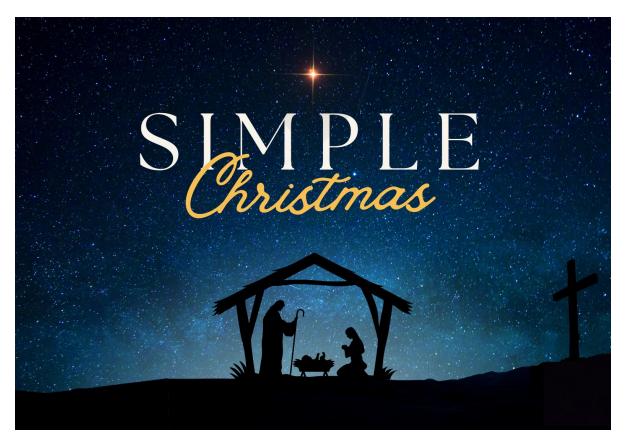
<b>ΤΗΙ</b> ΕΕΚ	Prayer		FAMILY MATTERS
MONDAY         Dec. 2           9:30 am.        Men's Prayer           9:30 am.        Women's Prayer           1:30 pm.        Homeschoolers Group           6:30 pm.        Ladies Christmas Event           7:00 pm.        Stewarding Sexuality           TUESDAY         Dec. 3           9:15 am.        Luke in the Land Group           9:15 am.        Luke in the Land Group           9:15 am.	<ul> <li>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</li> <li>Our Local Christian Workers - Tim Wiebe is the Alberta Director for Hockey Ministries International. He is married to Julie &amp; they have 3 children. SGAC is their home church.</li> <li>Our Pastoral Team - Keith Piquette, Pastor of Small Groups. Keith is married to Lacy-Jo &amp; they have 2 children.</li> <li>Our Elders Team - Dan Ibsen. Dan is married to Melodie &amp; they have 4 children.</li> <li>Our Support Team - Julianna Merritt, Children's Ministry Assistant. Julianna is married to Mike &amp; they have 3 children.</li> <li>We want to pray with you. If you have prayer or praise requests contact us at prayer@sgac.net or fill out a Connection Card &amp; place it in the offering plate.</li> </ul>		<b>OFFICE CLOSING EARLY</b> on Tues, Dec. 3 at noon for staff Christmas party.
THURSDAY       Dec. 5         10:00 am       Big Pictures Group         12:30 pm       Co-Ed Pickleball Drop in Group         7:00 pm       Alpha         7:00 pm       Jesus in the Marketplace Group         7:00 pm       Jesus in the Marketplace Group         7:00 pm       Jesus in the Marketplace Group         FRIDAY       Dec. 6         7:30 pm       Youth Reindeer Games         SATURDAY       Dec. 7         9:30 am       Elementary Christmas Musical Rehearsal         11:40 am       Toddlers & Preschool Christmas Musical Rehearsal         SUNDAY       Dec. 8         9:15 & 11:15 am       Worship Service         9:15 & 11:15 am       YA Coffee Fundraiser         1:00 pm       Friends			FIND OUT MORE about what's going on at SGAC Website - sgac.net
GIVING			
HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF SGAC?         Cash or Cheque         Interac at the Welcome Center         Preauthorized Payments from your Bank Account         E-transfer Using give@sgac.net         Online Donations through the         Website (sgac.net).         Please remember to include your full name, email ad-         dress & envelope # on your e-transfers, online & offering envelopes.		Year to Date Financial U July 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024 <u>General Fund YTD:</u> General Fund Revenue Budget Required Budget Shortfall <u>Mortgage Update YTD:</u>	Update \$460,225 \$545,515 -\$85,291
		Monthly Mortgage Payment: Total Interest Paid on Loan Mortgage Balance Current Interest Rate as of Oc	\$30,907 \$1,392,626

# SPRUCE GROVE

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024



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# SIMPLE CHRISTMAS

Today we begin our Christmas series, "Simple Christmas". Sometimes the holidays feel more like a frantic sprint than a season of peace. We get caught up in the hustle & miss the heart of it all. But what if this year could be different? What if we could pause, clear the clutter, & embrace the profound simplicity of Christmas?

