



# TESTIMONIES

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BY  
NORTHVIEW  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Baptism not only signifies  
resurrection to a new life in Christ,  
but it is also a public commitment to  
walk in Christ's way.

*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

Acts 2:38-39

## Welcome to Northview Community Church!

We're so glad that you have joined us for our Baptism service.

### What Do We Believe at Northview?

Four words can be used to describe how Christians view the world:



**Creation:** Our world was created good by God, and people were created in God's image to care for our world and its inhabitants.

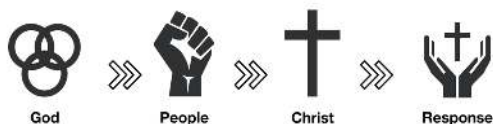
**Rebellion:** People chose instead to rebel (sin) against their creator and consequently experience death, disease and disorder.

**Redemption:** God set in motion a rescue plan to redeem (regain) people through faith. The Story began with a man named Abraham and climaxed with Jesus (God's son) coming to earth. Jesus lived a perfect sinless life and died to pay the penalty for our rebellion. After three days, God raised Jesus from death, and now offers full and meaningful life now and eternally to those who have faith, (believe that Jesus is the son of God) and who follow Him.

**Re-creation:** Jesus will one day return to judge the living and the dead and to re-create heaven and earth. Christians live today in faith and hope: following in the footsteps of Jesus as we represent God in the world, and anticipating the day when the world will be re-created: freed from death, disease and disorder.

### Why Do We Baptize People at Northview?

Jesus Christ was baptized and He commanded His followers to be baptized. Going under the water symbolizes a person's willingness to identify with Jesus' physical death and die to themselves; recognizing and turning from their rebellion against God. Coming up from the water symbolizes a person's redemption and re-creation. They respond to God in faith, their sin is washed away, their relationship with God is restored, and they live as followers of Jesus now, and eternally.



"Christ" means *Anointed One*, or *King*. When Christians say "Jesus Christ", we recognize that Jesus is our King.



# DOWNES ROAD

## Testimonies

### SATURDAY

**4 PM** Shaye Jones  
Kayde Jones  
Moriah Magana  
Daniel Olson  
Larissa Price

**6 PM** Joab Krahn  
Connan Krahn  
Tayler Bailey  
Ashley Delange  
Ryan Delange  
Ellen Moerman

**February 28, 2026**

**Saturday • 4PM**

Downes Road



## Shaye Jones

**Baptized By: Quinn Jones (Dad)**

I grew up in a Christian family, and believed in God ever since I can remember. When I was about six years old, I accepted Jesus into my heart. However, it wasn't until I got to high school that I started thinking more deeply about this. I started going to youth more, and that was when I really realized that I needed a Saviour. Being at youth helped me through my questioning, and I really appreciate the friendships I have developed through it.

When I was in my senior year of high school, I went on a mission trip to Kenya. On this trip, we ended up in some uncomfortable situations. I remember feeling very helpless in these moments, and it occurred to me how little trust I actually put in God. Afterwards, I remember feeling very afraid. One of the group leaders read Philippians 4:6-7 to me. It says to not be anxious, but to pray, *"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"*.

Before this trip, I had always been filled with a lot of anxiety, but now I believe that I've been healed from it. As I continue my walk with Christ, I have learned that in difficult times, He won't just take the problem away, He will always guide us through it.

I am getting baptized because I want to publicly declare my faith and dedicate my life to growing in faith and becoming more like Jesus.





## Kayde Jones

**Baptized By: Quinn Jones (Dad)**

I was raised in a Christian home, where I was taught about how God sent Jesus to die for my sins, and that He has an unconditional love for me. I accepted this gift of salvation at a young age. My faith became more personal to me when I started high school. I was having deeper conversations with my family, and what I was hearing in high school, youth group, and Bible class at school, was challenging me to think deeper about my relationship with God. I started to spend more personal time with Him.

Something I have struggled with is worrying about things. I have felt like I needed to figure out everything on my own, but in reality, God is always there to give me wisdom and guide me through the ups and downs of my life. I felt like I was not a good enough Christian, and that if I wanted to get baptized, I needed to fix the problems I was worrying about first. But I realized that I am never going to reach that standard because no one is perfect. I know that I am not able to do it all on my own, and that I need God's unconditional love and wisdom to help me in my faith.

A verse that shows this is John 15:5 which says *"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."*

I know that God wants to meet me where I'm at currently in my faith, and not only once I have everything figured out, which I know I will never be able to do.

I want to be baptized to publicly declare my faith in Christ. I want to be held accountable for my faith, and I want to publicly declare my commitment to Christ.





## Moriah Magana

**Baptized By: Sam Thiessen (High School Ministry Coordinator)**

I grew up in a non-believing family. I knew the name of Jesus Christ from curse words or names that disrespected Him.

The earliest memory I have of learning who Jesus actually was is when I was nine years old. I was camping with my Dad, and as a kid, I needed stories to fall asleep, so my Auntie told my brother and me about God. She encouraged me and my brother to start praying and to grow a relationship with God. I started going to church with friends who misrepresented God and I questioned my faith a lot during this time.

In 2022, life took a hard turn. I faced family issues that made me so depressed I could barely take care of myself most days. I refused to believe in Jesus, thinking that if He was real, He wouldn't put a kid through the things I had been through. I cursed against His name; I was angry at God.

