

## CONFERENCE NEWS

Minnedosa Covenant Church, Minnedosa, MB

We give thanks for a fairly new program to our church called Christian Service Brigade. It is a little bit like a Christian Boy Scout program and has been increasing in size and scope. It involves teaching many life skills and has a significant mentorship component to it. Presently we see the majority of the participants coming from un-churched backgrounds so this has been a tremendous bridge building and outreach opportunity for us.

We thank God for another Mission Conference that was held in the latter part of October. It focused on the Middle East and included Jeff & Darlene Anderson. Despite Harvest still being underway we had a pretty good turnout. We are thankful for the people in our church who are passionate about helping us care about and minister to the people outside of our church.

We thank God for the ongoing learning opportunities in the church and especially one that is focusing on Prayer. The group is using Richard Foster's book on Prayer & the hope is that a new kind of prayer ministry within the church will take shape.

We are thankful for the successful completion of a significant change to our facilities with the purchase of chairs for the sanctuary. Not only has this given us and updated look, it has allowed us to utilize the space we have in different ways.

We are thankful for God's kindness and continued provision for us as a congregation as well as his presence with us. Please join us this week with prayers of thanksgiving. Pastor Jeff Loewen

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## LISTENING TO JESUS THROUGH ADVENT

We invite you into a season of listening to the truth of Jesus this Advent, by taking one of Jesus' sayings below with you for a day or a couple of days to ponder, wrestle, and pray.

"The truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

- ▶ **Sun. Dec. 2** - Everyone on the side of truth listens to me. (John 18:37)
- ▶ **Mon. Dec. 3** - Do you want to get well? (John 5:6)
- ▶ **Tues. Dec. 4** - I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)
- ▶ **Wed. Dec. 5** - Do you love me? (John 21:16)
- ▶ **Thur. Dec. 6** - Do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. (Matthew 5:39)
- ▶ **Fri. Dec. 7** - Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. (Matthew 5:44)
- ▶ **Sat. Dec. 8** - Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest. (Mark 6:31)



## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

*We love to fellowship together after the Sunday morning service. Join us downstairs for a cup of coffee & some goodies.*

*A huge thank you to all who provide the treats every week!*

Dec 2	Elnice & Delora	Jan. 6	Vanessa & Carol L.
Dec 9	Wedding Potluck	Jan. 13	Lisa & Allison
Dec 16	Ruth & Jenell	Jan. 20	Christy & Karen
Dec 23	Mary Lou & Lauren	Jan. 27	Eddie & Carolyn
Dec 30	Kathy & Lori	Feb 3	Sarah & Pattie

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# MALMO

MISSION COVENANT CHURCH



1ST SUNDAY OF Advent

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

We're so glad that you joined us this morning!

We'll be starting the service with a "Children's Nativity Processional". If your child would like to participate, please have them meet in the foyer before the service.

We'll also be gathering together around the Lord's Table. Our communion elements are gluten, soy, dairy & nut free, so all can participate as they feel comfortable.

If you are in need of hearing assistance, please see our Audio team, Keith & Matthias, in the back corner of the sanctuary & they'll provide you with a hearing device.

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

- Pastor Randall
- Pastor Marc
- Dixie Vandersluys

### OUR SCRIPTURE

- Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NIV)

### OUR WORSHIP SONGS

- O Come All Ye Faithful
- Christ Whose Glory
- What A Beautiful Name
- Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
- Jude Doxology

*\*\*Kids Place' is available downstairs for restless toddlers & their caregivers.*

## OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS PRAYER

### Monday:

- ❖ Malmo New Build Committee
- ❖ Larry J - healing & recovery
- ❖ Heather - struggling with depression

### Thursday:

- ❖ Helen M.
- ❖ Pastors & Leaders of Malmo
- ❖ Briar - tests & health

### Tuesday:

- ❖ Audrey
- ❖ Carol L - healing & recovery
- ❖ Nadene - health

### Friday:

- ❖ Sieg & Maxine
- ❖ Reid family-Steve, health; Lisa, PRAISE - No surgery needed; Matt, knee injury improving; Callah, concussion - improving with physio.

