

MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER OF

MEADOW BROOK CHURCH

COMMUNITY LIFE



December 2018

Loving Jesus by Loving People



From the Ministry Management Team

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

On Sunday, Dec 2 at 4pm, we will have a water baptism service that precedes our Christmas banquet! Come join us before the dinner and help to celebrate what Jesus is doing in the lives of some of our church family!

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Immediately after the water baptism service, we will head over to the gym for our Christmas dinner – doors open at 5pm, dinner begins at 5:30pm. You must have a ticket to get in!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Our candlelight Christmas Eve service will begin at 6pm, and will be approximately one hour long – an evening of music, sharing, and focusing on Jesus coming near to us! Invite someone out, and we'll see you there!

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ernie & Megan Klassen on the birth of their son Caleb Alexander on November 5, 2018.

Congratulations also to Pete & Agatha Janzen on the birth of their daughter Chassie Jamie on November 12, 2018.

We are excited for these families and wish them God's blessing!

A FEW WORDS FROM SHARI

To my Meadow Brook Family -

Words cannot express how humbled I feel by your beautiful words of appreciation and love towards me (and our family) as I transition on to retirement. I do not recall ever having an experience quite like this. I want to say THANK YOU for letting me serve you in my role on staff. The great (and I mean incredible) staff team I've left, have such hearts for Meadow Brook and I look forward to partnering in another role alongside them and all of you. The notes, cards, and the beautiful memoir book filled with heartfelt words, will be part of me for a very long time. Continuing to pray for God to reap His harvest at MBC. ~ Love, Shari



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Meadow Brook Church!

Calendar Highlights

- Dec 2 - Baptism @ 4pm
- Dec 2 - Banquet @ 5:30pm
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 6pm
- Dec 30 - Annual Family Pancake Breakfast @ 10am

What's New at Meadow Brook

ONLINE & TEXT-TO-GIVE



Giving at Meadow Brook

Beginning in January 2019, we are introducing a new way to give and support Meadow Brook: Text-to-Give. Through Text-to-Give, you will be able to donate by text messaging. To learn more about Text-to-Give, visit our website!

News and Events

Open House - Worship night on the last Sunday of the month at 7:30pm

Pancake Breakfast - On Sunday, December 30th at 10am in the Gym instead of our worship service. Invite friends and family!

Missions

Update from D and M

A few weeks ago D and M and their children had the opportunity to go to Lisbon, Portugal for MB Mission's EURAC conference (European Retreat & Consultation). This conference takes place every 3 years and is such a special time for all long term "workers" as a chance to reconnect with those serving among the least reached. D shared that one of the highlights for them was simply being in a room full of incredible people, whose hearts are devoted to the nations, and worshipping together. The theme for the conference was taken from Acts 6:7- "So the word of God spread; the numbers of disciples in Jerusalem INCREASED RAPIDLY...." D also wrote that a number of sessions focused on how they can multiply the gospel of Jesus as a body of believers. Something that became a personal challenge for D himself was the fact that true multiplication can only come as we die to ourselves and experience suffering. Possibly we, here at Meadow Brook, should ask ourselves the same question that D asked himself: "I reflected on whether I continually "die to myself" so that God can multiply Jesus through my life. What do I need to surrender daily?"

During the last days of EURAC, a number of National Catalysts (Apostles) who are working throughout Central Asia/ Europe joined the missionaries in worship and training. Together with these National Leaders they are seeing MULTIPLICATION happen; together they strive to embrace diversity for the sake of spreading God's word. Dave invites us to keep praying for the gospel to spread rapidly and MULTIPLY as they move forward.

A great program was organized for the kids where they were able to talk together with other MKs about what it means to live in a country different than their "passport" country. They were also coached on how to have daily personal Bible time and how this interaction with Jesus can be so dynamic.

Our ongoing prayers are needed for the following items:

- For the National Leaders who serve selflessly in their homelands often encountering persecution and ridicule.
- For the new fellowship that has formed in Linz, that people would be drawn to faith in Jesus.
- For their T.ksh sister as she learns how to be a believer in a difficult environment.
- For the growing fellowship in Ist.bl and strength and endurance for the local believers there, as well as women to work with other women alongside H'kan.

Let's be faithful in praying for this family as they are working on the "front lines"!

Save the date!

Prayer Week - January 14-18, 2019

Annual General Meeting - January 28, 2019