

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 -----Peter Neufeld
Worship Singing -----Worship Team
Announcements & Offertory -----Alyssa Wiebe
Message "The Great Escape" -----Jim Crawford
Closing Worship Song -----Worship Team

SCRIPTURE TEXT

2 PETER 1:1-11 NIV.

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a
faith as precious as ours:

2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of
God and of Jesus our Lord.

Confirming One's Calling and Election

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge
of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his
very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine
nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness,
knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to
perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being
ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever
does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from
their past sins.

10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election.
For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome
into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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 | YOUTH RESUMES

Youth night activity to be announced...

THIS WEEK ON OUR CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SUNDAY | BEREAN SCHOOL

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 today and January 6. Please talk to Abe A Klassen if you have any questions.**

Classes will be held: Friday 7-10pm | Saturday 2-5pm and 7-10pm | Sunday 2-5pm

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.

MORTGAGE ELIMINATOR | 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".

CONGRATULATIONS Go out to Henry & Eva Wiebe on the birth of their baby boy; Blake Franz, born December 20. May the Lord bless you and guide you as you raise your family.

MARCH 8 | ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & ELECTIONS MEETING | 10:00AM