

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a **Visitor** we ask you to sign a Guest Card and drop it in the offering plate so we can acknowledge your visit. Join us to Worship at 11:00 am.

A **staffed nursery** is provided for children from 6 months to age two. During the offering, children from ages Preschool to Kindergarten are dismissed for Junior Church in the Board Room.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Advent Reading & Lighting Candle  
Worship in Song  
Scripture Reading & Prayer  
Offering  
Worship in Song  
Message  
Closing Song  
Prayer & Benediction

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### **WORSHIP TEAM:**

Bev S  
Donna J  
Leona O  
Karina P  
Luke  
Fred L

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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Mark Woods  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jonathan Kroeker  
**Youth Pastor:** Ben Clouston  
**Office Administrator:** Bev Sheridan

## **GIVE MORE** MATTHEW 1:18-25

Mary gave her body – *Matthew 1:18*

Joseph gave up his reputation – *Matthew 1:19*

Jesus gives us salvation – *Matthew 1:20-21*

God gives us His presence – *Matthew 1:22-23*

Lessons:

- Give what you have
- Give what is needed
- Give what God desires

## **PRAISE & PRAYER**

- **Pray for** our shut-ins: Selma S and Rose-Ann L
- **Pray for** Paul and Melissa Ewing who serve in church planting and leadership training in Japan.
- **Pray for** all our missionaries who are away from their families and home countries at this time of year, that they will have strength during times of homesickness and loneliness and will be effective in their ministries.

## **THIRD ADVENT** **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

### **THIS MORNING:**

Why do we give gifts at Christmas? Historically, it's because of a man named Saint Nicholas. There is no written record or account of St. Nicholas' life. All we know about him is from stories and legends that were passed on about him. What we do know is that he was born to a wealthy family in Lycia – what is now south-west Turkey. His parents died in an epidemic and he inherited their wealth. He kept none of it, but used it to help poor people in and around Lycia. There are many accounts of St. Nicholas' secret, anonymous gift giving, but in his most famous exploit, he heard of three girls who were about to be forced into prostitution because their father was too poor to afford a proper dowry for them. One night, Nicholas threw three bags of gold in the window of the poor man's house, so he could give each of his daughters a good marriage. When Martin Luther came along, he exchanged St. Nicholas with the Christ-child (Christkindl) as the bringer of gifts to good children, and gift-giving has been associated with Christmas ever since.

It's unfortunate how the legends and myths get mixed up with the Biblical account of Jesus' birth, but one thing we do know – Jesus was God's gift to the world, and we, as his followers, are called to be generous in giving to others as well. If, when it comes to money, we all could use just a little bit more, then it's also true that after we have given, we should always be ready to give just a little bit more.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ADVENT  
SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Coffee Time 10:30 am  
 Worship 11:00 am  
 Bethsaida Fellowship 1:30 pm  
 Sunday School Christmas Program Practice 2:30-5:00 pm

**COMING UP**

Dec 16 - Jr High Youth Christmas Party at the Ps' @ 7:00 pm  
 Dec 17 - Sunday School Christmas Dress Rehearsal @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 - Young Adults Carolling @ 6 pm  
 - Sr High Youth Christmas Party at the S's @ 7:00 pm  
 Dec 18 - Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
 - Coffee Time @ 10:30 am  
 - Worship @ 11:00 am  
 - Bethsaida Fellowship @ 1:30 pm  
 - Sunday School Christmas Program @ 6:00 pm

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> &  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Please note we will have our regular worship services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day at 11:00 am. However there will be no Sunday School, Coffee Time or Children's Church on these two Sundays.

**ROWANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH  
STATS FOR DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

ATTENDANCE .....	258
GENERAL OFFERING.....	\$11,901.00
WEEKLY GOAL .....	\$9,760
GIVING TO DATE .....	\$433,251
BUDGET TO DATE .....	\$448,960
BENEVOLENT OFFERING .....	\$1,200.00



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

The JUNIOR HIGH Christmas Party will be held at Aaron & Laura Ps' on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Please bring a \$10 value gift for the gift exchange.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

The SENIOR HIGH Christmas Party will be held at Doug & Bev S's on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Please bring a \$10 value gift for gift exchange.

**Young Adults**

**YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are continuing our study on Advent this Sunday at 9:30 am in Room 10. Please join us!

**YOUNG ADULTS CAROLLING  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

We will meet at 6 pm at the church and go carolling, followed by a time of fellowship at Luke & Karina Ps'.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED**

The Sunday School is looking for a few people who would be interested in subbing in on occasion for our regular teachers. If you are interested please see BONNIE R or NANCY P. All teachers must be approved by Council and have taken the Child Protection Training Course which will be offered again in the New Year.

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Helpers are needed to serve breakfast to children at Princess Margaret School. Can you join us on Fridays from approx. 8:00 to 9:15 am every 3 to 4 weeks? If so, please see ANDREA K.



**ANGEL TREE**

A Program of Prison Fellowship

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who so generously sponsored all 41 children whose names were on the Angel Tree for Prison Fellowship! We are so blessed that our church family is so willing to help those in need! If those participating have any questions regarding their child's name and need further instruction, please call ANDREA K.



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00 PM**

Please join us this Christmas Eve for the celebration of Christ's birth. Please note the change in time to 5:00 pm. There will be no Junior Church during service.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Rowandale Winter Camp  
at Camp Nutimik  
February 10 - 12, 2017



**ADVENT CORNER**

The giving of gifts is a major aspect of our Christmas traditions. God gave the greatest gift of all when He sent His son into this world to be our Saviour. While we often give gifts that are frivolous, or that we know will wear out after a while, God's gift was of inestimable value, and it lasts for all eternity. Thanks be to God for His wonderful gift to us.

**"STAR LIGHT CHRISTMAS"  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

The Sunday School is busy preparing for their Christmas Program to share with everyone on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM, so mark your calendars now! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to share in the celebration of Christ's birth. After the program we will enjoy fellowship and refreshments downstairs. If you can bring some baking to share, it would be greatly appreciated!

**STAMPS FOR BIBLES**

Please help the Canadian Bible Society provide Bibles by collecting used stamps.

**1 pound of stamps = 1 Bible**  
Leave ¼" border of paper around the entire stamp. Do not remove the paper from the stamp. Please place your used stamps in MARTIN K's mailbox (#55). Thank you!

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**



**MARK ZUBERT  
CREATE CHURCH  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

Create Church is designed to foster communities of like-minded individuals. In addition to their low-key weekly gatherings on Saturday nights, there are various gatherings throughout the week tailored to niche communities of people in an effort to go to the places Jesus would go, eat with the people Jesus would eat with, and create church for the people farthest away from the organized church. Pray that their groups would reach people in their unique communities and champion causes they can stand with and work with. Visit [www.createchurch.org](http://www.createchurch.org) for more information.

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

**WELLMAN LAKE BIBLE CAMP  
DUCK MOUNTAIN  
PROVINCIAL PARK, MB**