



THE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
CHURCH

**WHEN  
GOD  
SHOWS  
UP!**

Christmas at The Neighbourhood

Welcome to the Neighbourhood!

December 2017



# The Neighbourhood Church

**Welcome!** We are so glad to have you sharing in our services this weekend. As you join us here at The Neighbourhood Church, we invite you to relax and experience God's love and comfort. Please take time to fill out your Connection Card today.

## Are You a Guest Today?

We are honoured to have you with us today. Please fill out a Connection Card and visit us after the service at the Information Center. We would love to meet you and give you a gift.

## Children's Ministries

**Nurseries** - Available for ages 1- 4. Ask our Greeters for details and directions.

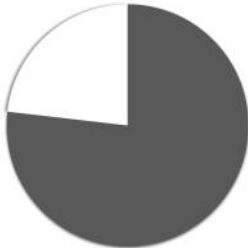
**Neighbourhood Kids** - Each of our venues has programming for kids in Grades K-5 during services. Kids Church starts at the beginning of each service. Parents will need to check their kids in and sign them out .

**Our Mission** is to influence people for Jesus Christ by:

- Teaching and applying the scripture to our lives
- Loving and caring for one another, and
- Adding value to North Saskatoon and beyond

## November Budget & Attendance Report

### General Operations:



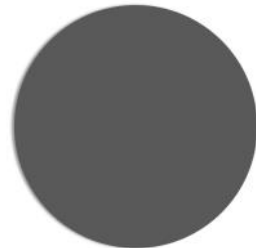
Budget: \$ 63,150  
Received: \$ 48,510  
Shortfall: \$ 14,640

### Attendance Report:

High  
Attendance:  
619

Average  
Attendance:  
551

### Missions:



Budget: \$ 8,500  
Received: \$ 10,961  
Budget Exceeded: \$ 4,461

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THE  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
LAWSON ■ SATURDAY

5pm Congregational Prayer  
(Room 208-upper level)  
6pm Service  
Neighbourhood Kids (K-5): Check your kids in by 6pm

**Dec 9** - Second Sunday Of Advent

We begin the Christmas Series: When God Shows Up

Staff Love Offering

Communion will be shared

**Dec 16** - Third Sunday Of Advent

Christmas Series: When God Shows Up

Staff Love Offering

Children Sharing a Fun Christmas Song & Junior Worship Squad Ministering

**Dec 17** - **6 pm** - Blue Christmas Service

**Dec 23** - NO SERVICE

**Dec 24** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 11 am and 5 pm - One hour long:

Reading of the Christmas Story, Special Music, Drama, Short Homily - "When God Shows Up", Lighting of Final Advent Candle, Christmas Carols, Christmas Offering, and Christmas Baking following the service

**Dec 30** - Family Service - School age children joining in the service and participating

Ministry Guest: Simeon Jacobson

2017 Prayer Request Forms returned

Final offering of the year

Testimonies

**Jan 6** - Pastor John presents a challenge for 2018

Testimonies, and 2018 Prayer Request Forms filled out



THE  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
MARTENSVILLE

9:15am Congregational Prayer  
10am Service  
Neighbourhood Kids (K-5): Check your kids in by 10am

**Dec 10** - Second Sunday Of Advent

We begin the Christmas Series: When God Shows Up

Staff Love Offering

Communion will be shared

**Dec 17** - Third Sunday Of Advent

Christmas Series: When God Shows Up

Staff Love Offering

Children Sharing a Fun Christmas Song

**6 pm** – Blue Christmas Service (Pinehouse)

**Dec 24** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 11 am and 5 pm - One hour long:

Reading of the Christmas Story, Special Music, Drama, Short Homily - "When God Shows Up", Lighting of Final Advent Candle, Christmas Carols, Christmas Offering, and Christmas Baking following the service

**Dec 31** - Family Service - School age children joining in the service and participating

Ministry Guest: Simeon Jacobson

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Final offering of the year

Testimonies

**Jan 7** - Pastor John presents a challenge for 2018

Testimonies

2018 Prayer Request Forms filled out



# The Neighbourhood Church

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THE  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
LAWSON • SUNDAY

9:45am Congregational Prayer  
(Room 208 -upper level)

11:00am Service

Neighbourhood Kids (K-5): Check your kids in upstairs by 11am



**Dec 10** - Second Sunday Of Advent

We begin the Christmas Series: When God Shows Up

Staff Love Offering

Communion will be shared

**Dec 17** - Third Sunday Of Advent

Christmas Series: When God Shows Up

Staff Love Offering

Children Sharing a Fun Christmas Song & Junior Worship Squad Ministering

**6 pm** – Blue Christmas Service

**Dec 24** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 11 am and 5 pm - One hour long:

Reading of the Christmas Story, Special Music, Drama, Short Homily - "When God Shows Up", Lighting of Final Advent Candle, Christmas Carols, Christmas Offering, and Christmas Baking following the service

**Dec 31** - Family Service - School age children joining in the service and participating

Ministry Guest: Simeon Jacobson

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THE  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
ALL NATIONS

1pm Congregational Prayer (Prayer Room)

