

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Weatherby Pavilion (Peace Arch Hospital) - Susan** (Jacob) Paetkau

**Walter & Carol Edwards** - both at home

**Erika** (John) **Klassen** - severe health struggles

**Frank** (Ruth G.) **Klassen** - broken hip; recovering at home

**Jutti Neufeld** - is at home recovering from a fracture.

### Notes of Sympathy



**George** (Herta) **Loewen**, passed away on April 22, 2021. The Graveside Service took place on Thursday, April 29.

A full service with additional material will be shown on *Tuesday, May 11 at 11 AM* on our church Livestream and our TV Channel.

*Our sincere condolences to family and friends*

### Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, flowers, and deeds of kindness we received during George's illness and homegoing. We are so grateful to all of you!

**Herta Loewen & family**

## THIS WEEK

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

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

**Tuesday** \*11:00 am George Loewen Memorial

**Wednesday** \*9:00 am German Bible Study  
\*10:00 am English Bible Study  
Psalm 72 of Solomon

**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

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

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

## Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Ihn möchte ich erkennen und die Kraft seiner Auferstehung und die Gemeinschaft seiner Leiden und so seinem Tode gleichgestaltet werden, damit ich gelange zur Auferstehung von den Toten.“  
Philipper 3:10,11*

Vorspiel:

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor George

Gesang: # 46 Wach auf, mein Herz  
# 44 O daß ich tausend Zungen hätte!

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet Pastor George

Gesang: # 217 Mich verlangt nicht nach Schätzen

Botschaft: „Verlangen Christus zu erkennen“  
Philipper 3:7-11 Pastor George

Schlusslied: # 217 Mich verlangt nicht nach Schätzen

## DIESE WOCHE

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

**Heute** \*9:00 Uhr Pastor George  
\*10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott

**Dienstag** \*11:00 Uhr George Loewen Begräbnisfeier

**Mittwoch** \*9:00 Uhr Deutsche Bibelstunde-Doyle Klaassen  
\*10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde-Pastor Walter  
Psalm 72 von Salomo

**Nächsten Sonntag, den 16. Mai, 2021**

\*9:00 Uhr Pastor George  
\*10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott

**\* Nur über Fernseh (TV) und Computer übertragen**

*Sunday, May 9, 2021*  
**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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Now  
may our  
God and  
Father  
himself  
and our  
Lord  
Jesus  
clear the  
way for  
us to  
come to  
you.  
May the Lord make your love increase and overflow  
for each other and for everyone else, just as ours  
does for you. 1 Thessalonians 3:11,12

PRELUDE:	Doug Johnson	
INVOCATION/WELCOME:	Pastor Scott	
SOLO:	Thank You for the Roses	Myrna DeFehr
MEDLEY	Tenderly He Watches We Have This Moment	Singing Ladies
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Pastor Scott	
MATERNAL MOMENT	Pastor Scott	
HYMN: -	He Cares for Me	Singing Ladies
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:	Pastor Walter	
HYMN:	Thy Loving Kindness	Singing Ladies
MESSAGE:	"Joined at the Heart " 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	Pastor Scott
HYMN:	The Family of God	Singing Ladies
BENEDICTION:	Pastor Scott	

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



*Giggles of Grace* by Scott Tolhurst

I was having a dark day. The reasons for it were varied; but they joined hands to encircle me with gloom. Hope was a wish – a feeble wish propped up by a dry theology. Like other times throughout the years, I tried to find relief from my heaviness through the Psalms. I grasped at them, hungry for something – anything to feed my soul. Psalm 86 begins, “Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am afflicted and needy.” That sounded like me, so I took my time through the verses. They speak of God’s goodness and David’s crushing need. The Psalm expresses a blend of hope and hardship. I came to the last verse, “Show me a sign for good...” I stopped – that was the cry of my heart. “Give me a sign of your goodness!” I wanted some verification that I was not forgotten, that I was loved and cared for. I was looking for a sign of grace. As a pastor I preached that signs of grace are all around us, but like I said, it was a dark day. I was blind to them. I whispered a prayer and waited.

That evening my daughter and husband dropped in. It wasn’t unusual to have them over for supper, but this night they had a surprise. They saved good news until after dessert. They shared the news of their first pregnancy. They were going to be parents. I was going to be a grandpa. Tears and hugs were exchanged and instantly my thoughts bounced back to my prayer. “Lord, give me a sign of your grace!”

The next weeks were filled with excitement and conversation. Names were discussed but none were suggested by us. The parents wanted the name of their firstborn to be a surprise to family and friends. Miriam and I vowed that no matter what the name would be, we agreed to love it. Months of preparation and waiting added up to nine and the time arrived. Miriam and I stood in the hospital hallway and heard the cry of our first grandchild. After a few moments dad brought out a daughter, placed her into my arms and said, “Let me introduce you to your granddaughter, this is Grace Rebecca.” A chill went up my back. This is Grace. Yes, this is grace.

Grace grew fast. She loved to run fast and laugh hard. She has been a pinhole letting in the light to my darkness. Grace returned me to the gifts of grace all around me. Kittens, bubbles, rolling down grass slopes, ice cream and giggles. Giggles of Grace.

I know that I’m not the only one to have dark days. I know that I’m not the only grandpa in the world. I recognize that others feel the same family delight, but that’s my point. There is an abundance of joy in this world and darkness cannot smother it. There is so much grace around us - a continual invitation to joy. That is just like God.

Upper Room

- Unser Tglich Brot - April / Mai / Juni
- Unser Tglich Brot - Mai Grodruck
- Our Daily Bread - March / April / May
- Our Daily Bread Large Print - April / May / June
- Today - May / June
- May Bridge
- May Multiply Daily Prayer Guide
- Gideon Memorial Cards
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada - *Canada Watch, Love is Moving & Faith Today*

**DEMENTIA: Living in the Memories of God**  
Regent College Course, May 10 to 14, 8:30-11:30 AM  
The group is meeting in The Upper Room.  
This course will answer the question,  
**“Where is God in Dementia?”**  
Taught by Dr. John Swinton - minister, theologian,  
mental health nurse and hospital chaplain.  
This is a Regent College course. Please pray as we find  
opportunities to share what we learn.



New Address

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Financial Update

Last Sunday, May 2, 2021, our offering total was \$16,234.50. This brings our 2021 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$178,345.23. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2021 is approximately \$47,000 each month.  
*Thank you for your faithful giving in this difficult time.*