### Wednesday:

- ❖ Youth Night
- ❖ Bert & Vivian
- ❖ Taylor's mom, Shaylynn - to come home & make better decisions

### Saturday:

- ❖ Minnedosa Covenant Church, Minnedosa, MB
- ❖ Dave A

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."*

*~1John 5:14 NIV*

*Email prayer requests to: [malmoprayer@gmail.com](mailto:malmoprayer@gmail.com)*

# Life at Malmo

## THIS WEEK



Sunday	Sunday School (9:45am) 1st Sunday of Advent Communion Worship Service(11:00am)
Tuesday	Men's Prayer (6:30am)
Wednesday	Youth Night (6:00 - 8:30pm)
Thursday	College & Career Small Group at Tyson K's (7:00pm)
Next Sunday	Sunday School (9:45am) 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship Service (11:00am) Wedding Shower Potluck for Jonah & Irene, following the morning worship service

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDDING SHOWER POTLUCK DEC. 9

For Jonah Harsch and his fiancé, Irene, following next Sunday's morning service. Please bring a main dish and a salad to share. Dessert will be provided.

### ALL BOARDS MEETING DEC. 11

Meet at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room.

*Board Chairs - a reminder that your annual reports are due by this meeting. Please give them in a digital format to Delora. Thanks!*

### YOUTH 'COOKIE BAKING' SOCIAL DEC. 15

Stay tuned for details to come...

### PASTOR RANDALL & LAURALEA'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE DEC. 21

All invited for Christmas goodies & fellowship, 2:00 - 9:00pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE DECEMBER 24TH AT 7:00PM

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CENTRAL ALBERTA HOMESCHOOL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 7th, 7pm at Ponoka First Baptist Church

December 9th, 3pm at Loughheed Performing Arts Centre in Camrose

No tickets, but donations gratefully accepted.

## NEWS

### COLLECTING FOOD FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS

During this Advent season, we will be collecting non-perishable food for needs in our Community. We'll be gathering those 'gifts of food' during the offering time & placing them on the stage.

### LOOKING FOR HELP

We're looking for individuals who would be willing to help with the bulletin OR making the worship slides, when Delora is away. If this interests you, please talk to Pastor Randall, Pastor Marc or Delora.

### WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED!

Men's and Women's winter coats, hoodies, sweaters, shoes, boots, toques, mitts, socks - ANY sort of WINTER WEAR - is needed, for local community needs. If you have any of these items that you can donate, please place them into our 'food pantry bin' in the foyer.

### COVENANT ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Are you looking for a devotional book to use during the Advent season? The Covenant Conference has published a booklet with daily reflections for Advent. Printed copies are available on the Malmo Info Table in the foyer, or if you'd like a digital copy, go to: [www.malmochurch.ca/2018/11/29/advent-devotional/](http://www.malmochurch.ca/2018/11/29/advent-devotional/)

### THE SEASON OF ADVENT

"There can't be very many of us for whom the sheer fact of existence hasn't rocked us back on our heels. We take off our sandals before the burning bush. We catch our breath at the sight of a plummeting hawk. "Thank you, God." We find ourselves in a lavish existence in which we feel a deep sense of kinship—we belong here; we say thanks with our lives to Life. And not just "Thanks" or "Thank It," but "Thank You." Most of the people who have lived on this planet Earth have identified this You with God or gods. This is not just a matter of learning our manners, the way children are taught to say thank you as a social grace. It is the cultivation of adequateness within ourselves to the nature of reality, developing the capacity to sustain an adequate response to the overwhelming gift & goodness of life.

Wonder is the only adequate launching pad for exploring this fullness, this wholeness, of human life. Once a year, each Christmas, for a few days at least, we and millions of our neighbours turn aside from our preoccupations with life reduced to biology or economics or psychology and join together in a community of wonder. The wonder keeps us open-eyed, expectant, alive to life that is always more than we can account for, that always exceeds our calculations, that is always beyond anything we can make." ~Eugene Peterson, "God With Us"