2pm Service

**Dec 10** - Pastor Marvin Shares the Word

Communion will be shared

Bless your pastors at Christmas - Mark your offering envelopes "Staff Christmas"

**Dec 17** - Brother Wade Shares the Word - Blue Christmas 6:00pm

**Dec 24** - All Venue Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 11 am and 5 pm - One hour long:

Reading of the Christmas Story, Special Music, Drama, Short Homily - "When God Shows Up", Lighting of Final Advent Candle, Christmas Carols, Christmas Offering, and Christmas Baking following the service

**Dec 31** - Guest Speaker - Final offering of the year

**Jan 7** - Pastor Deloris Shares the Word

## All Nations News:

**Mon Dec 4** - Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room at 7pm

**Tues Dec 5** - Bible Study in the Sanctuary at 7pm

**Wed Dec 6** - Ladies Night with Jenny - see her for details

**Sat Dec 9** - Youth will be going to Apex - see Laura and Conrad for details

**Sun Dec 10** - Sunday School Christmas Program and Church Christmas Dinner following the service.  
Invite your friends and family out!

**Tues Dec 12** - Fellowship at Pastors' house at 7pm. 541 Delaven Cres. Bring food/dessert to share.

**All Church activities will end after this week (Dec 4-9) till New Year and will resume January 8.**

**Thank you to Tracey and Mike** for opening their home for Margo's Baby Shower. Thank you to all who blessed her with gifts and for bringing all that good food! To those that organized -

**Tracey, Ruby and Jai** - you blessed us all!



# Neighbourhood Life

**Baptized in Water November 25 & 26** - Congratulations to Harlo Berg, Jason Berg, Anna Irwin, Carey Silbernagel, and Jonathan Tsinkorang.

**A Super Christmas Play and Carnival** - Dec 15 @ 7pm. Everyone is welcome! Come out and watch our kids perform a short play. These 11 Neighbourhood Kids have worked hard on this! Come support them. It will be SUPER fun and SUPER entertaining! Followed by a carnival in the gym, games, prizes, popcorn, cotton candy and sooooo much fun!!

**Children's Performance** - Dec 16 & 17 - During service our children's ministry will perform a fun Christmas song. We will also have a performance from our Jr. Worship Squad. You won't want to miss it!

**Bless our Staff at Christmas** - It is our tradition at The Neighbourhood to bless our staff at Christmas and let them know we appreciate their faithful ministry. As you are able, bless and encourage them this Christmas season by marking your offering envelope "Staff Christmas Blessing."

**Christmas Baking** - Christmas Baking is needed for both our Blue Christmas Service and Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. Please indicate that you can help with this on your Connection Card. Christmas baking should be dropped off at the Church Office or the Information Center the week of December 9 or 16. Clearly mark the container "Christmas Baking."

**Actors Needed** - Actors are needed for monologues at our Christmas Eve Services. Please indicate on your Connection Card if interested in helping with this or see Pastor John. Experience in acting a prerequisite.

**Maximize Your Charitable Donation Tax Deduction** - All tax deductible donations for 2017 must be received in 2017. Maximize your deduction before the end of December and help The Neighbourhood Church reach its budget. Post-dated cheques will be received beginning the weekend of December 16 - 17. If giving a post-dated cheque, please clearly circle the "date" on your cheque and mark your envelope "Post-dated." E-Transfer giving must be received and dated no later than December 31.

**Out of the city December 30 & 31, but want to give before year end?** - You can drop cheques off at Pastor Barry's home at 161 Clearwater Rd. on December 28 - 29. If they are not home, please leave your cheque in their mailbox. Remember giving by e-Transfer is also an option.

**Special Music** - We need instrumental and vocal specials for both our Christmas Eve and Blue Christmas Services. Please mark your Connection Card or see Pastor Ethan if you can help.

**Quest 18** - We will be launching 2018 with 18 Days of Spiritual Pursuit from January 13 to 30. They will climax with four days of ministry with Brent Cantelon.

**Daily Audio Bible** - The Daily Audio Bible is a wonderful "devotional tool" that will really enhance your spiritual development. Consider becoming a part of the worldwide Daily Audio Bible family as a new spiritual discipline beginning January 1, 2018! The App will be free beginning Jan 1.

**Counselling Available** - Just a reminder that we have counselling available at The Neighbourhood Church. Sometimes Christmas is a difficult season and if you would like to talk with someone during this time, please contact the office at 306-934-7100.

# The Neighbourhood Church

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**Our Sympathies** are extended to Brian and Michelle Reiter on the passing of Michelle's Dad in Windsor at the end of October. He was a committed believer who passed a rich heritage on to his family. Our hearts also go out to John and Esther Zimmer on the sudden passing of Esther's brother, Peter, on November 22. The funeral was held in Warman on Saturday, November 25. Our prayers have been and are with the Reiters and Zimmers at this time.

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**Congratulations** to Phillip and Ricki Siemens on the birth of a baby girl, their fourth child, at the beginning of November. Congratulations also to Andy and Janelle Ng on the birth of their twin sons, Jack and Joey on November 15. God bless you guys and your family of three sons!

