

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mission Hospital: **Gerhard** (Martha) **Rutsch**

Tina Krause is not well.

Jake (Mary) **Janzen** is home & doing much better.

Marilyn (Bill) **Bramwell** - pray for patience and peace as she waits for further chemo treatments.

Joel Chambers - son of **Martha & Lindsay Chambers** - check page 12 in the Bridge for an extensive update.

Thank you for praying for **Glen Klassen**, brother of **Les Klassen** - he is doing well and the treatments have gone well.

Notes of Sympathy

Rudie Willms, husband of **Louise** & brother-in-law to **Leona Klassen**, passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020.

Henry Schroeder, brother to **Martha** (Gerhard) **Rutsch**, passed away Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

Memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 9 at 10 am. To watch service go to:
www.livememorialservices.com/Home/ServiceDetail/8259
Pastor George or Pastor Walter can forward this link to you.

Our deepest prayer and love are with **Evelyn Hazenberg** whose father, **Frank Suderman**, passed away on Wednesday, November 25 in Tabor Home. Memorial Service Friday, December 11.

Hans (Ursula) **Enns** passed away Monday, November 23.

Kathie Janzen passed away Wednesday, November 25.

Helen Fast, sister of **Elizabeth Kornelsen**, passed away on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 in Edmonton.

Our sincere condolences to family and friends

THIS WEEK

All Sunday Services & Bible Studies are on Television and the Clearbrook MB Website.

Today *9:00 am Pastor George
*10:15 am Pastor Scott

Wednesday *9:00 am German Bible Study
*10:00 am English Bible Study

Sunday, December 13, 2020

*9:00 am Pastor George
*10:15 am Pastor Scott

*** for now only on TV and Online**

Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Euch aber, die ihr meinen Namen fürchtet, soll
aufgehen die Sonne der Gerechtigkeit und
Heil unter ihren Flügeln.“
Maleachi 3:20*

Vorspiel:

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor George

Gesang: Tröstet, tröstet
79 Es ist ein Reis Entsprungen

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet Pastor George

Gesang: # 64 Ich klopfe an

Botschaft: „Advent: die Vorbereitung“
Maleachi 3:1 Pastor George

Schlusslied: # 555 O Gott, sei gelobt!

DIESE WOCHE

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

Mittwoch *9:00 Uhr Deutsche Bibelstunde
*10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde

Nächsten Sonntag, den 13. Dezember, 2020

*9:00 Uhr Pastor George
*10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott
*** Nur über Fernseh (TV) und Computer
übertragen**

Sunday, December 6, 2020
Clearbrook MB Church



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

9:00 am German Worship Service
10:15 am Family Worship Service

Pastoral Team

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

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm (closed at noon for one hour)

Family Worship Service 10:15 am

Because of the
tender mercy of
our God, by which
the rising sun
will come to us
from heaven.
Luke 1:78



PRELUDE:	Doug Johnson
INVOCATION/WELCOME:	Pastor Scott
SINGING LADIES:	Joy Unspeakable Let There be Praise At the Right Time
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Pastor Walter
SINGING LADIES:	Alleluia to the King
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:	Pastor Fred
SINGING LADIES:	There is no Name so Sweet
MESSAGE:	"Dawn Has Come" Luke 1:67-80 Pastor Scott
COMMUNION:	Pastor Scott
ORGAN MEDLEY DURING COMMUNION:	Doug Johnson
SINGING LADIES:	The Blood Will Never Lose its Power
BENEDICTION:	Pastor Scott

All Sunday Services and Wednesday Bible Studies are
Transmitted on Television and Livestream
To watch our Church Services - go to the
Clearbrook MB Church Website and
click on Watch Live.



“Who Would Want to Be Like Me?” by Pastor Scott

I know everyone I meet. Friend or stranger, older or younger, regardless of gender, ethnicity, language or culture - I already know them. You do too. Of course, there are differences among us and each is unique in their own identity, still on a basic level, we know each other. Our insight is not built by relationship or investigation but by commonality. Being human, we are all alike.

