

Prayers Needs:

- For the Hassoo family, in refugee camp, may God guide everything in preparation to come to Canada and may it be a safe and uneventful trip
- Redberry Camp—Pray for us as we have Family Camp this week! Pray that we would have opportunities to share God's love with them this week.
- Ron Moen and family on the passing of Ron's brother Hilding (Carl) Moen
- Prayer for Curtis (husband of Jolene, Elsie & Pius Houk's granddaughter) as he battles cancer...continue to keep this family in your prayers and that the joy of new daughter Willow is the tonic they need as they travel this road of illness and treatments.
- Robert Bach—continue to keep Robert and Selma in your prayers for strength and knowing God is with them
- Tom Larsen (Cindy's husband, Ericka's dad)—long term health problems—pray for knowledge, guidance and healing
- Bal Nievares—back in the Philippines and work at the School and the Nievares family ministry.
- Gerry & Shirley Falk-Int'l Student Ministry at U of S
- James & Theresa Huculak-Quezon City, Philippines equipping future Asian church leaders
- Kirstie Kline-working with Youth for Christ
- Jared LaCoste —with Athlete's in Action
- Russ & Marg Speiser-serving in France

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Brad & Casadi, Noah, Mika, Phin Schroeder

Join the congregation at West Portal Church in Saskatoon as they give praise and honour and thanks to the Lord for bringing Pastor James Wittenberg to them. Today, Director Ministry Phil Gunther has the privilege of commissioning Pastor James.

This week pray for—Monty & Nancy Buhler

Glenbush

"FORMING WHOLE & HOLY PEOPLE"

Bethany College's THRIVE program is looking for a Female Resident Director to assist in creating a Christ centered living and learning environment for our students. If you are interested in ministering with us, please forward your cover letter, resume and references to admin@thrivesk.com or info@bethany.sk.ca. You may also refer to our website, thrivesk.com for this job posting. Submissions will be accepted until position is filled. Bethany thanks all applicants for their interest but only those qualifying for an interview will be contacted.

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This Week at a Glance:

Tuesday—Men's Prayer Breakfast on summer break

Tuesday—Ladies Prayer Meeting on summer break.

Evening Prayer time Wednesday nights 7:00pm

Thursday—2:00pm Friends on summer break

Sunday— 10:00am Worship Service

Note upcoming Events on your Calendar:

August 24-CFC Lodge Service 2:00pm



MCC Connects: MCC Relief Kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted. Please consider purchasing contents for one kit this summer. For a list of items, visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/relief. Drop off your Relief Kit at the MCC Saskatchewan office, 600 – 45th St W, Saskatoon. Call Graham MacDonald, Material Resources Coordinator, at 306.665.2555 for more information.

Pastor Brad will be away on the following dates:

September 17-29, 2017

October 10, 2017 — February 14, 2018

The Story of God (and your place in it!): The Exile of Judah

As Assyria's power is declining and Babylon is rising in power there is a period of time when Judah is relatively independent and during this time Josiah institutes his reforms that we saw last week. This period of blessing would not last though as Josiah dies and Babylon becomes the new world power.

After Josiah there are 4 more kings in Judah before their kingdom collapses completely. These kings are Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah. None of them are godly or faithful leaders but only lead the people into more unfaithfulness.

During these years Jeremiah and other prophets minister. Jeremiah gives us insight into the character of these 4 kings and God's response to their lives (see Jer. 21-22).

Because of the unfaithfulness of these kings we see Babylon begin exercising power over Judah more and more and the conquest of Judah begins. (see Jer. 25)

Finally, we see Jerusalem fall completely: Jeremiah 36, 2 Ch. 36, 2 Ki. 25. This is the end God had warned his people would come if they remained unrepentant and unfaithful. This was not the end he wanted for them and he invited them to repent so this wouldn't happen (Jer. 18:7-8). Nevertheless, they remained unrepentant and so exile comes to convict them of their sin.

But exile and destruction are not God's last words to them. Over and over again God speaks words of hope and restoration.

This restoration takes place on 2 levels:

1. Physical and Temporary

God tells Israel he has plans for their restoration to their land after temporary exile. **Jeremiah 29.**

2. Spiritual and Eternal

A deeper spiritual restoration is still needed. Without it God's people would continue in the hopeless cycle of sin they were in. They would remain helplessly lost in sin, unable to live into who God had called them to be.

Like Israel, we too, unless God does something miraculous, are helplessly and hopelessly lost in our cycle of sin, unable to live into who God has called us to be.

Something needed to change, God needed to do something new...so he will...and he does!

Jeremiah 23:5-6, 31:31-34

God promises that new days are coming, a new king is coming, a new covenant is coming where his law would be on our hearts and minds, where his people would *know* him, where we would experience his forgiveness, our sins remembered no more. New days are coming!

In our day, we know this new king, this new covenant has come. Jesus, the Son of God, the descendant of David, has come and has ushered in a new day. We can experience God's forgiveness and we can know him and be empowered to follow him through his Spirit within us. A deeper spiritual restoration is now available to us through Jesus, an eternal restoration! Thanks be to God, he has reached down into the hopeless cycle of sin we've put ourselves in and rescued us!