**Congratulations** to Randy Waldner and Melinda Rebalin on their engagement. Wedding bells will ring in 2018!

**Wedding Bells** - Congratulations to Scott Heyer and Chelsea Boyd, who were united in marriage on Sunday, November 26. We are happy and excited for both of you!

**Lost & Found** - is located in the coat rack area and is emptied at the end of each month. Small items will be kept in the office. Please check regularly for any items you may be missing.

## Neighbourhood Network

**50+ Potluck** - Sun Dec 10 with carol singing. We will start at 12:45pm. Please bring either a casserole, salad or dessert to share. Consider bringing a friend.

**Men's Floor Hockey** - will be taking a Christmas break After Dec 4 and will resume Jan 15.

**Men's Bible Study** on Thursdays will end on Dec 14 and resume Jan 11.

**Tuesday Mornings** - join us for a Christmas Tea Dec 12 at 9:30 at the home of Sandy Parker. This will be our last gathering until February 6.

**Alpha** - Will be done their current class on Dec 5 and will be starting a new class on Tuesdays at 6pm starting Feb 6. This 12-week course is a great way to introduce anyone to the basics of the Christian faith. Start thinking now of who you can invite to this life changing course.



**Biblical Life Principles** - Pastor Gordon's Wednesday evening class will begin its next 6-week session beginning on Feb 7, 2018. See January bulletin for more course details.



# Next Generation



THE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
K.I.D.S.

In our weekend services:

**Memory Verse:** John 1:12 NLT

"But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God."

**Dec 2 & 3** - The First Christmas Story - God keeps His promises

**Dec 10 & 11** - The First Christmas Story - I want Jesus to be Lord of my life

**Dec 16 & 17** - The First Christmas Story - I will tell others about Jesus, the gift of God.

**Dec 30 & 31** - Family service - All together in the main service.

**Wednesday's**

**6:45-8pm**

**(K-Gr.5)**



**Dec 6** - Double Dollars Night

**Dec 13** - Red and White Night & Awana Store Night

This will be the last club night of 2017  
Check the January Bulletin for first night of 2018

## Discover Jr Youth

Thursday Nights 6:30pm



**Dec 7** - Real BFF series

**Dec 14** - Merge and Annual Christmas Banquet

This will be our last Jr. Youth night of 2017  
Check the January Bulletin for first night of 2018

## The Living Room - Youth Bible Study

Wednesday Nights at 5:30pm

Free pizza supper is included for students!

**Dec 6** - Last Night of 2017

Check the January Bulletin for first night of 2018



REVEAL  
YOUTH

Thursday Nights 6:30 pm

**Dec 7** - Christmas Movie Night

**Dec 14** - MERGE and Christmas Party

This will be our last Reveal Youth night of 2017  
Check the January Bulletin for first night of 2018



Ages 18-35 3rd Sunday of every month

**Next Meeting:** Dec 17 6pm Upstairs

**Weeknight events:** Contact Pastor Ethan to join:

Bowling: Dec 1

Skating: Dec 6

Movie: Dec 12

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

11 am and 5 pm

Reading of the Christmas Story

Special Music

Drama

Lighting of Final Advent Candle

Christmas Carols

Christmas Offering

Christmas Baking

One Hour Long

The Children's Ministry presents:

## A Super Christmas Play

Friday Dec 15th @7pm

A modern superhero version of the Christmas story

PERFORMANCE  
GAMES, PRIZES,  
FUN

Followed by a Christmas Carnival

Everyone is welcome to this free event at The Neighbourhood Church  
233 Pinehouse Drive



## e-Transfer

**We are now accepting Interac e-Transfers at The Neighbourhood Church!**

**To send an Interac e-Transfer:**

Sign in to your Online or Mobile Banking  
Select Interac e-Transfer.

You will need the following transfer information:

Recipient Name: The Neighbourhood Church

Email address:

[giving@theneighbourhoodchurch.org](mailto:giving@theneighbourhoodchurch.org)

Security Question: What is the password?

Answer: give

Confirm the transaction and you're done!

The Neighbourhood Church will get an email letting them know you've sent the funds.

# Blue Christmas

*A solemn Christmas Service  
for those who've  
experienced loss*

*Sunday, Dec 17 6:00 pm*





# Weekly Workers Schedules

## Lawson Saturday:

### Saturday, Dec 9

Lock up: **Pastor Barry**  
 Toddlers: **Kent & Sarah Drisner**  
 Preschool: **Sandy Parker, Mya & Macie Parenteau**  
 Greeters: **Trevor Rogers, Andrea Parenteau**  
 Offering Counter: **JC Morin, Olim David**  
 Coffee Service: **Debbie Mpofu**  
 Camera operator: **Edward Utama**  
 Information Centre: **Stacy Rogers**

### Saturday, Dec 16

Lock up: **Pastor Ethan**  
 Toddlers: **Radiance Harris, Trinity Kneeland**  
 Preschool: **Angela Sparks, Elias Noble**  
 Greeters: **Ray & Teresa Daniels, Michel Dekpoh**  
 Offering Counter: **Trevor Rogers, Ann Kinzel Buekert**  
 Coffee Service: **Stacy Rogers**  
 Camera operator: **Ryan Watkins**  
 Information Centre: **Shannon Signarowski**

