



**Dauphin First Baptist Church**

# **Annual Meeting**

*Thankful*

**Sunday,  
September 18<sup>th</sup>,  
2022  
1:00 pm**



**CLERK - Ed Froese**

**Roll changes from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

New Members:	0
Baptisms:	3
Past Members removed from roll:	2
Members Deceased:	4
Members withdrawn:	3

**Totals at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Active Members:	61
Non-Active/non-resident Members:	9
Adherents:	<u>40</u>
Total Attending:	101





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### **LEADERSHIP TEAM – Blake Johnson**

Blake Johnson, Dean Wowchuk, Dave Rempel, Cheryl Mitchell, Len Bergen



### **STEWARDSHIP TEAM – Len Bergen**

Len Bergen, Ray Meidl, Gloria McCullum, Rick Fendick, BJ Wowchuk (secretary)

- There were monthly meetings held and there were repairs and purchases done according to what we felt that we could afford at the present.
- Canopy in front of church removed.





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- Sanctuary door exit and door stop repaired.
- Furnace room cleaned out (thank you to all volunteers)
- Handrails put on stairs up to stage.
- New valance at front



- Old shed disposed of – new shed installed!



- New computer purchased for office.
- Dylan hired to clear snow last winter.
- Eddy hired to cut grass.
- A big thank you to everyone who has helped improve our church facility.

Len Bergen



**Treasurer – Rick Fendick**

It has been quite a year for all of us with its challenges and its limitations. However we were able to get some things done like the putting the handrails on the stage.

I would like to thank Angie for the great work she did with our books and keeping us informed about our finances.

We must increase our givings in order to do what God is asking us to do so we may continue what he asks of us.

I look forward to the next year with anticipation for the year to come with its challenges and its rewards

Thank you,  
Rick Fendick

**Parking Lot Enhancement Group – Mary Bergen**

As the planning happened last year, we were able to start as soon as weather permitted this spring.

The project started May 30. We dug out the east side of the parking lot 18' X 90' plus sidewalk easement. June 7 Birss's brought 30 yards of topsoil. Len spread it with the tractor, tilled and leveled the area. We planted grass which did really well as there was adequate rainfall. Watering the grass was natural with our rainy spell. Germination was successful.



As far as trees, we were able to get an elm tree from the city tree program. It was given consistent watering to give it a good start. Various people donated shrubs. We have a dogwood, saskatoon, cotoneasters, and a ninebark.

Planters were built by Len using donated wood from Van Otterloos. There are plans to build benches as well.

Hebrews 11: 3 By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. God's creative expression is an example to us to use our creative expression in ways that glorify and praise him.

Mary Bergen



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### MISSION AND MERCY TEAM – Dave Rempel

- Prayed for people in or congregation and for our missionaries abroad and families in need
- Added Nicola Kish to our supported missionary list, she is working for one year as a support for a family that is already there.
- Was able to supply three families with Christmas 2021 hampers again.



- Thanksgiving supper at Parkland Crossing October 2021 served about 100 people
  - Also supplied and served Easter meal at Parkland Crossings meals and also two hotdog barbeques as an outside meal, seemed to go over well served 111 and 144 people.
  - Because of Covid19 we had to serve only takeout meals. Numbers were down but was able to supply Echo housing with meals with what was left over.
- Parkland Crisis Centre, was given a cash donation and Mark dropped some pizza for families that were there.



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- Had a windup team building barbeque at Mary Bergen's in June 2022
- Only had one graduate this year Cole DeLaMare, gave him a bible.

### ON GOING MINISTRIES

- Habitat- Keeping in touch with Rodney Juba, supplied Coffee and Pastries for the build on August 25, 2022
- We are taking on organizing the meals at the food bank at Parkland Crossings as they are small in numbers and have a hard time keep up.
- Praise the Lord, we were able to meet all our financial & physical commitments for Mission and Mercy for the year. Thank You all for your financial and physical help.

Ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. John 15:7,8

Dave Rempel  
Mission and Mercy Chair

### **Father's Day Breakfast (a little late)**



### **Community Liasson – Carla Strang**

God is SO GOOD! And His timing is Absolutely Perfect!

I haven't even attended one M&M meeting and yet here I am writing a report for the annual meeting under the Mission and Mercy Team. God's timing is certainly not our own, that's for sure." My plan" was to start my Community Liaison position this fall, but this was NOT God's plan. I have had several people reaching out to me and I have had nudges to reach out to others. One of these nudges was to contact Parkland Crossing, and so I did. I emailed Wayne Olson asking how some of our congregants



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might be able to help with some of their outreach projects in the future. Within a few hours he replied and said that the email was an answer to prayer. He shared that only a few hours prior his congregation had a meeting to discuss how, and even if, they could continue with all their outreach programs. Their congregation is small and aging and their need is great. Wayne shared many ways individuals in our congregation could help their efforts. I would be more than happy to share all these ways with you if you reach out to me. Wayne has asked DFBC however to step out in a bigger way. He has asked if our congregation would take on the scheduling of the Food Bank Meals every second Thursday. This would be a commitment that we can take on together and it fits right in with our Strategic Planning objectives. Those objectives were to spend more time together and to do more outreach in our community.

I see now how God has been slowly bringing us to this point for a long time and I am excited to see where He leads us in this, as we Obey His Calling to do this community outreach ministry together. Stay tuned for the logistics on how we are going to make this all happen to serve our community and Glorify God.

I will continue to bring you ways that you can be a blessing to others in our community on a smaller and more individual level in September and beyond, when I actually start this position ;)

**Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others, especially to our brothers and sisters in the family of faith! Galatians 6:10 TPT**



Dauphin and District

# Food Bank Meals

**Did you Know?** People who access the food bank at Parkland Crossing are offered a **healthy meal** when they pick up their food.

**Ways to Participate**  
Your group /family /church /business can choose to :

1. **COOK** and /or **SERVE** the meal (and clean up) or
2. **DONATE** the cost of a Thursday meal\*

(\*all help is appreciated and donations of \$10 or more will be receipted )

**How to Donate**

1. E-transfers –send to: [foodbankmealsdauphin@gmail.com](mailto:foodbankmealsdauphin@gmail.com)
2. Cheques to “**Dauphin First Baptist Church – FOOD BANK MEALS**”  
can be mailed or brought to:  
Dauphin First Baptist Church (Box167)  
37 – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Dauphin, MB R7N 2V1

A community **“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR”** initiative

**For all the information you need to be part of this exciting opportunity contact the coordinator at:**  
[foodbankmealsdauphin@gmail.com](mailto:foodbankmealsdauphin@gmail.com)

**Sponsor a whole Thursday meal for only \$300**

**First time gift?** To receive a **receipt** for tax purposes, please include your mailing address with e-transfers. Receipts are issued in January.

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### **Hospitality – Mary Bergen**

- April 16<sup>th</sup> - we prepared an Easter meal of scalloped potatoes and ham for the Food Bank intake day. We fed 100+ people from the community. I am thankful for the volunteers that help with the preparation and serving.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - we had a soup lunch “potluck” at the church for Palm Sunday. It was great to gather, eat and fellowship together.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> - was congregational meeting and we shared a chili dog meal after the morning service.
- August 18<sup>th</sup> - we again did a BBQ on the Food Bank intake day. There were 144 people fed hot dogs, macaroni salad, ice cream and bottled water.

Hebrews 13:2 Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!





## Meet Your Neighbour

Drop-in time for tea, coffee,  
Snacks and conversation



### Care Ministries – Faye Wowchuk

This past year in caring for our church family we delivered quite a few fruit baskets and kept in touch through visits and phone chats.

I want to thank my fellow M&M team members for lots of help in delivering fruit baskets.

I was so blessed by the caring support of the team for one another through prayer, care, and conversation. It was wonderful and I always left the meetings encouraged.

