

# WELCOME

*"An Environment of Openness."*  
Romans 12:9-21

## THIS WEEK @ SEMC

### TUESDAY


7:00 PM Junior Youth  
Converge

### THURSDAY

OFFICE CLOSED  
7:00 PM Senior Youth  
Converge

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### THIS WEEKS MEMORY VERSE

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,  
to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made  
alive in the Spirit.  
1 Peter 3:18

## COMING UP...

Friday, October 1, 11:00 a.m.  
A memorial service for Barb Kroeker  
will be held at Birchwood Funeral  
Chapel. For those that wish to  
attend the service please contact  
the family to **RSVP by emailing**  
[barbkroekermemorial@gmail.com](mailto:barbkroekermemorial@gmail.com)

### Calling all prayer warriors!

The last Sunday of the month  
Marion Warkentin will be leading a  
prayer class during the Sunday  
School hour praying for the church  
and Sunday School in particular.  
Please join us in the class at the  
bottom of the south stairwell  
(Mission Sister's Room).

## BIBLE READING PLAN

New Test, Psalms & Proverbs

### Day 1

Luke 9:28-50  
Psalm 73:1-28  
Proverbs 12:10

### Day 2

Luke 9:51-10:12  
Psalm 74:1-23  
Proverbs 12:11

### Day 3

Luke 10:13-37  
Psalm 75:1-10  
Proverbs 12:12-14

### Day 4

Luke 10:38-11:13  
Psalm 76:1-12  
Proverbs 12:15-17

### Day 5

Luke 11:14-36  
Psalm 77:1-20  
Proverbs 12:18



## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Sunday School Department is  
still looking for K to Grade 4  
helpers and a Grade 5/6 female  
teacher. If you would like more  
information on these exciting  
opportunities, please email Laura  
Kehler, Director of Children's Minis-  
tries at [lkehler@semconline.com](mailto:lkehler@semconline.com).

We are looking for more people to  
serve at the Connect Center and  
Coffee Service Sunday mornings  
starting in January. If you are inter-  
ested, please contact the church  
office.

See the board in the  
atrium or visit the [website](#)  
for more ministry  
opportunities!

### Day of Truth & Reconciliation Sept 30, 2021

The day has been creat-  
ed to give everyone an  
opportunity to recog-  
nize and commemorate  
the history of residen-  
tial schools and the  
trauma they caused.

The church office will be  
closed to recognize this  
day.

For more information  
visit [this website](#).



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### Our Congregation

**Josh & Helyn Dueck** - Josh's mom (Esther) is in the ICU with Covid.  
Please pray for peace and healing.

**Adam Penner** is at home recovering from his heart surgery. Megan and Adam are so thankful for all of your prayers and concern during this tough time.

**Ron Babel** - I am on high doses of medication and daily nursing support. Prayers for Gudrun are much appreciated as she is caring for me faithfully and with compassion around the clock. Thank you for ongoing support from the church. - *Ron & Gudrun*

**Susan Neufeld and Minna Loewen** in Rest Haven.

### Churches in Region 8 & our Community

**Darcy Sproule and Dustin Asham**, pastors at Ridgewood Church (EMC).

**Lydia Sommerville**, Chaplain at Bethesda Hospital and Bethesda Place.

### Our Workers

**Andrea** - Next week I start a new online class with participants around the world. This time our focus is on Adolescence. This is a huge topic for TCKs for whom the many transitions of international life have profound effect especially when navigating the transition to adulthood. Pray for class participants to develop good group support as well as insights for their families.



# SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

## GATHER · GROW · GO

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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship Service



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# Sermon Notes

September 26, 2021

"An Environment of Openness."

Romans 12:9-21 NIV

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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## Life Group Questions

- What are you thankful for this week?
  - What is a challenge you're facing? Is there some way our group can help?
  - What did you hear the speaker say this week?
  - Was there something new that you learned this week?
  - Was there something you were reminded of this week?
  - Who could you share what you learned this week?
  - *How can we pray for each other this week?*
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