### Saturday, Dec 23 - No Service

### Saturday, Dec 30

Lock up: **Rod Friesen**  
 Toddlers: **Jeromey & Nicole Martini**  
 Preschool: **Cam & Meagan Zimmer**  
 Greeters: **Joel & Heidi Usick, Edgar Lelei**  
 Offering Counter: **Michel Dekpoh, Vi Dilsner**  
 Coffee Service: **Winnie Mutswangwa**  
 Camera operator: **Edlyn Utami**  
 Information Centre: **Teresa Daniels**

### Saturday, Jan 6

Lock up: **JC Morin**  
 Toddlers: **Kortina Abrams, Jenna Dyck**  
 Preschool: **Daryl & Lesa Guenther**  
 Greeters: **Brynn & Sandy Parker, Lorie Young**  
 Offering Counter: **Olim David, Judy Heyer**  
 Coffee Service: **Edlyn Utami**  
 Camera operator: **Edward Utama**  
 Information Centre: **Rowena Lovell**

## Lawson Sunday: Service Briefing 10:30

Hospitality Ministries: meet in foyer at 10:30

### Sunday, Dec 10

Ushers: **Derek Kennedy, Preman Jacobs, Steve McLachlin, Mike Baars**  
 Greeters: **Murray & Lynnette Wall, Leona Perrey, Corla Silbernagel**  
 Information Centre: **Lois Jacob**  
 Camera operator: **Arlene Hiebert**  
 Offering Counters: **Cal Burgess, Maureen Millhouse**  
 Toddler Nursery: **Sheri & Alexis Hall**  
 Preschool Nursery: **Kat Hicks, Seth Roberts, Madison Kennedy**

### Sunday, Dec 17

Ushers: **Des Guenther, Richard Silungwe, Carey Silbernagel, Paul White, Celestin Usengumuremyi**  
 Greeters: **Bruce & Helen Schmidt, Jack Scholtens, Seth Roberts**  
 Information Centre: **Amanda Roberts**  
 Camera operator: **Josh/Kennedy Budhanall**  
 Offering Counters: **Steve McLachlin, Matt Wessel**  
 Toddler Nursery: **Dana & Jeremy Locke**  
 Preschool Nursery: **Christa Wessel, Wyatt Silbernagel MacKenna Hunt**

**Sunday, Dec 24 - Christmas-Eve Candlelight services at 11am & 5pm mark your connection card to help with these services.**

### Sunday, Dec 31

Ushers: **Shannon Signarowski, Andrea Knittig, Terry Waldner, Wendie Berg**  
 Greeters: **Tim Froese, Ha Pham, Tom & Audrey Laughren**  
 Information Centre: **Maureen Millhouse**  
 Camera operator: **Matt Wessel**  
 Offering Counters: **Tom Laughren, Maria Burgess**  
 Toddler Nursery: **Janessa Beecroft, Danae Williamson Stacey Tuwor**  
 Preschool Nursery: **Rachelle & Aaliyah Sparks**

### Sunday, Jan 7

Ushers: **Tim Froese, Cal Mills, David Finnie, Jordie Finnie**  
 Greeters: **Dennis & Esther Froese, John Chaise, Nathan Klassen**  
 Information Centre: **Naomi Moorgen**  
 Camera operator: **Marcus Guenther**  
 Offering Counters: **Murray Wall, Steve McLachlin**  
 Toddler Nursery: **Nicole & Olivia Zemluk**  
 Preschool Nursery: **Tami & Jett Rains**

## December Memory Verse: John 1:10-12 NLT

**Children:** "But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12 NLT

**Youth & Adults:** "He came into the very world He created, but the world didn't recognize Him. He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him. But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God." John 1:10-12 NLT

**2017 Scripture Memory Challenge.** Every family is encouraged to memorize one of the following portions of scripture this year. Take up the challenge. Very few things will reap spiritual growth like scripture memorization;

•Romans 5:1-11

•Romans 8:1-8

•Romans 8:28-39

•Romans 11:33-12:2

•Romans 14:1-10



## Family Devotional

Taking time to pray with your kids and speak into their lives about spiritual things is a primary responsibility of Christian parents. Teaching them to obey God's commands as soon as they are early enough to understand them establishes a strong spiritual foundation in their lives. Malachi 2:15 makes it clear that one of the major responsibilities of parents is to raise up "godly offspring." The Word plays a big role in seeing that come to pass.

### **Week of December 4 - 10**

#### **Monday - Luke 2:52**

- 1 - Talk with your family about how that as Jesus matured, He didn't just grow physically but in wisdom and in favour. Discuss the importance of wisdom in life and that God wants to give everyone in your family favour. Remember to work on your memory verse.
- 2 - Pray for favour for each one of your family, others at school, work, friends, and co-workers.