With Love in Christ,  
Faye



### Griefshare – Bill Hart

The intensity of loss and bereavement is such a complex matter. It brings so many emotional, mental, and social dynamics to our lives. The diversity of responses to loss brings challenges when attempting to help people on this journey. While we have no doubt brought some healing and support to the numbers who have attended our GriefShare offerings these past years, I am finding that it is seemingly more challenging to continue the offer of this program. For it takes a great amount of courage for someone

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to come into a church building, meet others while on a similar journey, yet find their place among the group. I almost weekly encounter people in our community who have lost loved ones. They need help, but to commit to a 13 week program is rather daunting for some of them. Many of these people need one on one connection, and in some cases I have been privileged to provide that.

The other challenge we are facing in offering GS is leadership. There is a declining availability of the capable leaders we have had. Personally, I am willing to continue to serve, but that offering is modified to some extent. There seems to be a subtle message that it may be time for me to pass the baton on to someone else. So there it is folks. I wish I could be more clear about the future of GS as it is with our church. I have no doubt there is a great need for this kind of service, but..... given the aforementioned challenges I remain in a ponderous state.



Submitted with respect, and love,  
Bill Hart

### **Meals on Wheels – Ed Froese**

Dauphin First Baptist Church has been serving the community of Dauphin for 125 years. One way that we serve the city is by delivering Meals on Wheels. For the first two weeks in May and the first two weeks in October we deliver hot meals made by the hospital kitchen to those that have ordered meals. We do this 3 times a week, that being Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. It gives us a connection with people that may not leave their homes very often.

Thanks to the volunteers of Dauphin First Baptist that give their time and resources for this community service.

Ed H. Froese



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### **Music – Vanessa Kish**

From Ezra 3

*<sup>10</sup> When the builders completed the foundation of the Lord's Temple, the priests put on their robes and took their places to blow their trumpets. And the Levites, descendants of Asaph, clashed their cymbals to praise the Lord, just as King David had prescribed. <sup>11</sup> With praise and thanks, they sang this song to the Lord:*

***“He is so good!***

***His faithful love for Israel endures forever!”***

*Then all the people gave a great shout, praising the Lord because the foundation of the Lord's Temple had been laid. <sup>12</sup> But many of the older priests, Levites, and other leaders who had seen the first Temple wept aloud when they saw the new Temple's foundation. The others, however, were shouting for joy. <sup>13</sup> The joyful shouting and weeping mingled together in a loud noise that could be heard far in the distance.*



Thousands of years ago, God's people were returning from exile to Jerusalem and were set to rebuild God's temple which had been destroyed. It took years to complete and along the way they were opposed by rulers and kings, then supported by rulers and kings. Even while the people rebuilt the temple and chose God as their God, they struggled to obey what was asked of them and placed themselves in a sinful situation. And it was to God they confessed because He was still their God.

***“He is so good!***

***His faithful love for Israel endures forever!”***

And here we are in 2022 returning (a little less dramatically) to our church building and taking steps to “rebuild”. Along the way God remains loving, good and faithful. A continued hope is that we have moments where “joyful shouting and weeping mingle together” and they are heard (have impact) beyond just the moment. As well, that in between these noticeable moments we are faithful and obedient to God, whom we choose to worship.

Thank you!!... musicians, singers, sound guys, service leaders, church family. You dedicate yourselves to sharing of your time and talents, to practice and learning, to praying for God's direction and will. May God bless you ♥

*For His unfailing love for us is powerful; the Lord's faithfulness endures forever.  
Praise the Lord! Psalm 117:2*