In 2024, I was tired of living on an earth I didn't feel welcomed to, and I tried to take my life. But the night I thought it was all over, I met Jesus. Not with anger or punishment, but with love I had never known before. He met me exactly where I was and reminded me that I was still here for a reason. I realized that even when I had turned my back on Him, He never turned His back on me.

Since then, my life hasn't been perfect, but it has been redeemed. I am learning that God does not cause our pain, but He walks with us through it, and being baptized is the next step in my journey with Him.





## Daniel Olson

**Baptized By: Jeremy Olson (Dad)**

I first learned about God through family, friends and church. I grew up in a Christian, Bible - believing family. I asked Jesus into my heart when I was young, but never really did anything with my faith.

As I got older, I never denied there was a God, but I didn't live for Him. Just before Covid, I came to a place in my life where I just wanted to do my own thing - no limits or rules. After a couple years, I came to a place where that choice created some of the darkest times of my life, due to many bad choices. Despite enjoying the freedom, I could see myself tearing myself apart.

A good friend of mine invited me to Young Adults at Northview and that night, I felt a weight of the Holy Spirit convicting me and that brought me back to Christ.

Now I ask my friends if there's anything that I can pray for them. I have also cleaned up my phone and computer and gotten rid of things that have been a stumbling block for me. I am going to therapy to help with the addictions I have struggled with over the years.

I want to take the next step in my faith and get baptized to publicly tell people that I'm a Christian and that I want to live my life for God instead of for myself.





## Larissa Price

**Baptized By: Kenzia McKay (Friend)**

I first encountered God when I was nine years old at a soccer camp. It was there that I heard the story of creation from the book of Genesis and began to understand how we came to be. Even at that young age, something stirred in my heart, but I didn't fully follow God then. Still, that moment planted a seed.

Years later, after graduating high school, I spent time in Texas, and that is where I was truly reintroduced to Jesus. I began attending church with friends, and through regular worship and teaching, I started to understand not only who God is, but who I am in relation to Him. I realized that I am a sinner, and that I need a Saviour. What I had first learned as a child, became personal and real.

When I returned to British Columbia, I continued attending church with friends, and for nearly the past ten years, God has been patiently drawing me closer to Him. Through reading and understanding the Bible, I have learned that faith is not just something we believe, but something we live out. It is shown in our choices, our actions, and our willingness to grow.

One of the greatest blessings in my journey has been my church family. My friend Kenzia and her family, in particular, have been a strong and steady pillar of support, encouraging me, praying for me, and walking beside me in faith.

I want to fully commit to a relationship with Jesus. I desire to grow in prayer, to deepen my understanding of God's Word, and to live according to His will. This testimony is my declaration that I believe in Him, and that I am choosing to follow Him as I continue my journey as a Christian.



**February 28, 2026**

**Saturday • 6PM**

Downes Road



## Joab Krahn

**Baptized By: Richard Krahn (Dad)**

I first learned about God when I was super young from my parents. I am super fortunate to have grown up in a Christian household my entire life. Always attending church and kids' camps, youth, etc.. Since middle school I have always gone to a Christian school as well, so learning about the Bible has been a part of my daily life for a long time.

Most of my life I have been lukewarm. Just kind of going with the flow, showing up to church, singing the songs and never really giving it a second thought. Towards the end, and even after high school, I felt like I started to drift away from God, prioritizing myself and the things I wanted, idolizing them over my relationship with Jesus. Around this same time, I had some great teachers at my school that really helped me see that I needed to make my relationship with Jesus my own, and helped put into perspective why I believe what I have said I believed for so many years. This caused me to really reflect on my own life, realizing that I wanted to follow Jesus for the rest of my life.

I've wanted to get baptized for a while now, but I always felt like I had to be 'perfect' or have my life more together, or know everything about the Bible first. Throughout the last couple years, I have come to realize that I am a sinner, and will always be a sinner, and will always fall short of the Glory of God. One of my favorite verses is Proverbs 3:5-6. It reminds me that I can't be in control of everything and I won't be able to do it on my own. I need my Saviour with me every step of the way.

I want to get baptized today to publicly show that I am 100% putting my faith and trust in Jesus Christ. It's an important step in my faith, symbolizing the death of my old self and coming up a brand-new creation.





## Connan Krahn

**Baptized By: Richard Krahn (Dad)**

I was raised in a Christian home so I first learnt about God before I can remember. I went to Christian schools most of my life and have always been in a church. Despite being around Christians and churches my whole life, it took me until the summer of 2024 to surrender my life to Christ and accept I needed a Saviour. Up until that point, I believed that the Bible was true, but I lived like the world, indulging in whatever sinful pleasures I could, until it all failed me and left me broken.

I felt lost and alone and didn't know what to do, and that's when I finally decided to turn to God and open my Bible. I repented from my sin, and Jesus met me where I was with love. He freed me from the sin and addiction that I was living in. Because of not just what He did for me then, but what He did *for* me 2000 years ago, I surrendered my life to Him.

I no longer want to live in sin, and although I'll struggle, I refuse to live the way I used to after the work Christ has done and continues to do in me. My family and fiancé have been wonderful encouragers to me and have been there for me when I needed them most. They continue to push me to strive in my faith.

I want to be baptized to publicly declare my faith and declare that Jesus set me free, and I am going to live my life for Him.