#### **Tuesday - Proverbs 12:1**

- 1 - Read this verse and ask your family what they think it means. Talk about how smart people like to be told when they are doing something wrong and stupid people hate being corrected. Talk about how important it is to listen to people when they love us enough to explain things we can be doing better.
- 2 - Pray that God would give favour to The Neighbourhood Church - especially pray that God will lead the venue in Martensville to a bigger facility.

#### **Wednesday - Hosea 6:6**

- 1 - Discuss with your family that the two big things God wants us to have in our lives are hearts that are merciful and that know God. Doing lots of things doesn't impress Him if we don't have mercy.
- 2 - Pray for all the people who work with children in our church; the nurseries, Neighbourhood Kids on the weekend, and Explore Kids.

#### **Thursday - Proverbs 22:1**

- 1 - Ask your family what they think a person needs to do to have a good reputation. Ask them what they need to do to have a good reputation with their friends. Tell them that having a good reputation is more important than having money. Don't forget to work on your memory verse.
- 2 - Pray for the pastors at the venue you attend. Ask God to give them wisdom and favour. Pray for grandparents and aunts and uncles.

#### **Friday - Matthew 6:12**

- 1 - Ask what is forgiveness? Ask who are you supposed to forgive? Talk about the importance of forgiving people and not holding grudges. Explain that Jesus forgave us and we are suppose to forgive too.
- 2 - Pray for the Children's Christmas Carnival on December 15 at The Neighbourhood (Pinehouse Venue). Ask God to bring people to the church who don't usually come and who don't know Jesus yet. Pray that our church will be a good host for them as they visit and that this will be a fun family evening.

#### **Saturday or Sunday - Psalms 47:6**

- 1 - Read the verse and talk about going to church this weekend and that we do not sing to sing, but we sing to offer praises to God. Have your family quote the memory verse for this month.
- 2 - Pray for services at The Neighbourhood this weekend. Pray for Pastor John and Donna as they give leadership to our church

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## **Week of December 11 - 17**

### **Monday - Luke 1:30-32**

- 1 - Talk to your family about the real story of Christmas. That Mary was His mother - a very special, holy lady. That an angel came and told her what to name her son.
- 2 - Pray for our Blue Christmas Service this coming Sunday where we minister to people who have lost loved ones this year. Pray for anyone you may know who lost a dad or mom, son or daughter, or other family member this year.

### **Tuesday - Luke 1:56**

- 1 - Explain that while Mary was pregnant with Jesus, she stayed with her cousin for about three months. Explain that her cousin Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist and that John the Baptist went around preaching and telling everyone about Jesus when he was older.
- 2 - Pray for the pastors at the venue you attend. Ask God to give them wisdom and favour.

### **Wednesday - Luke 2:1-5**

- 1 - Read this portion. It is longer than the portions we usually read but it is important to get the whole story in. Think ahead and have four or five questions to ask your family about these verses - where, why, when, what questions.
- 2 - Pray as a family that God will help you to make sure that Christmas isn't just about getting presents, that you will be a family that gives and helps others at Christmas. You may want to talk about what you could do to be a giving family.

### **Thursday - Luke 2:10-12**

- 1 - Talk about what the angels said about Jesus being born. Talk about Jesus being a Saviour. Ask what a Saviour is. If you have a child who may not have invited Jesus to be their Saviour yet, gently ask them if they would like Jesus to be their Saviour. Don't forget to work on your memory verse.
- 2 - Pray for any of your family that may have indicated they want to invite Jesus to be their Saviour. Pray that many people will accept Jesus Christ as Saviour this Christmas season. Pray for the many who have recently accepted Jesus as their Saviour through the ministry and relationships of The Neighbourhood.

### **Friday - Luke 2:16**

- 1 - Where did the shepherds find Jesus when He was born? ANSWER - in a manger. If you are brave, sing the first verse of Away In A Manger with your family.
- 2 - Pray for The Neighbourhood Church. Pray that God would help us honour Christ this Christmas season. Pray for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 11 am and 5pm.

### **Saturday or Sunday - Psalms 119:10**

- 1 - See if anybody can still quote this verse from the Memory Work. Talk about the importance of not wandering from God's Words in our lives but that we are supposed to do what the Bible says.
- 2 - Pray for the Seniors in our church. Choose a couple of them by name and pray specifically for them. Pray for Tom and Audrey Laughren as they give leadership to our 50+ Ministry.

## **Week of December 18 to 24**

### **Monday - Deuteronomy 6:7**

- 1 - Talk about this verse and why Family Devotional time is important. Continue the memorization work.
- 2 - Pray for people who will find Christmas difficult this year because someone in their family has died in 2017.

### **Tuesday - James 1:27**

- 1 - Share with your family that Christians are people who care about those who are in unfortunate situations; orphans, widows, those who are alone, etc.
- 2 - Pray for people who will be alone this Christmas.



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## Family Devotional Cont

### Wednesday - Acts 20:35

- 1 - Ask your family what they think this verse means. Help them understand it in light of Christmas. Talk to them about how at Christmas it is more important for us to give than to get things.
- 2 - Pray for grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins and ask God to give them a good Christmas.

