### PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

#### WMC FAMILY:

\*... Health, healing, comfort: Don and Chris Neufeld

## Anne & Jake Neufeld, Matt Heide and family, Trish Wiens

- ...Condolences to Connie Dyck and family on the passing of her brother, Bob.
- ...Congratulations to Dion Tiessen and Micheline LeHegit on their marriage (wedding on September 11th)
- ...Students and school staff as they begin a new school year on Wednesday, Sept.8

#### World ...

...Bethlehem Bible College asks us to pray for their new academic year as they prepare for classes and enroll students this summer. Located near the checkpoint and two refugee camps, they are often subjected to tear gas, shootings and turmoil in the street. They are also dealing with rising COVID-19 cases, a slow vaccine roll out and less than 15 percent of the population vaccinated

**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?

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.

# **Whitewater Mennonite Church**



## September 5th, 2021

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Worship Leader: Andy Neufeld

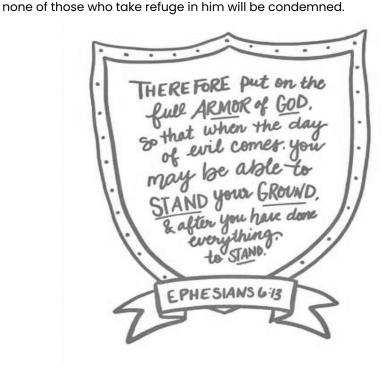
Children's Craft: Lisa Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

#### Psalm 34:15-22

15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.
18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.
20 He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.
21 Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;



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Announcements and Upcoming Events

**September 9** - 18th Annual MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament - Register <u>here</u> or at <u>mccmb.ca/golf</u>.

**September 12 -** Regular services and Sunday school resume. Sunday school will begin at 9:45am, followed by the worship service at 10:45am. Andrew Dyck, Professor of Practical Theology at CMU, will be sharing with us.

September 12 - YFC 4th Annual Golf Tournament. Visit

www.yfc.ca/westman/golf/marathon to register or make a pledge.

September 14 - WMC leading devotionals at Westview and Evergreen

September 23 - MCC Manitoba's 57th AGM, 7-9pm via ZOOM

September 26 - Congregational Meeting

October 26 - WMC leading devotionals at Westview and Evergreen

December 7 - WMC leading devotionals at Westview and Evergreen

**Thank you, our Whitewater Church family,** for your incredible support for Micah's MCI adventure at the ice cream social last Sunday. We appreciate being able to host it here at the church, the financial gifts of those who came out (& of those who weren't able to join us) as well as the kind words of encouragement you gave us all. Blessing upon you!

- Amy, Marc, Micah and Justice Loewen.

**Sunday School will begin next Sunday, September 12th, at 9:45am.** Thank you to the teachers who have volunteered to lead the children: Marg Kroeker and Sheldon Dyck (grades K-4), Ben and Lisa Heide and Lisa Neufeld (grades 5-8), and Pastor Wes (youth)

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 coronavirus vaccinations <u>click here to donate</u> or visit <a href="https://mwc-cmm.org/stories/love-neighbours-share-vaccines">https://mwc-cmm.org/stories/love-neighbours-share-vaccines</a>

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

If your child would like their summer art work displayed in the church, please leave the crafts in Lorraine Reimer's mailbox.

Public health orders in Manitoba changed again this past week, to stay up to date on all notices check out the government website <u>here</u>