## Tayler Bailey

**Baptized By: Becky Ouellette (Family Friend)**

I first learned about God as a child while attending summer Bible camp and through friends talking about going to church with their families. At the time, I knew of God, but my understanding of Him and the Bible didn't fully take root until my early twenties. During that season, I was living very selfishly and grew to hate who I was becoming. I felt entitled, as though life owed me something, instead of recognizing that life itself is a gift from God. That emptiness sparked a deeper curiosity about God and Christianity, and a desire for something more meaningful.

I realized I was a sinner in need of a Saviour after a dark, isolated, and lonely season of my life, when I felt an overwhelming pull to move back to my hometown. Even though I resisted it, I had a profound sense that there was life there, that home meant safety, love, and restoration. My head was chasing pride, but my heart was yearning for home.

After moving back, I met my partner, and through months of deep, honest conversations about Jesus and learning more about who God truly is, I chose to follow Him. I began attending church regularly, and for the past two years, my faith has continued to grow as I've learned to trust Jesus and accept His grace.

Since professing my faith, my attitudes, behaviours, and love for others have completely shifted, from a transactional mindset to one rooted in service and humility. I am learning to live differently by reading God's word daily, growing in prayer, and being shaped by Christian community.

I want to be baptized as a public declaration of my love for the Lord, to share that commitment with my family and friends, and to hold myself accountable to becoming more like Jesus every single day.





## Ashley Delange

**Baptized By: Sylvia Harder (Community Group Leader)**

I grew up in a Christian home, attending church, school and programs that brought me a belief in God as my Saviour at a young age. Baptized as an infant by believing parents, my faith journey has been filled with God's grace and mercy. I have always felt the presence of God in my life, even though my life did not always reflect a life devoted to Him.

Life struggles along the way drew me to a self-serving way that did not include God. After several years of seeking my own way, even though I always felt the presence of the Lord drawing me back, I felt lost and empty. Returning from university, a friend clearly asked me "What are you doing?" I was a sinner in need of a Saviour - I needed God in my life again and I committed to following His ways.

Pursuing a life that is centered on God and trusting that His ways are better, has not been without its stumbles. However, knowing Christ has died for me and calls me His own gives me the endurance to continue growing and deepening my love and dependance in Him.

I feel God is calling me to be baptized as an adult to publicly declare my dependance on Him. Jesus is my Saviour and even though my journey is not perfect or complete, I am fully loved and belong to Him.





## Ryan Delange

**Baptized By: Andy Harder (Community Group Leader)**

My name is Ryan Delange, and today I am excited to share my testimony.

I grew up knowing and believing in God through my parents, family, church and school community for a lot of my early years. It was not so much about knowing or giving my life to Him, but more about putting my total trust and understanding in Him. In my teen years, I realized that I was not in control. I was born a sinner, and that Jesus came to forgive my sins. This helped me to have a clear understanding of what He has done for me and that I was not the one in control of my life.

Attending church, Christian school camp, Christian university - God was always present monthly, weekly and daily most of my life. I did not have a chance to venture too far from the faith. Although I did have many times when I continued through life as a 'lukewarm Christian' and only turned to God when he was relevant, convenient, or I needed what I thought He could offer to me.

Although I did not always understand or agree with God's plans, looking back, it is amazing to see how He has guided, directed and led through my life even when I was not looking for it. He had a way of shaping my past through His plans for me through the church, friends, family, sports, marriage and business.

I am choosing to be baptized to declare publicly that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour.





## Ellen Moerman

### **Baptized By: Babette Steijn (Daughter)**

The reason I'm sitting here is the Lord's doing. He did not let up on me concerning my baptism. I kept putting it off for quite some time, till today. I surrender to His command and obey His will in this matter.

I grew up in a Christian home where God was revered and where the Bible was read a couple of times per day. All those years of hearing the Word has given me a treasure of knowledge. But it stayed in my head for so many years till God drew me unto Him through Christ. From that time on, He became my personal Saviour. My head knowledge about Christ's sacrifice for my sins, became a 'heart knowing'.

As it is written in Romans 10:9-10, *"That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"*.

To be baptized today is an outward sign of what has happened already in my heart: Christ's death in my place, He rose to life on the third day. To go under water will symbolize 'the washing away' of my sins by Christ's death on the cross. To be lifted from the water, symbolizes me being raised to a new life in Him. My reality right now is - Christ in me, my Hope of glory!

I'm still a work in progress, a daily surrender to my Lord. By God's grace I want to grow in knowledge, in faith and spiritual understanding, serving Him and the people around me in the spot where He has planted me until the day He calls me home.



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## Testimonies

### SUNDAY

#### 9 AM

Faryal Memon  
Jenna Gelineau  
Juniper Heppell  
Micah Warkentin  
Jessica Reimer  
Joel Muller  
Adam Muller

#### 11 AM

Faith Pauls  
Paw K'boh  
Anna Sui  
Rory Edinborough  
Hadassah Lakhesar  
Jeremy Okkema

**March 1, 2026**

**Sunday • 9AM**

Downes Road



## Faryal Memon

**Baptized By: Pastor Kristal Toews**

I turned to Christ when I was 14. I grew up in an Islamic household, and although we weren't strict, I always felt like I was seeking something else. At about seven years old, Christianity passed through my mind but I thought, "Who's gonna believe me because of the colour of my skin?" For many years I wasn't allowed to hang out regularly with friends, so I felt alone & trapped. I wasn't nice and rebelled a lot.

In 8th grade, a friend invited me to a church youth group. Since it was a group setting, I was allowed to go. I started enjoying those nights, and the seed of faith was planted. As I applied what I learned, my family noticed a real change in me and asked, "What are they teaching? You're becoming an amazing person." They were genuinely surprised and so was I.