### Sermon Notes:

# CHURCH LIFE UPDATES

**NEW TO SGAC?** Check out the New Here brochure in the chairback in front of you to learn more & get connected.

**SGAC KIDS CHURCH** is available today for nursery to grade 6. Nursery & 2-year-olds check in at the nursery. 3-year-olds to grade 6 check in at the Community Life Centre.

YA MISSIONS COFFEE FUNDRAISER - <u>Sunday mornings from</u> <u>10:30 am - 11:15 am</u>, the YA team going to Mexico will be offering specialty coffees between services from now till Christmas to raise funds for the missions trip. Suggested donation price is \$5 for hot or iced coffees – cash only. Thank you for supporting our SGAC Young Adults!

**INVITE SOMEONE TO CHRISTMAS AT SGAC** - Visit the Welcome Desk to pick up an invite card to our December Simple Christmas sermon series as well as our Christmas Eve services taking place at 2:30pm, 4:00pm, & 5:30pm. We look forward to focusing on the beautiful simplicity of the Christmas story this season.

**PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS BLESSING TREE** - This Christmas season, SGAC invites the congregation to join in thanking our pastors for their dedication & service throughout the year. Let's come together to make this Christmas season extra special for those who have served us so faithfully.

### How to Participate:

- 1. Visit the <u>Blessing Tree located in the church lobby today</u>!
- 2. Select a tag with a suggested gift card idea.
- 3. Purchase the gift card.

4. Return the gift card & tag to the collection box at the Welcome Desk on Sundays or in the office during the week.

**Deadline:** Sun, Dec. 15, 2024 Gift cards will be distributed to pastors on Mon, Dec. 23.

**CM SATURDAY REHEARSALS** - Please mark your calendar for the last Christmas Musical Saturday Rehearsal on <u>Dec. 7 from</u> <u>9:30 am - 11:30 am</u>. All SGAC Sunday morning kids in grade 1 - 6 are part of the choir & strongly encouraged to attend. 2 year old - Kindergarten rehearsal is on <u>Sat, Dec. 7 from</u> <u>11:40 am - 12:15 pm</u>. **REGISTER FOR THE EVENTS BELOW:** Scan the QR code or visit our website sgac.net/EventRegistrations.



**SGAC HOMESCHOOLERS GROUP** - Homeschool moms & kids gathering for fun, activities, & fellowship. Come connect with other homeschoolers who call SGAC home <u>TOMORROW</u>, <u>Dec. 2 at 1:30 pm at SGAC</u>. Visit our website or scan the QR code above to register.

**YOUTH REINDEER GAMES** - Get ready for a frosty night of fun with the Reindeer Games on <u>Fri, Dec 6 at 7:30 pm at SGAC</u>! It's another Youth Olympics event where teams will compete in a series of winter & Christmas-themed challenges. From snowball tosses to reindeer relays, this night is packed with festive games that will put your skills to the test.

**GRACE'S TABLE** - We all go through tough times. If a warm & nutritious meal would be helpful for you or someone you know, visit our website or scan the QR code above to register. This month's sit-down Christmas meal will be taking place on <u>Fri,</u> <u>Dec. 13 between 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm at SGAC</u>. All meals must be preregistered by noon on Mon, Dec. 9.

**GRADE 5/6 COMMUNITY NIGHT** - Invite your friends for a fun, Christmas themed evening on <u>Fri, Dec. 13</u> from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR** - Interested in joining the Christmas Eve choir? Email pastor Zach at zach.mildenberger@sgac.net to register. The choir will be involved in all <u>3 services: 2:30 pm</u>, <u>4:00 pm, & 5:30 pm</u>. Rehearsals will take place on Dec. 11 & 18 at 7:00 pm & Dec. 22 at 3:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We are looking for First Connect Volunteers for our <u>Christmas Eve services at 2:30 pm</u>, 4:00 pm, & 5:30 pm & on Sun, Dec. 29 at 9:15 am.

Needed: Greeters, Ushers, & Welcome Desk Hosts.

We ask you to serve at one service, & invite someone to attend another with you! If you're interested in serving in one of these areas, visit our website or scan the QR code above to register. For more info contact Pastor Karen Houcher.

**CHILD DEDICATIONS** will take place on <u>Sun, Jan. 5 during both</u> <u>services</u>. If you are interested in dedicating your child, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Desk & visit our website to complete the form of intent. For more info contact Pastor Debbie Funk.