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

#### WMC FAMILY: Matt, Heather, Natasha and Andrew Heide

\*... Health, healing, comfort:

Anne & Jake Neufeld, Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Marg Kroeker and Amy, Caitlyn and Carvette, Matt Heide and family, Tinie Sawatzky

#### Wider Church....

...**MCI** - please pray for rest and rejuvenation for staff and students as they enjoy the summer break! Also for wisdom for the school administration as they plan and prepare for the upcoming year.

...Pray for families, communities and survivors of Residential Schools as more unmarked graves of children are found across Canada.

...Associate Pastor at Grace Mennonite in Steinbach, *Kyle Penner* has stepped up to become a public spokesperson for encouraging vaccine uptake. This has made him the target of a lot of hateful communication. Pray for Kyle and his family.

#### 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!

### <u>WMC's Identity Statement:</u>

'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**



## July 11th, 2021

Music: Heather Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
 To the saints who are in **Ephesus** and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ[.]

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
4 just as he chose us in Christ1 before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved[.]

7 In him we have redemption through his blood,

the forgiveness of our trespasses,

according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time,

to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth[.] 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,1

> having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we.

who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory[.]

13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation,

and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this1 is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory[.]

#### <u>Please use this ZOOM link for July 4th service</u>

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87012508328 ZOOM Call in: 1 204 272 7920 Canada New Meeting ID: 870 1250 8328

Whitewater Church Website: https://whitewatermc.ca/

**Vax-a-thon** - Manitoba is offering walk-in appointments for Covid 19 Vaccines (1st or 2nd dose available) July 14 at all Supersites, including the Brandon site. For love, please get yourselves vaccinated against Covid-19! Every Manitoban 12 years+ is eligible. For more info visit <u>https://www.manitobavaccine.ca/</u>

While Covid-19 is affecting childcare Pastor Wes' weekly office hours are on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Considering a change for the upcoming school year? **MCI is accepting students for 2021–22.** Book an in-person tour today by calling 204-327-5891 or emailing info@mciblues.net.

Want to golf? YFC Brandon invites you to join their 4th Annual Golf Tournament on July 14 (Oak Island Resort) and/or September 12 (Carman Golf Club) Want to support a golfer? Make a pledge and help Evan Kary, or another YFC staff member, meet their fundraising goal. Visit <u>www.yfc.ca/westman/golf/marathon</u> to register or make a pledge.

**Boissevain Resettlement Committee** has received approval for 2 families for 2021 (in addition to 2 approved for 2019/2020). To help financially, please contact Herman Dyck or email <u>boissevainresettlement@gmail.com</u>

#### WMC is offering a bursary to children wanting to attend Camp Koinonia this

**summer**. To apply, please leave a note in Andy's Church mailbox describing why you (the camper) are looking forward to camp this summer (hand drawn pictures are also appreciated)

Join the Be it Resolved Challenge - a nationwide initiative encouraging Mennonite Church Canada members and congregations to create and commit to new resolutions for Indigenous justice. <u>Learn more here</u> (<u>www.mennonitechurch.ca</u> - News & Events)

To learn more about residential schools and how we can begin to move forward in peace visit <u>TRC's Calls to Action</u>

MCC's virtual challenge is back! Click here to get started or visit mccmb.ca/go-100.

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