

Sunday – January 27, 2019
WELCOME TO CONCORDIA AVE CHURCH OF GOD
705 Concordia Ave – Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Order of Service

Prelude Heidi Roesler

Congregational Songs *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* #58
Bless His Holy Name! #59

Greetings & Information Josef Loewen

Scripture for January: *For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.* (NLT) Jeremiah 29:11

Tithes & Offering Music by Heidi Roesler

Men's Choir Song

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Prayer Time

Youth Group Song *More Love, More Power!*

Message Series: *I Will – Will you?* - Part 3 Pastor Kehler
Spiritual Growth in Small Groups!

Congregational Song *I Will Serve Thee!* #514

Closing Prayer

Meet Today's Greeters

Glen, Anastasia, Esther, Sarah & Hope Klassen Middle
Steven, Grace, James & Joshua Li East

For questions, prayer and spiritual counsel,

Please call or text Pastor Kehler at: (204) 661-0812

Announcements

- Wednesday – 7:30PM – English Prayer Service – Our theme this week is *Press On in Christ!* Please make it a habit of joining us on Wednesday nights! We are looking forward to seeing you. Also, please consider joining one of the small groups for Bible Study & Prayer, listed below!
- Friday – No Choir rehearsal – the Youth Group will attend the annual Mission fest.
- Mission fest Manitoba 2019 celebrates 30 years of encouraging and sharing world missions here in our province.
February 1-3 - at Church of the Rock, 1397 Buffalo Place. For more information check out the website: <https://www.missionfestmanitoba.org/> or speak with Melanie Flach.
- Next Sunday – February 3, 2019
 - 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all and the German Service.
 - 11:00AM – Worship Service for all.
- Important events in February:
 - Sunday, February 10th – Program Service at 6:00PM
 - Annual Business Meeting – Sunday - February 17th – at 6:00PM
- Baptism Classes: If you are interested – and if the Lord is showing you to obey God’s Word in Baptism – please consider coming to our Baptism Classes. Here are the dates of the classes:
 - March 10; 17 & 24 – each Sunday at 6:00PM
- Our Sunday School Program (Our regular Schedule)
 - 9:45 Adult Sunday School: Join us to discuss topics of faith and life in Christ. Leaders: Kurt Roesler and Mark Fruehm
 - 9:45 Children's and Youth Sunday School (Nursery school - Gr. 12): Begin the morning with us in song before we break up into our groups to learn more about God's Word together. Leaders: Heidi Roesler and Melanie Flach.
- Weekly Bible Studies: (Our Regular Schedule for this year)
 - Wednesday at Church, 7:30 pm, alternating German and English, Prayer hour with themed Bible study.
 - Home Groups meet weekly in Winnipeg and Lorette. To get connected call Volker and Melanie Flach at **204 261 8017** -

or email us at macflac@ymail.com.

Why Should a Church have a Small Group Ministry?

Small groups, life groups, cell groups, Bible studies—whatever you wish to call them—are an important part of many churches. Some churches wrap their entire identity and infrastructure around their small groups ministry. Others depend on small groups for growth.

What should be the purpose of a small group ministry? The same as the church—**to make and develop Disciples of Christ** by reflecting Luke 10:27: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.*

The two greatest commandments highlight three areas that make a strong foundation to any church, small group, or individual Christian: spiritual growth, learning, and serving.

To love God *with all our heart and soul* is to love Him with passion, priority, and trust. We cannot go out into the world and work at our jobs and deal with family and keep our passion for God at the same time without help. Similarly, we cannot be bombarded by media and ads and strange noises in our car and keep God first in our priorities; we cannot listen to the news and the politicians and worry about bills while naturally keeping our trust in God. We need to see the example of others and receive their encouragement; we need others who know us who can remind us how God has taken care of our needs in the past. A small group can provide all of this in a way a large congregation can't.

To love God *with all our mind* is to learn about Him and to see the world through His point of view. The best preacher in the world is still limited by the fact that sermons have no interaction. With a small group, people can ask questions, give illustrations, even doubt, and know others are listening. Loving God with our mind is taking biblical truths and relating them to our lives. While good preachers add application to their theological discourses, it's also important to have a fellow believer who can look through our particular situation on a personal level and know which of God's principles directly relate.

To love Him *with all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves* are related. Small groups should be a place where we can

freely “love our neighbor,” whether through prayer or meeting a physical need.

But small groups also provide encouragement and a place of rest so members can love God with all their strength outside the group. Whether the group is formed around a ministry team or the members serve God in individual ways, the small group can be a place to recharge and share how God is working.