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Elmwood M.B. Church Monthly Newsletter

## 100 Things to be Thankful for...

October 2015

A friend of mine, while on his commute to work tries to think of 100 things he is thankful for. While the rest of us are surfing the radio or looking for the quickest route he is thankful for #49--his next door neighbour. My friend, discovered that when you seriously consider what you are thankful for, its less of what and more of who. There are plenty of things that can frustrate and disappoint us (especially on an early morning commute), and too often we let that determine our attitude and emotion for the day. Paul says to be thankful on all occasions (1 Thess.4:18), constantly giving thanks in every situation, and

even when we make our requests to God to do it through the lens of a thankful heart. I don't think he's trying to encourage silly positive thinking, but rather giving solid advice to open our eyes and see what, and who God has sovereignly placed around us for our good. Have you thanked God for every person in your life lately? I am quite sure if we crafted enough time to consider 100 things to be thankful for that our day would take on a new perspective, with less angst and more grace.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Pastor Ken

WHERE THERE  
IS ALWAYS  
ROOM FOR YOU!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9am Youth Sunday School 9am Faith & Life Class 10am Worship/Kids Loft & Communion	5 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Men's Bible Study	6 9:30am Sewing 6:45pm Drop-In	7 9:15am Mom's Group 6:45 Worship Practice 7pm Young Adults	8 1pm Seniors 7pm Youth 7pm Youth	8 8	10 10
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## Women's Bible Study

On Monday, September 21, 2015 a group of women met in the Elmwood MB church basement to begin a Beth Moore study on Daniel Part I: Lives of Integrity. This Bible study will extend over a period of six Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, wrapping up in the first week of November.

This promises to be a fascinating study and one that we can definitely relate to. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressure to compromise his faith in a hostile culture and was constantly confronted by temptations and threats, today's believers face similar trials. In this fall session, we will study Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today (Daniel chapters 1-6). Daniel models how to develop enduring integrity in an enticing world.

Then, in the spring session, we will tackle the second portion: Words of Prophecy. Here we will explore thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ (Daniel chapters 7-12).

We anticipate enjoyable evenings of relationship-building, challenging discussion and prayer, complete with munchies. To get the maximum benefit of this study, there is an accompanying

workbook for purchase (\$20) that each individual will be working through between sessions.

– Maria Funk

## Prayer Focus

“Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a NIV).

In the spirit of these verses from Thessalonians, October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month, a time to express special appreciation to the pastors God has allowed to impact lives and give leadership within our Church.

Take time this month especially, to pray for our pastors (Ken Stoesz, Cory Schulz, and Marni Enns) and to encourage them in the work they do here at Elmwood MB.

## Recommended Reading

*-It's a New Day* By Reginald Bibby

*-Christ and Culture Revisited* By D. A. Carson

*-Erasing Hell: What God said about eternity and the things we made up.* By Francis Chan

*-A Strong Delusion: Confronting the 'Gay Christian.'* By Joe Dallas

*-Stop Loving the World* By William Greenhill

*-Christless Christianity* By Michael Horton

*-Center Church* By Tim Keller

*-The Vanishing Evangelical* By Calvin Miller

*-Holiness* By J.C. Ryle

*-Issues facing Christians today* By John Stott

*-Above all earthly powers: Christ in a postmodern world.* By David F. Wells

*-Jesus among other Gods: The absolute claims of the Christian Message.* By Ravi Zacharias

## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-Dave & Tina Unger\*

3-Paul Kornelsen, Susie Loewen

4-Bob & Bethlehem Funk\*

6-Ryan Dyck, Rose Gripp,  
Andrew & Donna Klassen\*

7-Hilda Ewert, Dave Unger

10-Alwin & Lena Braun\*

11-Alfridie Braun

12-Martha Goertz, Sieg Wall

13-Verna McDonald

14-Otto & Eileen Roller\*

16-Else Dueck

17-Immanuel Sawatzky

20-Glenda Wiebe

21-Alvin & Susan Enns\*

22-Agnes Martens

23-Jacob Funk

26-Aneliese Wiebe, Karl Wiebe,  
Thomas Wiebe

27-Elfriede Martens

28-Margaret Mittelstadt, Kathy Plett

29-Jonah Ruby, Rob & Marni Enns\*

30-Taylia Enns

\*Denotes an anniversary

## Editor's Note

Hi! My name is Kara Plett and as many of you already know, my husband Matthew and I recently had our first child, Aubrey. The last 12 weeks I have been inundated with diapers, laundry, feedings, and the toothless grins that make it all worthwhile. This time has been very focused on my family, specifically my daughter. Then several weeks ago, I was asked to help edit and assemble this newsletter. I'm looking forward to beginning a new season of serving both at home as a mama and in my church community.

It is my desire to see people at Elmwood MB connecting with each other through prayer, fellowship, and involvement in the various ministries and programs here at church. I hope the newsletter will provide information and direction as you find ways to connect with others and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

If you have any questions or comments or ideas for what you would like to see here please feel free to e-mail me at mattandkara2010@gmail.com.