One day in my room I declared out loud that Jesus is Lord & He died on the cross for my sins & when I said it, a weight lifted off my back and shoulders that I never knew I carried. I told my parents that I wanted to follow Christ, and I am grateful they are accepting even though they follow a different faith.

As the years have passed by I was sometimes lukewarm, which led me to making bad choices. I asked myself, "Why am I giving 95% of my life to Christ but living 5% in sin?" So I said to God, "I'm gonna give you 100% of my life, even if I feel scared and nervous, I trust you with it." The things I thought I couldn't overcome (like sleep paralysis), I overcame through Him. One night I felt like it was going to occur and I prayed and heard a voice saying, "Don't worry, I have it all taken care of." Since then I haven't experienced this again.

I want to be baptized as my public declaration of faith and gratitude for what Christ has done for me.





## Jenna Gelineau

**Baptized By: Denise & Chris Land (Grandparents)**

I have been a Christian for as long as I can remember and was blessed to grow up in a Christian home where I was taught about God's love and truth from a young age. Early in my life, I came to understand that I am a sinner in need of a Saviour, and around the age of seven, I made the personal decision to give my life to Jesus Christ.

Since that time, my faith has continued to grow as I learn daily what it means to follow Him. I am learning to trust the Lord with all my heart, to live in the peace He provides, and to rely on His guidance in every area of my life. Though my journey has not been without challenges, God has been faithful in teaching me, shaping me, and drawing me closer to Him.

I desire to be baptized as an act of obedience to the Lord and as a public declaration of my faith. Baptism represents my commitment to follow Christ, to walk in new life, and to continue growing in my relationship with Him.





## Juniper Heppell

**Baptized By: Jeff Heppell (Dad)**

I heard about God my entire life from my parents, reading the Bible to me and teaching me about Jesus. It wasn't until I was six, that I decided to let Jesus into my heart and follow Him.

One day when we were driving to Osoyoos, I realized I felt empty. I began asking my parents questions about prayer, what the purpose or difference of having Jesus in my heart made, and questions about Heaven. My parents answered all of my questions and helped me realize that Jesus would fill that hole in my heart. I had always thought my parents would guide me through my whole life, but they taught me that I needed Jesus as my Saviour. I need Jesus because even though I try to do what is right, I won't always be able to, and I need Jesus to help me and forgive me.

My parents, family, and Sunday school teachers are all sources that God uses to remind me of how He wants me to live. Even though I have a long way to go, they have helped me to learn to be more patient and loving in lots of circumstances, even when I don't feel like it.

I want to be baptized to publicly declare that I believe in Jesus Christ.





## Micah Warkentin

**Baptized By: James Warkentin (Dad)**

I became a Christian at the age of four. My parents were very supportive and encouraging of me becoming a Christian. I was surrounded by a Christian family, and they have helped me learn about the grace and goodness of God.

I have always known that I am a sinner. I was taught that we sinned and Jesus saved us from our sins. As I have grown up in high school, and thought about what it means to be a Christian, I have started to think more about what Jesus would do, not what I want to do. I have started to make my faith my own and am really interested in talking with other people about questions about faith that I have, or questions they have. This has shown me how God works in different ways through different people.

In my life, God has taught me that He always has a plan. He turns everything bad into some part of His plan. My baby cousin died when I was in grade 7, and our whole family has learned to trust in God more. After it happened, we worshiped and prayed, and trusted in God completely. God showed us that He can turn anything bad, like a death, into a way of glorifying Him. In the end we will see Him and know how He worked through this hard time to glorify Him and make His new creation.

My family has encouraged me so much and has helped me to make my faith my own and to trust in God.

I want to get baptized to show my community that I believe in Jesus Christ, and as a symbol of my faith to the world. He has done so much for me that I must love Him and serve Him with my life.





## Jessica Reimer

**Baptized By: Jeff Reimer (Dad)**

I grew up in a Christian home and accepted Jesus into my heart at a young age. I lived my life following the Lord, but once I finished high school, my life began to shift. I was no longer living for the Lord through my actions, and I felt little desire to attend church on Sundays.

About three years ago, I sensed God guiding me toward a significant change in my life. While I took small steps toward Him, I continued to ignore the bigger calling He was placing on my heart. Over time, my life spiraled further out of control, and I couldn't believe how far from God I had drifted and how deeply my choices had affected who I had become.

Eventually, I reached such a low point that I knew I couldn't continue living my life the way I was. I made the decision God had been leading me toward which completely transformed my life. My hardened heart finally opened fully to God again, and I developed a deep desire for a genuine relationship with Him again. I came to truly understand that I am a sinner who cannot fix myself and am completely in need of a Saviour. Despite everything I had done, God welcomed me back and I felt fully loved and overwhelmed by the grace He so freely showed me.

Since returning to Jesus, I have been learning to live more intentionally and prioritize my relationship with the Lord. God has used the Christian community around me to encourage me, challenge me, and help me grow in my faith immensely.

I want to be baptized because I know it is time. I have been waiting for the right time, but I've realized that there is no perfect moment when I will be this perfect version of myself to be baptized. I need to be obedient to God's call in my life and publicly declare my faith through baptism.





## Joel Muller

**Baptized By: Michael Muller (Dad)**

Christianity has always been a big part of my life. My parents raised my family in a Christian household, attending church on Sundays, and being taught how to live out our faith throughout the week, but it was never a personal relationship. In my head, I knew that God loved me and that He died for my sins, but I didn't really understand the depth of His sacrifice.

