

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: Sheldon, Laura, Ivy and Kale Dyck

*... Health, healing, comfort:

Anne & Jake Neufeld, Matt Heide, George Heide, Matt (Reimer nephew), Rudy Engbrecht, Tinie Sawatzky

***...Staff and Students at Boissevain School affected by Covid-19**

***...Staff and residents at Evergreen Care Home and Boissevain Health Centre affected by Covid-19**

Wider Church....

...Palestine-Israel Network urges advocacy against destruction of Palestinian homes. Church leaders in the Holy Land urge the global church to advocate against the demolition of Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem to expand Israeli settlements--moves that contravene international law and human rights. Go to the links at the [Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network](#) (PIN) web page for information on a letter-writing campaign asking Ottawa to speak out against this injustice.

World ...

... We acknowledge our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations. We recognize that we are guests on this land and will be mindful of our impact as we critically look at colonial histories and present-day implications. We acknowledge this as a first step in fulfilling our responsibility and commitment to truth and reconciliation.

Stewardship: E-transfer 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.**'

How have we lived into this statement? How has God been shaping our understanding? Who are we? And, who are we called to be?

Whitewater Mennonite Church



April 18th, 2021

Worship Leader: Clarice Martens

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Children's Story: Marg Kroker

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Luke 24: 36b-48

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **37** They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. **38** He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? **39** Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." **40** And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. **41** While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." **45** Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, **46** and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things.

Acts 3:12-19

12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? **13** The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. **14** But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, **15** and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. **16** And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17 "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. **18** In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. **19** Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out

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The re-opening of **Sunday School** (it is coming back!) is **postponed** while the virus is active in the community. The **community youth programs have moved back online** while school is online.

In order to better serve his family, Pastor Wes will *not* have office hours on Wednesdays as long as Covid-19 is affecting school and childcare. He can still be reached Wednesdays on his cellphone. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings are the best time to drop in at church to see him. Other times for an office visit can certainly be scheduled.

To provide a meals for Matt Heide and family post-surgery. Contact Chris N @ 534-6755 to sign up.

Camp Koinonia's week of day camp runs July 19th-23rd. Let us [plan to staff](#) that week as a church. Are you game? www.campswithmeaning.org

As of April 17th, **people aged 56+ and First Nations aged 36+ are eligible for the vaccine.** The vaccine call centre phone number is 1-844-626-8222. Daily hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please get yourselves vaccinated!

MCC Manitoba Event Dates. Mark your calendars for the following events. Please note that event details are subject to change depending on COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the event. Email Events@mccmb.ca to be added to our event mailing lists to stay up to date or visit mccmb.ca/Events.

[GO! 100](#) - July and August - Stay tuned for updates

[Cycle Clear Lake](#) - July 2 - Stay tuned for updates.

[Golf Tournament](#) - Sept 9

[Brandon MCC Relief Sale](#) - Sept 25

Please use this ZOOM link for April 18th service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86845404173>

ZOOM Call in: 1 204 272 7920 Canada

Meeting ID: 868 4540 4173