

## ***PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION***

### **WMC FAMILY:**

\*... *Lena Franz*

\*... Health, healing, comfort: *Skylar & Marg Kroeker;*

\*... Thankful for all aspects of health care this community provides and the response to the Covid crisis has truly been a gift to us all.

### **Wider Church....**

... **Camps with Meaning staff** - full-time, and young leadership staff have been holding on through daily changes in possibilities. It has been a stressful season. Check out their camp training video at [www.campswithmeaning.com](http://www.campswithmeaning.com)

... **AIMM** supports churches in DR Congo as they educate on COVID-19, ensuring that all congregations have access to good public health information is crucial to the life of the church.

... **MCC** will be hosting a virtual meeting on their work with our Indigenous neighbors in Canada. Meeting will be held on August 11, more details to follow.

... **MCC** Podcast: Relief Development and Podcast. Now streaming wherever you get your podcasts.

### **World**

... Pray for **Dann and Joji Pantoja**, Witness workers in the Philippines that they will be wise and make good decisions in the complex economic and political situation where they work. Pray for peace, joy and safety as they relate to many different groups and people

... We acknowledge our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations, on Treaty lands, covenanted between Indigenous and settler peoples in 1871.

**Stewardship:** E-transfer [wmcstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:wmcstewardship@gmail.com) Thank you for your gifts!

### **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: Don Engbrecht

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes

***July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

## Romans 8: 18 - 25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## Romans 8:12-25

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MISDEEDS  
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LIBERATED  
ABBA  
PRESENT  
PATIENTLY  
GROANING  
FREEDOM  
HOPE  
DIE  
BONDAGE  
SLAVE  
NATURE  
SINFUL  
DECAY  
TESTIFIES  
CHOICE  
SPIRIT  
PAINS  
LIVE

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1315901/>

**Bible Readings for July 27: 1 Chronicles 25-26, Proverbs 30, 1 Thessalonians 1**

Bible Project Video: Ecclesiastes, 1 Thessalonians  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeUiuSK81-0>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=No7Nq6IX23c>



### On cultural liturgies (idolatry):

“This temple--like countless others now emerging around the world--offers a rich, embodied visual mode of evangelism that *attracts* us. This is a gospel whose power is *beauty*, which speaks to our deepest desires. It compels us to come, not through dire moralisms, but rather with a winsome invitation to share in this envisioned good life.”

James K.A. Smith, *You Are What You Love*, 43.

What “temple” is Smith describing? (Hint: It's not a church, and it's *slightly* dated.)



- ✚ 26 July – Regular Worship
- ✚ 2 August – Simple Service
- ✚ 6 August – Bible Study at 7 pm - Here

### Activities & Interests:

#### SAVE THE DATE: Table Talk: Does the Church have Legs? Mennonite Church Canada Study Conference, October 24, 2020

Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for “Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?”, a virtual study conference on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship.

#### MCC : - To donate to MCC through the Goertzen’s ride to support them:

Fundraising has been extended until end of August

<https://donate.mcccanada.ca/registry/go-go-goertzen-go-100>

Gather the family and check out the first video in our **Faith@Home** series <http://www.bmcfathformation.com/faithhome.html> as Jesus invites us to follow him beyond our fears.

#### CommonWord launches new website [www.commonword.ca](http://www.commonword.ca)

“Our goal is to make Anabaptist and related resources to be easily found.”

MDS: ‘*On the Level*’ newsletter available @ <https://conta.cc/2AN0JKC>

MCC Webinar for Food Relief and Covid -19 @ <https://youtu.be/-ol3vB5lQhQ>

The glory of God is a human fully alive.  
**Irenaus, Against Heresies 4.20.7**

**Given the ability of the corona virus to rapidly spread and infect, precautions include frequent handwashing, avoiding handshakes and the touching of one’s face, and diligent cleaning of public areas.**