When I was 12 years old, I had a talk with my Dad that truly opened my eyes to what Jesus did for me. I started to realize how broken I was, looking back at all the times I had fallen short. Because of my brokenness, I deserve to be separated from Jesus for eternity, but because Jesus conquered sin and the grave, I have a right standing with God.

I knew at that moment that I wanted to fully give my life to the Lord, and grow in my relationship with Him. Because of what Jesus did for me, I now want to live my life serving Him, which is a daily struggle, but also the source of so much peace and joy.

Today, I try to live according to the Bible, even if I stumble and fall sometimes. I am trying to tell others about Jesus and how He changed my life, because I know that He could change theirs as well. I have a group of friends that are continuing to challenge me in my faith, a great community group and parents who continue to push me towards the Lord.

I want to be baptized because it's what Jesus called us to throughout the New Testament. I have been following Jesus for about six years now, and there is no reason to prolong what God has called me to do. I want to publicly profess my faith, and continue to live for Jesus from now until He comes again, and then forever more.





## Adam Muller

**Baptized By: Michael Muller (Dad)**

I realized that I was a sinner and accepted Christ into my life at a young age. It was through my parents that I did this, but I feel like I did not really know Him until much later. As an analytical thinker, I tend to think skeptically about big topics, and as a result, major doubts started to become evident in my Christian life, and I felt distant from the Lord.

My walk with the Lord became dry and this resulted in me being stagnant in my faith. Although I never turned away from the Lord, I gave into temptations and was not really walking in my faith or showing it to others, which is what we are called to do as Christians. In addition, I have always struggled with anxiety and for the longest time, I kept it to myself and never went to the Lord about it. This led me to have panic attacks and lots of stress.

However, over time, things began to change. The Lord started putting new Christian friends in my life, as well as my parents' continual walk alongside me, which really helped grow my faith.

Instead of looking at the ungraspable questions to make or break my faith, I started to be thankful for the small ways the Lord was working through me. Also, I really felt the Lord through some of the interactions that I had with non-believers, which continues to be a focus in how I share my faith. Knowing that the Lord forgives and will never stop loving me is a huge assurance.

I am getting baptized today to profess my faith as that's what the Bible tells us. Also, I want this to be a message to Christians to not wait like I did for so long and to take the leap.



**March 1, 2026**

**Sunday • 11AM**

Downes Road



## Faith Pauls

**Baptized By: Janae Pauls (Sister)**

I first learned about God from my parents. They would read me Bible stories and take me to church. They have always encouraged me to pursue God, and His plan for my life.

I first realized that I was in need of a Saviour at the age of three. My parents had always told me about God, and his never-ending love. I decided that I wanted to have a friend and Father who would always stick by my side and show me what to do.

I am learning to live as a follower of Christ through reading my Bible, praying, talking to others who are Christians, and attending my Christian school, church and youth. I am learning to have more courage to talk about my faith to others, and show God's love through my actions.

I want to be baptized because I want to take the next step in my walk with God. I want to show people that I am His child, and that His blood has made me a new creation.





## Paw K'boh

**Baptized By: Adriana Bryce (Community Group Leader)**

I first learned about God through my family while growing up in a refugee camp in Thailand, where I was born. My family taught me about God's love, the importance of prayer, and trusting Him during difficult times. From a young age, I was introduced to who God is and heard about His love, which gave me comfort and hope as I faced many challenges. As I grew older, I continued learning about God through church, mentors, and the Christian community around me, which helped guide me as I searched for meaning and healing.

During high school, I realized that I was a sinner in need of a Saviour. I was carrying deep pain from my past. My family had fled Myanmar due to war, and I spent the first ten years of my life in a refugee camp. During that time, I experienced the loss of three older siblings, which brought overwhelming grief and sadness. I later went through a season of depression and felt broken and lost. I came to understand that I could not heal or carry these burdens on my own.

God brought a mentor into my life who showed me His love through patience, encouragement, and guidance. Through their support, I learned that Jesus died on the cross to forgive my sins and offer grace, healing, and new life. As I learned more about Jesus and experienced His love, my heart began to heal, and I found hope and peace even in the midst of grief.

I want to be baptized because I have seen God's goodness throughout my life. He brought my family out of the refugee camp and gave us new life. Baptism is my public declaration that I belong to Jesus and my commitment to follow Him and trust Him through every season of life.





## Anna Sui

### **Baptized By: Pastor Analea Friesen**

Hello everyone, my name is Anna. Today, it is a very meaningful moment for me to stand here and be baptized. Before I knew Jesus, my life was filled with pressure and uncertainty. After moving to Canada, I faced challenges with language, family, my child's education, and an uncertain future. Most of the time, I tried to handle everything on my own, and inside I felt anxious and helpless.

Later, I started attending church. Here, I experienced acceptance, understanding, and care for the first time. I slowly realized that I don't have to carry everything alone, because there is a God who loves me.

Through learning about the Bible, I began to understand that my deepest problem was not just my circumstances, but that sin separates me from God. I learned that Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose again, so that I could be forgiven and brought back into a relationship with God.

As I began to pray and placed my burdens in God's hands, my heart gradually found peace. My problems did not disappear immediately, but I was no longer as afraid. I learned to rely on God and to face life's challenges with more love and patience. Because of Jesus, I now have the hope of a new life and the promise of eternal life with God.

