

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

### **WMC FAMILY:**

\*... Health, healing, comfort: **Joanne, Johnny, Ally and Joel Neufeld**

**Anne & Jake Neufeld, Don and Chris Neufeld and family,  
Matt Heide and family, Gary and Terry Coaster**

...Condolences to Connie Dyck and family on the passing of her brother, Bob.

...Condolences to the family of Lory Neufeld (nephew of Jake and Anne)

### **World ...**

... The people of Haiti need our help and prayers. On Saturday, August 14th, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the country, killing at least 1,300 people and injuring thousands more. Early reports show that many of those who survived lost their homes. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements.

... 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.

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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**



**August 29th, 2021**

***Simple Service***

Music: Heather Heide

Children's Craft: Jessie Tiessen

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Ephesians 5:15-20 NRSV

15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Discussion Questions

What does wisdom look like, sound like? How do we get there?

What does it mean “to make the most of the time”?

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“So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”  
Give an example of when you (or we) came to a new or deeper understanding of the Lord’s will. How did you get there?

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In this passage what is prohibited? And what is commanded?  
How do we positively fulfill what is admonished and not just abstain from what is prohibited?

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

The Fall editions of “Rejoice” and “Daily Bread” are now available in the office.

**September 9** – 18th Annual MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament – Register [here](#) or at [mccmb.ca/golf](http://mccmb.ca/golf).

**September 12** – Regular services and Sunday school resume. Sunday school will begin at 9:45am, followed by the worship service at 10:45am.

**September 12** – Andrew Dyck speaking, Professor of Practical Theology at CMU

**September 12** – YFC 4th Annual Golf Tournament. Visit [www.yfc.ca/westman/golf/marathon](http://www.yfc.ca/westman/golf/marathon) to register or make a pledge.

**September 26** – Congregational Meeting

**Michael Pahls, Executive Minister MCM, will be speaking at Whitewater on Oct.17.** He and his wife are in need of a place to stay Oct.16-17 – if you are available to host, please contact Lorraine Reimer.

**Love your neighbours: Share vaccines** Mennonite World Conference is calling on its members around the world to love their neighbour by donating to UNICEF’s campaign to share coronavirus vaccinations around the world. <https://mwc-cmm.org/stories/love-neighbours-share-vaccines>

**Raffle Tickets for Prairie Partners Inc. fundraiser are available in the office.** Donate and enter to win an Elkhorn Resort Gift package!

*Westview Lodge is currently seeking individuals or small groups that may be interested in providing outdoor musical entertainment for their residents. If you are interested, please contact the Activities department at Westview.*

If your child would like their summer crafts displayed please leave them in Lorraine Reimer’s mailbox.

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