



HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, February 24

7:00 p.m. join Pastor Lyndsay on Facebook LIVE as she shares the story of the Good Samaritan.

THURSDAY, February 25

12:00-2:00 p.m. **Warming Centre**

SUNDAY, February 28

9:00 a.m. (ZOOM) **Zoom Café**

10:00 a.m. (In person or Facebook Live) **Join us as we dive into God's Word**

A pastor can be reached any time through the Pastoral Care Line 519-379-1752

Hi everyone! Hope you are all doing well and have dug out from the recent snowfall!

I have been thinking a lot lately about intentional rest, specifically honouring the Sabbath (7th day) rest that God says we need to take. Are you taking the time you need each week to rest and be refreshed?

I must admit that there are weeks where it is a struggle on my end and I allow the busy nature of my week to overtake things. And rather than taking the rest I need, I push on and end up paying for it later by being worn down and exhausted.

I think at times, we tend to view taking a day of rest as a legalistic rule that we “have to” follow. It is something we have to do in order to keep God happy and obey. We feel that it is just another requirement we were designed to meet. In doing so, we miss the point. In Mark 2:27, Jesus reminds a group of the religious leaders that the Sabbath isn't just another requirement to meet. We were not designed for the purpose of obeying the Sabbath. In fact, the Sabbath was designed with us in mind instead. It is a gift to us from God because He knew we would need a weekly break to recharge, renew, refresh physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. It hit me the other day that when we ignore this gift from God by continuing on in our busy life, we treat this gift like that gift we don't really want at Christmas. And while I say thank you with my lips, I am returning the gift to the store for something I want (like productivity, the lie that this needs to be dealt with now, etc...) and hoping that the Giver never knows better.

Take time to rest.

—Pastor Dave

Youth Update

A Jr & Sr Youth program will be launching on Friday evenings beginning on March 5 over Zoom with an eight week exploration of the story of Jonah! Junior Youth at 7:00 p.m. and Senior Youth at 8:30 p.m. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. If you are in grades 7-12, we want to hear from you! Please send any questions, comments, or let us know you are interested by emailing Adam and Alicia DeVisser at youth@hanovermissionary.com

More volunteer leaders are needed as this ministry resumes. If you are a devoted follower of Jesus and passionate about investing in the lives of our youth, please email Adam and Alicia DeVisser at the address listed above for more details and to see where you might fit into this ministry.

Thank you for continuing to be a generous community. In these tough times, we have been so blessed to see God provide. Tithes and offerings can be sent through e-transfer (to bookkeeper@hanovermissionary.com) or using the Tithely app (go to get.tithe.ly and sign up, or download the tithe.ly app from the app store). If you would like to drop off your offering, please contact the office to arrange a time.



If you have old offering envelopes, please discard them. We have condensed our envelopes based on need and new giving numbers have been assigned. New 2021 envelopes are available for curbside pick up or call to arrange mailing.

We are Re-Launching In-Person Services!

As are you are likely aware, restrictions have lifted in our area and we are once again permitted to host in-house services. We are taking the necessary time to ensure our building is ready to welcome you back and will be opening our doors at 30% capacity for our Sunday, February 28 service.

As before, anyone who wishes to attend in person must register by the Thursday before the service so we can have the sanctuary prepared. We are starting with a clean slate, so we are asking anyone who had a standing registration before to please re-register.

Visit hanovermissionary.com/registration, call the office at 519-364-1823 (ex 21) or email registration@hanovermissionary.com.

The Zoom Café is Up & Running!

When we think back on a time before COVID 19 we remember lingering conversations in the foyer, hot coffee from our hospitality team, and the joy of seeing one another week to week. As this pandemic drags on we know the burden of loneliness is getting heavy for many of you. Even though we are gearing up to re-open our building, we know some of you are not yet comfortable coming back. That's why we've launched the **ZOOM CAFÉ** — a virtual time of gathering over our morning coffee before the Sunday service starts. Visit our website for more details and the invitation link and log on at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

hanovermissionary.com/zoom-cafe

Prayer Requests

Our Condolences to Mike and Karen Krotz and family on the passing of their nephew and cousin Nolan Krotz on Tuesday, February 9. Please **pray** for the them as they grieve this loss.

Our Condolences to Keith and Carol McDougall and John and Ashley Yenssen on the loss of Carol's mother and John's grandmother on February 17. Please remember these families in your prayers as they mourn.

New March Daily Bread Devotionals are here! You are welcome to pick one up at the church when you drop off your tithe (Mon-Fri. 9-noon). If you would like one to be mailed to you, please contact the church office.



Last week during the Wednesday night story with Pastor Dave, we talked about how Jesus came to four brothers (Simon, Andrew, James, and John) as they were fishing, and invited them drop everything they were doing and leave everything behind to come and follow Him instead.

Your challenge is to enjoy a fish dinner together with your household – be as creative as you like with the type of fish and the recipes you use. As you gather around the table, talk about what it means to be a fisher of men. Talk about the words of Jesus when He said to Andrew, Simon, James & John “you will fish for people”. How can you fish for people? How can you share with people His life, and invite them to follow too? Snap a picture of your meal and share it with #HMCFamilyChallenge so we can see all the delicious options.