Today, I choose to be baptized because I truly believe that Jesus Christ is my Saviour. I want to publicly declare my faith and commit to following Him and living a new life. Thank you to the church, the pastors, and everyone here for your love and support. All glory belongs to God. Thank you.





## Rory Edinborough

**Baptized By: Tyrel Edinborough (Dad)**

I was born into a Christian home and have attended church for as long as I can remember. When I was eight years old, my Grammie passed away. She played a huge role in my faith and in my trust in God. Instead of falling away from Him, or feeling angry after her passing, I actually felt closer to God, knowing that she believed in Him and that one day I would see her again in Heaven.

After finishing grade six at MEI Middle School, I attended Rockridge Canyon Camp through Young Life. During that week, a guest speaker shared about who God is, who we are without Christ, and our need for Him. As I listened, I began to reflect on my own life and realized that I needed Jesus in my heart.

One moment from that week especially stood out. I am very afraid of deep, dark water, and one of the activities was boating on the lake. I decided to try body boarding, even though I was scared. I loved it - until I had to let go of the rope and was left alone in the water. As I waited for the boat to return, I started to panic.

In that moment, I remembered Isaiah 41:10: *“God will hold you up with His victorious right hand.”* I kept repeating it, and I could feel my fear leaving. From that moment on, I knew I needed God in my life.

At the start of grade six, I never would have thought I would get baptized. I believed it required being perfect, which I knew I wasn't. But over time I learned that baptism isn't about perfection - it's about taking a step of faith. And this is the step I know I need to take.





## Hadassah Lakhesar

**Baptized By: Karter Lakhesar (Dad)**

Growing up in a loving Christian family, I first learned about God through my parents when I was two years old. At the age of three I came to an understanding that Jesus had died for me and I needed a Saviour. I remember asking my parents to help me repent and ask Jesus into my heart.

Since then, my friends and family have been helping me persevere through bullying, math and science tests, and other hardships. I have tried to tell some people from our family about God because they do not know Him. It can be very difficult, especially when they believe in something else.

My favourite verse is Psalm 139:14 which says "*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*" I like this verse because it reminds me that God made me unique in His own way.

A few months ago, my family and I were watching baptisms at church. After church I felt the Holy Spirit tugging at my heart to get baptized. At first I ignored it because I was too shy and scared to listen to what the Holy Spirit said, but once my fears were gone I knew I could not wait any longer.

I want to get baptized because I want to publicly declare that Jesus is mine and I am ready for what He has called me to do.





## Jeremy Okkema

**Baptized By: Ron Okkema (Dad)**

I was raised by loving Christian parents who taught me the good news - we are born sinners in need of a Saviour. God sent His only Son to live a perfect life, die on the cross for our sins, rise from the grave, and grant eternal life to those who believe in Him. But it wasn't until a couple of years ago that I truly grasped the beauty of this truth.

I realized my deep need for Jesus after it seemed my girlfriend and I were on different paths. After bringing this feeling to my Dad, he prayed for me and encouraged me to pray so for the first time in nine years, I prayed. The answer was clear - we needed to part ways. It was at this time I shared my experience with prayer, and encouraged her to seek Christ as well.

After time apart, thinking we'd never reunite and much needed correction from the Lord, I prayed again, fully surrendering the timing to God. The very next day she reached out. Today, I'm blessed to call her my wife, and seeing how He works in our marriage, being our cornerstone, makes Him more real to me every day.

I'm grateful for the support of my beautiful wife, friends, and my parents on this journey with Christ. My parents encourage me in prayer and help me grow as I learn to read and understand the Bible. The conviction the Lord fills me with when I sin, corrects me and leads me to repentance. I know this to be the process of growing with the Lord.

This new way of life is why I'm getting baptized today. I'm ready to publicly declare my faith and commit my life to Him. I know I'll never be 'perfect' enough to deserve His grace, that's impossible, but through the life, death, and resurrection of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we're given eternal life



# MISSION

## Testimonies

### SUNDAY

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**March 1, 2026**

**Sunday • 9AM**

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# Kaitlyn Bedry

**Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg**

Before giving my life to Christ, I was navigating life on my own. I often felt anxious, overwhelmed, and unsure of my direction or purpose. I tried my best to keep everything in order, but I always felt like something was missing.

I don't have a single dramatic moment that changed everything. There was a series of small, subtle things over time, gently nudging me back toward faith. I frequently drove past a church sign that had new messages written each week. I started noticing the messages and soon began actively checking them each time I drove by.

Since beginning to follow God more intentionally, I've experienced peace I didn't have before. I don't feel like I have to carry everything on my own. Life will always have challenges and unexpected obstacles, but I know God is with me. I'm learning to slow down, seek guidance through prayer, and approach life with more patience and gratitude.

This journey reflects Proverbs 3:5–6, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”*





## Christy Bedry

**Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg**

For much of my life faith was present but quiet. I believed in God, but my relationship with Him felt distant rather than something I leaned on daily. That began to change when my Mom became seriously ill. Watching her suffer was heartbreaking and frightening and I felt helpless.

In that place of uncertainty, I turned to prayer. I began asking God for guidance, for answers and strength, not just for my Mom but for myself as well. In those moments of prayer I didn't get any clear answers or sudden explanations but I did experience something just as powerful - peace and comfort, and a reassurance that I was not alone. God gently reminded me that He was present, listening and holding us through it all.

