

VISION/MISSIONS STATEMENTS FROM THE BIBLE

Church Vision - "A Christian People of Truth, Grace, and Life." (from John 1:7; 14:6)
Church Mission - "To excel in Christian Worship, Gospel Ministries, Discipleship, and Leadership!" (from 1 Timothy 4:11-16)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome & Prayer -----Henry Klassen
Worship Singing -----Dave & Audrey & Group
Announcements & Offertory -----Alyssa Wiebe
Advent "The Shepherd of Love Comes!"-----John & Lisa Friesen
Message "Glory to God in the Highest!"-----Dave Wiebe
Closing Worship Song -----Dave & Audrey & Group

ADVENT TEXT: LUKE 2:1-20 NIV.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

SENIOR YOUTH NEWS

Please find us on Instagram "taberemcyouth" and Facebook "Taber EMC Youth" for up to the minute updates on what we're doing!

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 4 | CHRISTMAS BREAK, NO YOUTH

Youth will resume again on January 11.

THIS WEEK ON OUR CALENDAR

TUESDAY | CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE | 10:00AM

All are invited to our special Christmas morning service, come rejoice with us that Christ came as a baby, lived among men, and died our Savior.

***At the end of the Christmas Day service – we will sing "Der Friedensfurst" in English! "The Prince of Peace!" If you want to help us sing, come 30 minutes before the Christmas Day service to practice the song.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH POTLUCK & LEADERSHIP CONFIRMATION | JANUARY 20

Our Church Leadership has put together a Leadership proposal and we need your vote and support to continue the work of the church. We encourage everyone to keep this date free and plan to attend. There will be a potluck lunch followed by Leadership Confirmation elections. You do not have to be a member to attend this meeting or vote, if you are at home in our church you have a vote!

PROPOSED LEADERSHIP:

First Vote Details:

- **Lead Pastor couple – Jim & Janice Crawford**
 - 80% is needed to move forward
 - This will be a 3 year term
 - Proxy voting available, if you are not able to attend the meeting you may place your vote by phone with George Sawatzky or Ike Wiebe, or stop in at the office Monday (Jan. 14) or Friday (Jan. 18) to place your vote by ballot.

Second Vote Details: By Majority Vote

- **Associate Minister couple – Abe & Eva Klassen** (2019) change to an open term.
- **Associate Minister couple – Dave & Audrey Wiebe** (open term)
- **Deacon Couple George & Margaret Sawatzky** (2019) a second term to 2023
- **Deacon Couple Dave & Agatha Reimer** (Currently serving until 2022)

2019 BUDGET PLANNING | Please note the Board will starting planning for the 2019 budget in the new year. Please contact a Board Member if your committee has any items for them to consider when they create the 2019 budget.

MORTGAGE ELIMINATOR | Beginning in 2019 the church will start the Mortgage Eliminator Fund to pay off our mortgage sooner so that we can begin the process of possibly adding on a gym and new kitchen. If you want to contribute to this fund, simply mark your donation with "Mortgage Eliminator".

BEREAN SCHOOL | JANUARY 11-13

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for the Berean School taught by Dr. Dave Reimer. This will be a study of Romans with a particular discussion on God's sovereignty and our responsibility and how this needs to translate into godly living. Cost is \$100 for the weekend plus an optional \$25 for the textbook.

Sign-up sheets will be out December 30-January 6.

Friday 7-10pm | Saturday 2-5pm and 7-10pm | Sunday 2-5pm