying for our pastoral staff, both those on vacation and those remaining at home. We sense your support and love.



Financial Update
Last Sunday, August 23, 2020 our offering total was \$5,000.00. This brings our 2020 adjusted contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$349,558.57. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2020 is approximately \$45,000 each month. Given that the Budget contribution needs for the eight months is \$360,000.00 we are \$10,441.43 short as of August 23, 2020. This means that we still need \$10,441.43 to balance the Budget commitment as of August 31, 2020. Thank you for your faithful giving in this difficult time.

You can bring your offerings to church Sunday mornings as you come to the service, or during the week to the office, or by e-transfer, credit card or pre-authorized automatic withdrawal.