

RESPONDING

*Hymn: HWB #545

Be thou my vision”

*Benediction

*Please rise

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years old should be accompanied by an adult).

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Tena Kruger

*Elmer and Anne Guenther and family. Elmer’s mother, Mrs. Mary Giesbrecht, passed away on Thursday, July 22. The funeral is at Bethany Manor on Monday at 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK

- **Yard Maintenance** – Steve Guenther, Carl Martens-Funk, Rob Spence
- Gordon will be on holidays from July 19 to July 26. Please contact one of the deacons for pastoral care, during this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Everyone is invited to a celebration of Mrs. Annie (J.L.) Guenther's 90th birthday.** A "Come and Go" tea will be held today, July 25th at Bethany Manor from 2-5 p.m.

***We will proclaim Peace in the Public Square—to our community.**

We will raise, by individual donation, \$1,000 this summer. We have contributed \$350 of the \$1000 to the Saskatoon area PPS campaign which will help purchase signage on buses. The remaining \$650 will cover the cost of running ads, this September, for three consecutive weeks in the Valley News and the Country Press. The ads are professionally designed by MC Canada staff. Samples will be posted for all to see. The purpose of these ads are to inform, to inspire and to invite. The wording chosen, which you will see on the samples, is tantalising, thought provoking, yet not divisive or offensive. We want to declare to our community that we are a peace church in the hopes that some will want to learn more. Hopefully, after seeing the ads, they will visit us, contact us or the web site listed, or at least consider the possibilities of the way of peace. There are people who value peace, yet are unaware that active and vibrant peace churches exist. In addition, as followers of Jesus we must not only strive to live the way of Christ, but also proclaim, as Jesus did.

Please designate your donation by noting it is for PPS.

\$650 is needed to run our local ads (\$657.72):

Each 1/8 page (2 columns) x 5 inches deep ad in the Country Press costs \$123 plus taxes. We will run the ad for three weeks.

Each 1/8 page (3 columns) x 4 inches deep ad in the Valley News costs \$85.80 plus taxes. We will run the ad for three weeks.

Consider donating enough to buy one ad in one of the papers.

If we get more we can use colour (\$75 extra for Valley News and \$100 extra for the Country Press) and/or we can have larger ads.

Please Pray! Even if you choose not to donate, pray for this ministry of proclamation and outreach—pray that we will be ready to receive questions and pray for those who read the ads.

***Congratulations to Michelle McKinnell and Karl Martens** on the birth of a baby boy, Dylan Parker Martens, on July 16. The proud grandparents are Doug and Diane McKinnell.

***Congratulations to Kendra Reddekopp and Parviz Yazdani** on the birth of a baby boy, Saviz, on July 19. The proud grandparents are John and Deanna Reddekopp.

***The Church Bylaws have been updated.** Anyone wishing a copy please see Loretta.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 18:20 - 32 (NRSV) ²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found

there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Colossians 2:6 - 19 (NRSV) ⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.