### Thursday - Luke 2:11

- 1 - Take time to talk about Jesus coming to our earth to be our Saviour. Tell them the story of when you decided to invite Jesus to be Saviour - where you were, why, who you were with.
- 2 - Pray for some of our Global Workers who will not be home for Christmas; Pastor Jason & Jennifer Shepherd (Kenya), Alexey and Tonia Pankov (Russia)

### Friday - Matthew 6:19

- 1 - Talk about this verse and how important it is for us not to be just living for this world. We need to remember we are just visitors on earth. Continue the memorization work.
- 2 - Pray for people who are feeling lonely this Christmas season.

### Saturday - Sunday - Matthew 6:33

- 1 - Talk about the importance of making Jesus the "number one" person in our lives. Have everyone quote the memory verse and celebrate the memory work done.
- 2 - Pray for safety for people who are traveling this Christmas season. Ask God for protection and safety for them.

## Week of December 25 to January 1, 2018

### Monday - Luke 2:1- 4

- 1 - Read this entire portion from a "modern English version" some time today while sitting around your Christmas tree. (If your children are really young read it from a Children's Bible or find the Christmas story for children on the web.)
- 2 - Pray for your family and thank God for His love, for sending His Son to be our Saviour.

### Tuesday - Matthew 6:19-20

- 1 - Explain that when you do things for God, they are never forgotten by Him. They cannot be taken from us and He rewards us for them.
- 2 - Pray for our QUEST 18 - January 13 - 30. These will be 18 Days of Intentional Pursuit of God.

### Wednesday - Matthew 5:43-44

- 1 - Teach your family that we do not hate our enemies, but we love them and pray for them.
- 2 - Pray for ISIS - ask God to reveal Himself to them.

### Thursday - Matthew 6:23

- 1 - Tell your kids this is what is known as The Golden Rule. Challenge them to treat their siblings and friends and classmates the way they would want to be treated.
- 2 - Joy's Centre is run by one of The Neighbourhood Church's members, Maureen Torr. It is in Uganda. Pray for all the orphans who live in this home.

### Friday - Matthew 7:21

- 1 - Have a family discussion about what it means to really make Jesus Lord of your family individual lives in 2018.
- 2 - Pray that Christ will really be Lord in your lives this year.

### Saturday - Sunday - Matthew 7:24

- 1 - Ask your family what this verse says a wise person does. Then flip it and ask if that is what a wise person does, what would a foolish person do?
- 2 - Pray for our FAMILY SERVICES this weekend and ask God to work and move by His Spirit on this holiday weekend.

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## **Week of January 2 - 8**

### **Monday - Colossians 3:2**

- 1 - Get your family to look up the portions this week in their Bible. Get them used to using their Bible. Ask them what this verse means. Ask them what the difference would be between someone who is thinking about earthly things and someone who is thinking about heavenly things.
- 2 - Make a short list of things that your family is thankful for and have either Dad or Mom lead out in a prayer of thanks for those things.

### **Tuesday - Colossians 3:5**

- 1 - This verse is a follow-up from yesterday's verse. It explains some of the things that a person who thinks about earthly things does. Explain to them in child's language. Explain that if these things are important to us we are practicing idolatry - making something more important in our lives than God.
- 2 - Pray for grandparents and aunts and uncles. Ask God to bless them. If any of them are not Christians, pray that they will open up their hearts to the Lord.

### **Wednesday - Acts 2:38**

- 1 - Talk to your family about the importance of water baptism and explain to them that when they are old enough to understand the significance of water baptism, they should be baptized in water.
- 2 - Pray for friends and family who do not know Jesus and ask God to speak to their hearts.

### **Thursday - 1 Corinthians 10:13**

- 1 - Talk about temptation and things we are tempted to do. Teach your children (and remind yourself) that you do not have to yield to temptation. God will always provide a way of escape.
- 2 - Pray as a family for some of the seniors in our church. Thank God for them. Pray for their health and their families.

### **Friday - Psalm 145:8**

- 1 - Have a family discussion about what this verse says God is really like.
- 2 - Pray for the husbands & wives of all of our pastors and ask God to bless, strengthen, encourage and fill their hearts with lots of joy.

### **Saturday or Sunday - Colossians 3:9**

- 1 - Christians who have been baptized (laid down their old ways) do not lie to one another. Challenge your family to live with the highest possible commitment to integrity and truthfulness.
- 2 - Pray for the services at The Neighbourhood Church this weekend. Pray that we will come into church with a real desire to praise God with everything we've got.





## SOAP Devotional

A study system (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) designed to prepare you for the Sermon topic each week. Journals to aide your study are available at the Information Centre.

