

**Welcome to  
Gem MB Church  
Transforming Lives with the Good News of Jesus Christ  
December 15, 2024  
10:00 am – Sunday School  
11:00 am – Worship Service**

Welcome and Announcements	Alvin Plett
Children's Feature	Richard Hiebert
Advent	Luke, Zack, and Paul Paetkau
Special Music	Fred Klassen, Brent Siemens and Elma Plett
Congregational Singing	Arno Doerksen
Scripture Reading – Mark 2:23-28	Brent Siemens
Message	Brent Siemens
Closing Song	Arno Doerksen
Benediction	Brent Siemens

Offerings for each Sunday are for the Church Budget.  
E-transfer email: [gemchurch19@gmail.com](mailto:gemchurch19@gmail.com) **OR**  
*Offerings can be put in the box on the back table.*

**Next Sunday – Children's feature – Ashleigh Hiebert & Karla Doerksen**

**Reminders and Updates**

**Wednesdays – 10:00 am – Coffee time** at Doerksen Farm office.

**Ladies Community Bible Study**- will resume January 7, 2025.

**December 15, 22 @ 9:30-10:45am** – Sunday School Christmas play practice.

**December 15 @ 7:00pm** – Gem Community Christmas Service at the Hall

**December 24 @ 5:00pm** – Gem MB Church Christmas Eve Service  
**(NOTE THE TIME CHANGE)**

**There will be no** Sunday School on December 29.

The church sent some money to help construct a church structure in a Uganda refugee camp. Here's the response from the pastor:  
"I take this opportunity to thank the church of Gem for an incredible support for the Uganda mission from my deepest heart I say thank you. May God continue to lift you up and bless the church and his people. When I come back, I will share the picture and testimony with you and maybe plan a visit to Gem summertime. Tim it was great working with you. I thank you for your support and connection to Gem church. I thank God that you have a new pastor I have hope that God will use him to spread the gospel around the town."

## Message: Brent Siemens

Sabbath-Time! – Mark 2:23-27

Why Israel was to keep Sabbath:

1. The first reason was because of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The other reason was because of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Israel's scale of values:

1. Puts God above everything \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. Ex. 20:1-17).
2. Puts people over \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. Ex. 22:1).
3. Puts needs over \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. Lev. 19:9-10).

COMMON BREAD is everyday bread.

CONSECRATED BREAD is the bread priests would put on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Which was to be eaten only by \_\_\_\_\_ and only in the sanctuary  
(Lev. 24:5-9).

Principles to live by:

1. Trust the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Put first things \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ matter as well as rights.
4. Mercy triumphs over \_\_\_\_\_.

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"I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath"

Matthew 12:6-8