Through that time in my life I came to know God, not just as someone I believed in but as someone I walked with. Someone who brings peace in the middle of fear, comfort in moments of pain and strength when I am weak. I have given my life to Jesus,

I want to get baptized because Jesus has forgiven me of my sin and offered me a new life. I want Him to lead me all the days of my life.





## Lily Hall

### **Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg & Mikayla Pelletier (Youth Leader)**

I grew up in a Christian family. We prayed to God before every meal and before we went to bed. We've done this for as long as I can remember. It became such a routine that I forgot why we did it. During prayer, I thanked God for all that He has done for me, but I never really grasped that He did it for me. That knowledge never really affected me. I only started realizing that I could request things in prayer and that He would answer.

I realized that I was a sinner in need of saving about a year after Covid. Covid was a rough year for everyone, and I started to wonder, "Why are things so bad?" I needed someone to make things right and to help me in the world we live in. I needed someone to listen to me, and I could ask for help at any time of the day. No mortal being can do that. But God can. He never shut me out. He will never ignore me. He will listen, no matter what. I am learning to live differently. I'm trying to read the Bible more, I've been praying more, and I trust in Him. I thank my family for supporting me throughout my life, no matter what. But the most important thing to know is I could never be who I am now without God.

I want to be baptized because God has done a lot in my life, and I want to do what He wants me to do to glorify Him. He's been shaping me into what He wants me to be my entire life, but only now am I accepting it, acknowledging it, and recognizing it. God loves us, God cares for us, and God will always be the best thing ever.



**March 1, 2026**

**Sunday • 11AM**

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# Heyley Lobos

**Baptized By: Liwayway Villegas (Mom)**

I was lost before I gave my life to Christ. I didn't know who I was or what my purpose was. I was looking for short-term satisfaction in the world around me. I was resistant to church and the gospel of Jesus because I only saw the hypocrisy of people who learned something on Sunday, but lived very different lives the rest of the week. I am a very 'see-it-to-believe-it' person, and I couldn't see it growing up.

I was at a stalemate with school and employment. I was mostly just distraught, thinking I had nothing to do but wait. My mom was always faithfully teaching me about Jesus when we had a moment. Not too long ago, suddenly all of the messages she had been telling me clicked. My mom was the one who brought me back to God. My family also had moved and we began attending here at Northview, where I saw people take the teachings of Jesus seriously.

By putting my faith in Jesus, God has brought new life into my everyday life. I know that God has everything planned out, He loves me, and there is a purpose for me. He carries my burdens and has helped free me from anxiety that used to weigh me down. I don't have to carry the weight of my own anxieties because I have Jesus there to help me carry it.





## Tao Nokes

**Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg &  
Leigha McVety (Youth Leader)**

I did not grow up in a Christian household and learned about Jesus at Timberline Ranch when I attended as a camper at age six. Each summer, I felt that God was calling me back and I wanted to learn more about Him. In the summer of grade seven, my camp counsellor, Skylark, prayed with me, and I saw Jesus standing before me, His hand outstretched as if welcoming me to something better. After that, I decided I wanted to give my life to Christ.

Initially, I tried to attend church, but found it difficult to connect with one, and my relationship with Jesus began to dwindle. It wasn't until a friend invited me to a Northview Christmas Eve service that I began to attend every Sunday. Even when my family went to our holiday trailer park in the spring and summer, God provided a local church that helped me grow in my relationship with Jesus. This past summer, I volunteered at Timberline Ranch and realized I no longer wanted to be a lukewarm Christian.

This past September was my first year of high school. I was back at Northview, and my friend said I should go to youth at the church. I was very excited and had a blast the first time. I have made many friendships and great memories at youth. I slowly connected with more people in the church, which helped my relationship with Christ grow.

God was really working through my life and showed me His glory. I started taking reading the Bible more seriously and asking Him for help. My relationship with Him has never been stronger. I have connected deeply with Christ and His love for me. I would never have imagined myself here, where I am, without Christ. He loves me, no matter what, and He forgives me for all my sins. I don't know anyone else in the world who would do that for me. I know I can count on Him for anything. I want to be baptized to show what Jesus has done for me, and I want to follow Him for the rest of my days.





## Rachelle Collins

**Baptized By: Natasha Munn (Bible Study Table Leader)**

At the age of three, sitting on the stairs in the kitchen with my mother's guidance, I asked Jesus into my heart and felt the Holy Spirit for the first time. But as I entered adolescence, I questioned God's Word. The biggest stumbling block on my spiritual walk was the question: "Why was it wrong and sinful for me to love who I love when it felt natural?"

When I went to YWAM it had been years since I felt God's presence and felt unheard in my prayers. That changed when another attender sat down beside me. She looked straight into my eyes and said, "God sees you." Then she got up and left. It was the very prayer I asked God for that morning. The Holy Spirit flooded over me again, and I rediscovered the heavenly joy I thought was lost.

After I got back from YWAM, I chased that feeling of love and joy into a romantic relationship that was not God-honoring. At this time, I got very sick and was diagnosed with a life-changing disease. All my independence, my control, and my health were stripped away.

For five years, I was in constant pain and a frequent visitor to the hospital. I see now how God was using that to teach me to surrender and trust in Him and His perfect timing. God placed a heavy conviction on my heart about my relationship, and after 6 years, it completely unraveled and was over.

In the midst of my heartbreak, God finally answered the question I had prayed for. I still struggle, but I've chosen to trust God and put my allegiance in Him above all else. I have surrendered all of me to the cross of Christ, to claim the title of born-again, follower of Jesus. Jesus endured the cross for our salvation and for that, I am forever grateful! Jesus leads by example, and that's why I want to be baptized and take up my own cross. He died for me, so now I will live for Him.





