

## SERMON NOTES

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**MORTGAGE ELIMNATOR** | The Mortgage Eliminator Fund has begun for the 2019 year in an effort 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".

### COMMUNICATION TO OPEN DOORS!

IN THE CHAIRS BACK POCKET (IN FRONT OF YOU)

- ① "OFFERING" ENVELOPES – Your giving enables the church to do its work. Please use these when you want to give cash money, and you want to include your name or offering number for income tax purposes. If you are giving by cheque, your name is already on the cheque. Thank you for giving! Every person matters; every gift counts!
- ② "LETS CONNECT" CARDS – If we can help you in some way, please fill out the card. The ushers will give the cards to the Church Board.
- ③ "VOLUNTEER" CARDS – Volunteers are the power of the church! If you wish to help in some way, please fill in the card and place it in the offering bags, or on the back table. The ushers will give it to the Church Board.

#### TABER EVANGELICAL MENNONITE CHURCH

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## 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 -----Jon Loewen  
Worship Singing -----Dave & Audrey & Group  
Announcements & Offertory -----Eva Koethler  
Message -----Dr. Dave Reimer  
Closing Worship Song -----Dave & Audrey & Group

## SCRIPTURE TEXT

ROMANS 12:1-2 NIV

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

## PRAAYER NEEDS

**John & Maria Koethler & Family** | John was taken to Calgary hospital with bleeding in his brain, doctors are still trying to determine the cause. John is in a lot of pain right now, let's keep him and his family in our prayers.

**Willy Reimer & Family** | Willy has returned home early from his semester at the Streinrich Bible School due to his mental health and has been admitted to the hospital for severe depression. Pray for healing and comfort that Jesus is ruler over all.

**Leadership Confirmation** | We are approaching our Leadership confirmation vote and encourage everyone to fervently pray that the Holy Spirit would guide us and open our hearts to His will.

## JUNIOR YOUTH NEWS

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

**FRIDAY | MINUTE TO WIN IT GAME NIGHT | 7:00PM**

All Junior Youth are invited to come out for a fun evening of Minute to Win It!

## 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!*

**FRIDAY | BINGO NIGHT | 7:00PM**

Senior Youth will be playing bingo in the sanctuary, bring your friends!

## THIS WEEK ON OUR CALENDAR

**TODAY | BEREAN SCHOOL | 2-5PM**

Dr. Dave Reimer will be teaching the last course this afternoon on the Book of Romans. All are invited.

**MONDAY | LADIES SEWING CIRCLE | 10:00AM**

**SATURDAY | MEN & CHILDREN HOCKEY NIGHT & BURGERS | 3:30-5:00PM**

The Men's Committee invites all men and children to come out to the Taber small ice arena this Saturday from 3:30-5pm for a game of hockey. Everyone is encouraged to wear your Flames or Oilers jersey if you have one and come out for a fun afternoon. Following the game, the Men's Ministry will be serving hamburgers for dinner at 5:30 at the church.

\*\*Sign-up sheets are in the back, please sign up to give the Committee rough numbers for food preparation.

\*\*If you don't skate you are still welcome to come watch the game and join us for the dinner and devotions.

## 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  
-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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Go out to Henry & Sarah Peters on the birth of their baby boy, Elon Henry, born December 31, 2018. May the Lord bless you and guide you as you raise your family.

**JANUARY 26 | LADIES BREAKFAST | 9:00AM**

Ladies are encouraged to come out for a morning of fellowship and spiritual blessings. The Women's Ministry will be serving quiche and cinnamon rolls for breakfast followed by sharing from Agatha Neustaeter.

The Women's Ministry is taking up cash donations to purchase grocery gift cards to bless Daniel and Margaret Thiessen as she is not doing well. If you feel led to give you may give your donations to one of the Women's Ministry, deadline is January 26 at the breakfast.