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Vanessa

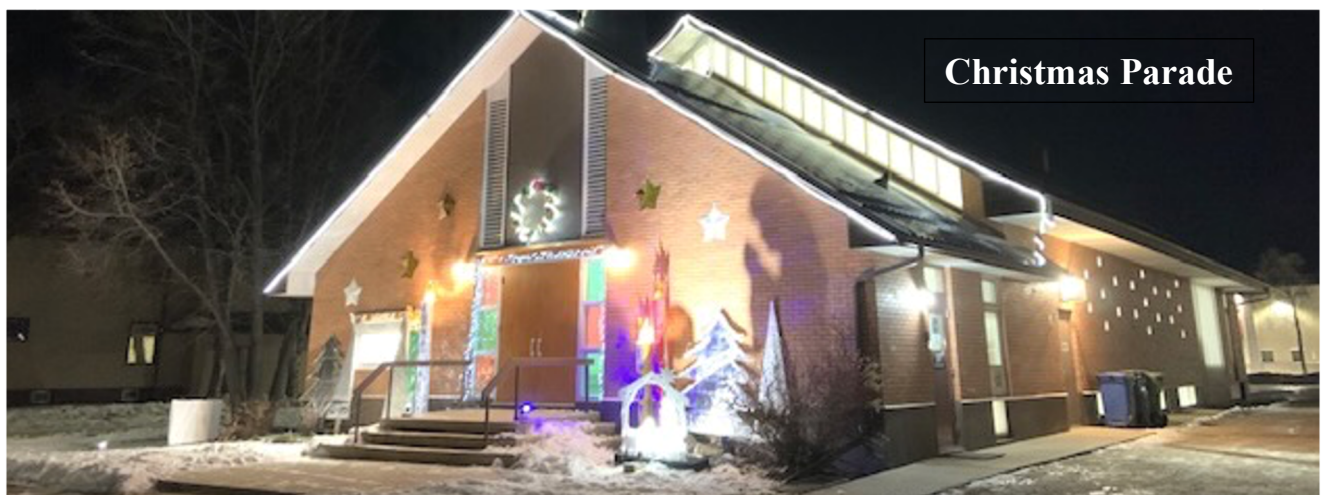
### Art – Karin Fendick

Once again, Covid-19 keep us fairly subdued for much of the year, more people zooming than attending live. We had to ensure that we were decorating for cameras.

As Easter arrived, the sanctuary exploded with colour and life thanks to B.J. and Loralyn.

I look forward to continuing to discover together, new ways to worship and honour God through the arts: drama, dance, written and spoken words, photography, painting and more!

Karin





**PASTOR REPORT**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

Working with you, my friends, continues to encourage, inspire, challenge, and spur me on. I love that God has put us together.

Last fall we walked through the Beatitudes (Matt 5:2-11) helped by theologian, Darrell Johnson and discovered they describe us as a people – a description of Jesus followers not an expectation to be achieved. In the winter we took a closer look at the purposed Identity Statement of the CBWC which was adopted at the May Assembly. (see below) And then we launched into what it means to be a royal priesthood. We've had special speakers and combined services on Zoom with other churches, sang, laughed, eaten together again, said goodbye to dear ones, welcomed others, baptised, communed, worshiped our wonderful Lord as His people, His royal priesthood, His special possession. What a privilege.

This coming year, we dive into Isaiah. I'm convinced it will be a growth point for us.

I'm overwhelmed with gratitude. Thank you to each of you who quietly go about serving God at home, work, school, and here in the congregation. So much gets done that few see or notice. I just started listing people and had to quit because the list didn't end. Please, each of you, know that God sees.

Thank you also for the gift you give the CBWC in letting me participate in the leadership there. These years on the board have challenged and stretched me and I believe that stretching benefits us all. I'm also so glad to be part of the Dauphin and District Ministerial Association and the Heartland Pastor cluster. Each group is an extension of the ministry of Dauphin First Baptist.

So, here we go into a new season with the rebirth of MOPS, the new Community Liasson position, a new leadership team, books to study, people to love, parties to plan, high hopes, all wrapped up in our commitment to God and each other.

This little prairie group has been changing the world, welcoming and expanding the Kingdom of Jesus for 125 years so far. Let's follow Jesus into this 126<sup>th</sup> year faithfully, joyfully and together.

In Christ,  
Loralyn