## Isabell Gerbrand

**Baptized By: Al & Julie Gerbrand (Parents)**

I grew up in a Christian home and went to church my whole life. My parents and family taught me about the Gospel. I went to youth group and often went to summer camp, where I learned more about God. This is where I remember, around ten years old, praying with my camp counsellor and accepting God into my life. I realized I was a sinner in need of a Saviour and I wanted to allow Jesus to be the Lord of my life.

I continued to know Jesus, go to church and grow my faith, but faced struggles along the way. In middle school, my Dad was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and went through a few years of treatment before he was cancer-free and in remission. My parents' strong faith and encouragement were such a great example, and my Dad's journey was a true testament of God's love and faithfulness.

Going to public school, I did not have many Christian friends, so I struggled to find a community that encouraged me in my faith. I often dealt with anxiety, comparison, and sought worth and identity in things that would not last. I still attended church and prayed, but I would often worry and rarely turn to God with my anxieties. The pandemic brought even more isolation. I struggled to give God full control and to trust Him.

I was blessed with the opportunity of a scholarship to play lacrosse at a Christian University in Indiana. This was a scary jump, but God brought so many amazing friends and relationships into my life. I found a Christian community that encouraged me and walked with me in my faith. The independence helped me make my relationship with God my own and know Him personally. Now, I run to God and give all my worries and anxieties to Him. I want to find identity in Him alone.

I want to be baptized to fully accept Jesus into my life and to publicly declare that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour.





## Steven Bowering

**Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg &  
Tom Andres (Senior Youth Coordinator)**

Growing up, I wasn't a follower of God or Jesus, as my family wasn't Christian and never went to church. In 2022, my mom passed away, and I was angry and confused about why she'd be taken away from me when I was so young. It made no sense to me, and I had a great reason not to make the effort to know God at all.

When I first started high school, I was angry and didn't talk to people besides my football team. I would go home and struggle with my mental health and lustful thoughts almost every day. Then, in May of 2025 Jesus reached out His hand in the form of my best friend Jayden. He invited me to church one Sunday, and I said yes, which was one of the best decisions of my life.

After that, I continued to go to church and to events like Amen Worship and youth groups, and even to a conference to learn more about the Lord. Since the first day I went, God has made changes in my life. I'm not angry at others or myself. I've stopped holding hate in my heart, and those lustful thoughts aren't there anymore. God has also brought new friends into my life who have uplifted me and encouraged me to keep going and get baptized. I couldn't thank them and God enough. Every day, there's a new step God gets me to take and learn, and shows me new things to help me follow Him.

Because Jesus has saved me, I have submitted to Him in obedience as my Lord, and I am publicly confessing this truth through being baptized.





## Emory Klassen

**Baptized By: Josh Brown (Friend)**

I grew up in a Christian home for all of my life. I have known who Jesus was but I never really took it that seriously. I went to a public elementary school. I prayed before dinner and bed, we usually went to church but we weren't super involved. Jesus was more of a side quest than someone I was living for.

In grade six, I attended the Northview middle school youth group for the first time. I had a lot of fun and continued to go. I made friends who helped me and are continuing to help me on my faith journey. Last summer I volunteered at Camp Luther as a Junior Leader. At one point during the week, I had a 'one on one' time with my cabin's Senior Leader. He shared with me about his testimony and he shared with me this verse from 1 Peter 1:8, *"Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy."* In the moment on that picnic bench, I felt that joy. I was overwhelmed by the weight of this sensation. That's when I knew I had to be baptized. I wanted to follow the Lord all the days of my life.

Since I volunteered at Camp Luther, I have continued to attend youth and church at Northview. Over the last few months, the Lord has been leading me towards baptism and I'm excited to take this next step.





## Aliya Kruger

**Baptized By: Tom Andres (Senior Youth Coordinator) & Leigha McVety (Youth Leader)**

Before I fully gave my life to Christ, I was someone who viewed Christianity as some type of chore. Whenever I read my Bible, which was very rarely, it felt forced. I also used God's Word and love as an excuse not to put effort into knowing Him. When I did pray, it was only when I was upset or scared. I did not like going to youth group because of how much people talked about the Lord. When I got a little older, I started to focus more on things like boys, having expensive things, and popularity.

One of the first things God did to help me start following Him, was bring me some pretty awesome friends. I met Chantelle, Lily and Gracen in the summer, all at camp when we were leaders. Then I started going to youth group again and I got closer with Leigha, Nevaeh and Tom. These people really helped me in my walk with God and are people that I look up to.

One thing God did that brought me closer to Him was that He gave me a whole new perspective on the things I felt about Christianity. Instead of reading my Bible more, I stopped seeing it as a chore, and more of a gift. I became glad that I got to learn about God, both through His Word and love. And now when I pray, it isn't only in a time of need, it's also in times of praise.

One of the first things I was told when I became a Christian was 'It's not going to be easy,' and it's not, but God is with me. For the past couple of months, I've felt such a strong desire to be baptized, and I really didn't want to wait. I thought I was being impatient, but Leigha assured me that it was a good thing. My favourite verse that goes with this is Acts 22:16, which says, *"What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized, have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord."*

Today I would like to be faithful to Jesus and stop waiting. Jesus has washed me of my sins and I want to follow him the rest of my life.









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