

MANITOU EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH
WELCOME
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Speaker- Jonathan Gonzales
Worship leader- Janice Peters
Next week speaker- Jonathan Gonzales



Happy Birthday

May 16th – Mo Letkeman
May 16th- Arianne Koedyk
May 19th- Taeya Wiens
May 20th -Jonathan Gonzales

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Health update on Joshua Graham

Joshua has just been diagnosed with Mucopolysaccharidosis II (ML 2). One way to understand it is, imagine a fire in a stove. The smoke is a by-product of the fire and if it doesn't get out fast enough it builds up and sort of smothers the fire. A chimney is needed to get the smoke out and the chimney must be the right size to get the smoke out as fast as the fire makes it.

The enzyme that is not working properly is like a chimney that is too small and isn't able to get the by-products of the cells out and where they need to go. Which causes the by-product to build up in the cells and causes a lot of issues. Clinically this means that his health issues will continue to progress, and he will need more and more medical support.

ML 2 majorly affects: lungs, heart, nerves, spinal cord, brain, and bones. The life expectancy of children with ML is about 7-10 years. We have been seeing a lot of specialists and doing a lot of tests the last few months. A few of the newer health developments are: He has a severe Left Aortic Valve Regurgitation, severe sleep apnea, acid reflux, scoliosis, a small foramen magnum which is possibly compressing his spinal cord, and other bone abnormalities. But his hips are in so no more hip dysplasia!

He has a surgery coming up to remove his tonsils and adenoids and to put ear tubes in, which can lead to a few more risks for kids with ML 2. He will likely need breathing support for a day or two post-surgery. We will be staying in Saskatoon for 2 weeks after the surgery to be close to the hospital.

Joshua's health update cont'd

Through everything we can see God working. We have gotten in with doctors quickly and Joshua has not had any major issues with anything so far that has required hospitalization. God has also definitely been working in our hearts as we learn to walk even closer to Him.

We know that God has a plan for every individual and that Joshua will fulfill his purpose here before God takes him home. So, we will continue to lean on God and trust his infinite wisdom and enjoy the time that we have with Joshua. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for us and been there to support us as we learn to navigate this.

Ministry update

Sunday School, College & Career, Youth Bible Study and Youth group are postponed until further notice.

Ladies Thank you gift

Ladies we will have a gift for each of you located in the foyer on May 15th and 16th. Please check your name off the list or add your name to the list. We are unable to be together this year. The list will help ensure we do not miss any of our lovely ladies. If you are unable to pick up a gift, please contact the office to arrange delivery.

Camp Kitchen Week

July 12-16

The camp needs our help in the kitchen this Summer. The camp needs four people per day to help with three meals. Signup sheet is in the foyer. Speak to Karen Putnam if you have questions.

Register for a worship service

Next weekend we will hold 3 in person services. The first at 6:30pm Saturday, the second at 11am Sunday morning and the third 2pm Sunday afternoon. The 11am service will be streamed. Please call the church to confirm which service you will be attending.

Brian Graham board chair