We share the sensations of body. My pain and pleasure is the same as yours or anyone else’s. My craving for a burger, need for a nap or throat parched by dust are understood without explanation around the world. We all experience similar limitations. Our capacities may differ, but we know together what it is to reach the end of strength, patience, wisdom, courage, time, space or even goodness and love. So we can sympathize with one another in the struggles of head and heart. What is in you, is also in the person checking your groceries, delivering your mail or panhandling at the stoplight. Since we share humanity, you already know them. That can be said of all of us. That could not be said of God - until Christmas.

The story of Christmas is the confounding truth of the Incarnation. God became man in Jesus Christ. God did not simply dress up as human. He was not content to act out the role of Adam on history’s stage. He refused to be content with knowing the theory of human experience. He became what He had created. And He remained what He has eternally been. Fully God and fully human. The sensations of our body became His sensations. The bite of an apple. The smell of saltwater. Laughter and hugs. Pleasure and pain. Jesus knows this. He squeezed Himself into the limitations of life. Walking from town to town. Pressed by the demands of many. Asking questions. Being misunderstood. Hungry. Fatigued. Tempted. Alone. With mother and father, friends and enemies, work and rest, birth and death. Jesus became what we are.

So, Jesus knows you. He is versed in our common humanity. He needs no instruction about what life is like. Tell Him about your day. Pour out your heart; vent and complain, praise and petition. You’ll find a welcome that’s graced by incarnate compassion. Since our best humanity is damaged and defective, we also find forgiveness, healing and restoration from the perfect God/Man. He did what we could not do and gives what we do not have. He does this as our Brother.

The truth of Incarnation becomes even more perplexing and filled with wonder. The humanity of Jesus - received by conception, fleshed in His life and death, has never been let go. He was resurrected as humanity glorified and ascended as eternal God/Man. So He knows you now. He will know you forever. And you can know Him. The stunning simplicity of Christmas - God wanted to be like me, that I could become like Him.

Upper Room

- Unser Tglich Brot - Oktober/November/Dezember
- Unser Tglich Brot - Dezember Grodruck
- Our Daily Bread - December/January/February
- Our Daily Bread - January/February/March Large Print
- Today - November/December
- December Bridge
- Daily Prayer Guide: Multiply - December 2020
- Inspirational Cards

Phone Directories: Are ready to be picked up from the office.

ARCHWAY ABBOTSFORD FOOD BANK

Each year our church has supported our local Abbotsford Food Bank. We will do this again this year. Please help by bringing non-perishable food to church or giving a donation - designated Abbotsford Food Bank. Containers for food are in the Upper Room. The Abbotsford Food Bank will be promoted in our Night of Carols - our December Hymn Sing on December 20.

As directed by our provincial health authorities, we are suspending attendance to our worship services until further notice. Our Sunday services and weekly Bible studies will continue to be broadcast on TV and our Website. We share your sense of disappointment but trust in the care of God for us - body and soul. God remains in our midst. Peace

2020 Advent Devotionals - “As we Wait - Essential Texts for Christmas.”

Twenty Seven devotionals - based on Biblical Texts - the Scriptures that seem to point most directly to the magnitude of the Christ Child’s birth. This devotional booklet is available in print in the Upper Room or directly from the MB Seminary website, and click on “sign up for our Daily Devotions.”

Financial Update

Last Sunday, November 29, 2020 our offering total was \$10,082.00. This brings our 2020 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$492,569.02. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2020 is approximately \$45,000 each month. Given that the Budget needs for the eleven months is \$495,000 we are \$2,430.98 short as at November 30, 2020. This means that we will need at least \$47,430.98 of contributions in December in order to meet our twelve-month contribution commitment. Thank you for your faithful giving in this difficult time.