### Week 1: When God shows up

- Day 1: The creative genius of Elohim - **Genesis 1:1-10**
- Day 2: The Giver and Sustainer of life creates vegetation - **Genesis 1:11-19**
- Day 3: The Master of the Universe creates fish, birds and animals - **Genesis 1:20-25**
- Day 4: Elohim creates man in His image - **Genesis 1:26-31**
- Day 5: Jehovah forms woman - **Genesis 2:18-25**
- Day 6: Advent - the prophecy candle - Isaiah prophesies the Saviour's birth - **Isaiah 7:14, 9:1-7, 40:3-5**
- Day 7: Advent - the love candle - Christ's coming was an act of love - **John 3:16, 1 John 4:9-19, Romans 5:5-11**

### Week 2: When God shows up

- Day 1: Dunamis power is promised to and received by the early believers - **Acts 1:8, 2:1-11**
- Day 2: Boldness to proclaim the Good News - **Acts 2:36-41, 3:12-20, 4:8-13, 29-31, 5:29**
- Day 3: Signs and wonders accompanied the proclamation that Jesus is Lord - **Acts 2:43, 3:1-8, 9:36-42, 12:3-11**
- Day 4: Holy fear of God is entrenched in the believer - **Acts 5:1-11, 12:20-23, 13:6-12**
- Day 5: The love and adoration for the Lord is not shared by many - **Acts 5:12-18, 27-33, 9:20-29, 12:1-3**
- Day 6: Advent - the joy candle - The angels and shepherds rejoice over the birth of Jesus - **Luke 2:8-20**
- Day 7: Advent - the joy candle - Simeon and Anna rejoice over the birth of the Saviour - **Luke 2:25-38**

### Week 3: When God shows up

- Day 1: Jesus' first miracle greatly affects a wedding - **John 2:1-11**
- Day 2: Jesus disrupts the temple merchants - **John 2:14-25**
- Day 3: Jesus turns Samaria upside down - **John 4:1-43**
- Day 4: Jesus states He is equal with God - **John 5:16-47**
- Day 5: Jesus displays mercy and grace - **John 8:1-12**
- Day 6: Advent - peace candle - The Counselor of peace - **Luke 1:76-79, Isaiah 9:6-7, 26:1-4**
- Day 7: Advent - peace candle - Peace is a product of abiding in the Vine - **Galatians 5:22-26, Ephesians 2:14-18, Colossians 3:12-15, Philippians 4:6-9**

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#### **Week 4: New year resolutions**

Day 1: The Saviour of the world is born - **Luke 2:1-22**

Day 2: Don't allow your heart to be troubled. Trust in Christ and don't quench the Spirit of God. - **John 14:1-31**

Day 3: You will remain fruitless if you do not abide in the Vine. - **John 15:1-11**

Day 4: Be led by the Spirit of God - **Romans 8:1 -16**

Day 5: Exercise your gifts for the glory of God. - **Romans 12:1-21**

Day 6: Strive to perfect love. - **1 John 4:7 - 21**

Day 7: Faith without action is dead. - **James 2:14-26**

#### **Week 5: Romans 6:12-19**

Day 1: We are dead to sin and alive in Christ. - **Romans 8:1-14**

Day 2: The fruit of the sinful nature compared to the fruit of the Spirit. - **Galatians 5:16-26**

Day 3: Encourage one another to live righteously. - **Titus 2:1-15**

Day 4: You cannot serve two masters. - **Matthew 6:1-24**

Day 5: Ungodly living attempts to seduce godly living. - **Jude 1: 4-19**

Day 6: We have been given gifts to glorify God. - **Romans 12: 1-21**

Day 7: Our citizenship has changed from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.  
- **1 Peter 2:1-16**



# The Neighbourhood Church

**Prayer Focus** Each week we pray for a local church or ministry, a Saskatchewan church or ministry and a local and international Missions Partner that we support.

Week	Church of the Week	Sask PAOC Church of the Week	Missions We Support
Dec 2 - 8	<b>RiverBend Church of God</b>	<b>Sturgeon Lake House of Prayer</b>	Local: <b>Teen Challenge SK</b> International: <b>Peter &amp; Cavelle D. (PAOC)</b>
Dec 9 - 15	<b>Avalon Alliance Church</b>	<b>Family Community Church - Swift Current</b>	Local: <b>The Bridge</b> International: <b>Stewart &amp; Monique S. (PAOC) - Southeast Asia</b>
Dec 16 - 22	<b>Ebenezer Baptist Church</b>	<b>New Life Community Church - Whitewood</b>	Local: <b>Yorkton Dream Centre</b> International: <b>Stewart &amp; Monique S. (PAOC) - Southeast Asia</b>
Dec 23 - 29	<b>Saskatoon Full Gospel Church</b>	<b>Global Workers: James &amp; Coleen Guskjolen, Rod &amp; Kaja Corcoran &amp; Debbie F.</b>	Local: <b>Christian Counseling Services</b> International: <b>Villages of Hope (PAOC) - Zimbabwe</b>
Dec 30 - Jan 5	<b>David's Heart Ministries</b>	<b>The District Executive of Saskatchewan</b>  <b>New church plants in Sask.</b>	Local: <b>Tarrant Cross Child - Child of the Cross Ministries (PAOC)</b> International: <b>James &amp; Coleen Guskjolen (PAOC)</b>

