

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY:

*... **Laura, Sheldon, Ivy & Kale Dyck**

*... Health, healing, comfort: **Brenda Neufeld** (Jake & Anne's DIL)
Thankful for all aspects of health care this community provides.

Wider Church....

... **Camp with Meaning Summer Leadership Teams 2020:**

Koinonia - SPDs – **Bri Hildebrand** (Crystal City) & **Sol Schlegel** (Morden)
Bible – **Johanna Klassen** (First) Integration – **Mackenzie Nicolle** (Home St)

... **Crystal City M C & Trinity M F (Mather)** are merging as one congregation beginning May 3rd, 2020. Change brings optimism and trepidation. May the Spirit shower this union with blessings.

World ... Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, Witness workers in Chuncheon, S Korea: "In the last four to five days there was a public announcement that most public systems will be closed for one or two weeks. Including kindergarten, public libraries, public schools, universities and religious institutions. We have cancelled or postponed all our meetings, including Mennonite Seoul (our church group)."
"The coronavirus is overwhelming many people and many of us stay at home. I am no exception. The situation outside the house is difficult; the number of infected people is rapidly rising. But I don't want to spend time in vain, so I am finishing the final proofread of two forthcoming books that I am translating into Korean: John Roth's Stories and Waldemar Janzen's Work and Rest." Please pray for public health authorities in South Korea as they deal with the spread of the virus. Pray that Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung will be a presence of peace to their community.

... Acknowledging our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations, on Treaty lands, covenanted between Indigenous and settler peoples in 1871 is vital to our understanding. These host nations have shown us much grace.

WMC's Identity Statement:

'With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginnings, we work to reach out with our hands to welcome and lift up all who come here. We encourage one another with the heart of Christ to learn and to grow in spiritual maturity **and to take amazing risks for God.**'

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Whitewater Mennonite Church



Worship Leader:	Lisa Heide
Message:	P Wes Goertzen
Music:	Sheldon Dyck
Children's Feature:	Lisa Heide

March 8th, 2020 @ 10:45 a.m.

John 3:1-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
Supporting Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4, 5-6; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Thoughts & Notes:

Boissevain Youth: Stuart Burnett 557-7486 stuart_burnett@live.com
 Bible Studies resume January 7, 2020: Tuesdays: Jr - 3:30-5pm, Sr - 7-9pm
 March 13 - Jr & Sr ~ Dodgeball Tourney
 Snacks gratefully accepted and appreciated. Contact Stuart

*"Grayed-down discipleship is an easier sell, but it created pretend Christians, obsessing over Scriptures we like while conspicuously ignoring the rest."
 — Jen Hatmaker, 7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess*



In our Bible reading, we're beginning three new books this week: Leviticus, Psalm book II (psalms 42-72) and Luke. Leviticus can be tough sledding, if so, try watching Bible Project's Leviticus videos (either one) on Youtube...if you don't know that that is, come by the office and I'll watch it with you. Drawing out an outline of the book may help you understand what's going on big picture so you don't get stuck in minutiae. Book II of Psalms presents us with the paradoxical praise and prayer for Israel's king(s) and the reality that the righteous remain poor and needy. Luke's gospel telling focuses on this worldly salvation that Jesus the Messiah brings to the whole world. Luke, traditionally thought to be a gentile physician, brings outsiders into the center with Jesus.

Monday, 9th readings: Ex 35-36, Ps 43, Mk 15



TODAY	~	2nd Lent!	<i>see Pastor's corner</i>
Mar 9 - 12	~	Boissevain Festival Piano Sessions @ WMC	
12	~	Boissevain Festival Multigenerational Piano Fun Night 7 pm	
15	~	Luanne Dueck-Plett , Mental Health presentation 11:10	#a
	~	Shared Lunch and Congregation Meeting	
21	~	'Finding Success Workshop', Family Worship Ctr	B Board
22	~	Boissevain Festival Awards Concert 3pm	
25	~	Annual WMC Mission Sale	#d

Activities & Interests ...

WMC:

- March 15th: we are pleased to welcome Community Mental Health Worker **Luanne Dueck Plett**. She will be presenting on Mental Health (11:10-11:55) following an abbreviated worship service (10:45-11:05).
- Wanted:** Worship leaders for March 22, 29 & April 12(Easter) contact Lisa Heide
- WMC needs a **Logo** to tag along with the new web page in the making. An opportunity for anyone with inspired talent to create a visual representing WMC (*past, present and future*). Deadline for submissions – March 31, 2020 Herm
- Annual Mission Auction Sale: Wednesday, March 25th, @ 6:00 pm.**
 All items, offers of help, and prayers gratefully accepted. Items may be brought to the Church Sunday the 22nd of March. Contact **Andy Neufeld** Thanks
 - Looking for containers for *Grüben* (crackles) and lard. Drop off at Admin Office

Community....

Given the rapid international reach of the corona virus, immediate precautions include frequent handwashing, avoiding handshakes, and diligent cleaning of public areas.