**December Birthdays:** Florence Rabbitskin, Rachel Potter, Mary Potter, Iris Hegland, Jane O'Soup, Tatyana Kennedy, Samuel Maniyan, Raychel Moore, Bryce Kapeller, Jennifer Heidt, Richard Silungwe, Noelle Noble, Mya Danychuk, Michelle Reiter, Evangeline MacQuarrie, Jude Sparks, Gordon Waldner, Duncan MacQuarrie, Jennifer Waldner, Emily Quiring, Candace Hunt, Nicole Zemluk, Arden Signarowski, Lorelee Finnie, Zaida Guenther, Grace Fehr, Bram Noble, Tracy Wemett, Sarah Becker, Sherry Warkentin, Ann Kinzel Bueckert, Jill Wrench, Nikita Zimmer, David O'Soup, Kenzie Truitt, Debbie Lindemann, Chantal Unruh, Domic Heft, Danae Williamson, Marion McConnell, Destiny Truitt, Tony Towestego, Bryan Reiter, Elizabeth Dynna, Marci Stewart, Charles Hicks, Teresa Daniel, Sawyer O'Soup, Jessy Castro, Mike Morin, Rianne Quiring, Marissa Morin, Rena Olson, Ed Wilson

**December Anniversaries:** Doug & Barb Jenkins, Isaac & Ann Bueckert, Pastor Gordon & Marilyn Mochar, Keith & Laurie Mennie, Bram & Deana Noble, Desmond & Heidi Guenther, Adam & Rebekah Hainstock, Duncan & Courtney MacQuarrie, Andrew & Dawn Martell, David & Marci Stewart, Olim & Sheavon David, David & Gladys Lelei, Dan & Bonnie Hallden, Phillip & Ricki Siemens



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50+ Ministry

Building Maintenance

Information Center

Communion Prep

Counseling

Esthetics Coordinator

Hospitality Ministries

Lawson Sunday

Lawson Saturday

Kitchen Coordinator

Librarian

Life Groups

Men's Ministry

Missions Chairperson

Neighbourhood Network

Nursery Coordinator

Photographers

PowerPoint Team

Coffee Ministry Leader

Saturday Coffee

Sunday Coffee

Martensville

Women's Network

Young Adults

Tom & Audrey Laughren

Colin Potter, JC Morin

Shannon Signarowski, Lana Olson

Pastor Gordon Mochar

Sharron Schoenfeld

Tim Froese

Peter Quiring

Arlene Hiebert

Dawn Martell

Pastor Barry Berglund

Des Guenther

Rianne Quiring

Rob Johnston

Pastor Yasmin Chick

Violet Dilsner & Shannon Signarowski

Dave Pohl, Pastor Wainwright Noble

Pastor Donna Drisner

Stacy Rogers

Katja Dueck

Arlene Shillington

Pastor Donna Drisner

Pastor Ethan Andrews

Staff Focus



**Pastor  
Ethan  
Andrews**

Ethan is passionate about the role of the organized church in the family of God. When he was a teenager, Ethan was disciplined by a youth pastor who genuinely cared about his development as a Christ follower; and it changed everything for him. Now, after graduating from Horizon College and Seminary, Ethan strives to give back to the Lord what was given to him in his high school years. He is passionate about youth meeting with and knowing God, and loves to be involved in the church family.

Ethan enjoys being outdoors, drinking warm drinks on cold days, and science fiction. His passion for ministry is rivaled only by his passion for Pizza. In his spare time, he enjoys writing and listening to music as a way to express adoration for God and the beautiful things in life. Ethan has a tin model USS Enterprise on his desk.

## Board of Deacons

Tim Froese

Rod Friesen

Karla Kennedy

JC Morin

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## Elders

Don Schoenfeld

# Backwards....

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## Missing the Big News

In December 1903, after many attempts, the Wright Brothers were successful in getting their "flying machine" off the ground. They were thrilled and telegraphed this message to their sister Katherine: "We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas." Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, "How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas."

The editor totally missed the biggest news of his career.

Christmas is my favourite time of the year.

I love the Christmas baking, the turkey, the time with family, and music in the malls. The banquets, singing Christmas carols, and buying and receiving gifts. I love writing out Christmas cards (yes, I still do that by hand), The Neighbourhood Church's Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, and did I mention the Christmas baking.

Yet in all of this, it's so easy to enjoy the tradition and miss the real news. The real news is that Jesus left His throne and kingly crown, and came to the earth for us. That is the real news. John Donne put it this way; "T'was much, that man was made like God before, but that God should be like man, much more."

But Western Civilization wants to ignore this, the biggest news of history. In 1991 a school in Miami wanted to avoid offending anybody so the school dropped religion altogether. They started singing about the weather because it was a good neutral subject. Dave Barry, the comic sartorial writer, wrote how that in his son's school, they started holding the big winter celebration in February and sang non-memorable songs such as "Winter Wonderland," "Frosty the Snowman" and the real moving classic "Suzy Snowflake." Pretty funny step for a school in Miami...all so nobody has to hear the true and historical story about Jesus.

Sing "Suzy Snowflake" if you want but don't go through Christmas and miss the big news. God came to earth to be like us. He took upon the form of a man to be our Saviour. December must never, at least for the Christian, be just a season of secular celebration and Christmas baking. Christmas is about Jesus.

The big news is "Joy to the World the Lord is come. "

Merry Christmas!

Pastors John and Donna Drisner

