

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

**WMC FAMILY: \*... Jake and Anne Neufeld**

Health, healing, comfort:

**...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Matt Heide and family, Trish Wiens (Heather H's friend)**

...Congratulations to Colin Reimer and Laura Doerksen on their marriage!

### **Wider Community...**

...National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – pray for those grieving the loss of children and community at Residential Schools, and for our church community as we 'grieve, lament, pray and learn.'

### **World...**

...Thanks for your prayers for Witness workers George and Tobia Veith as they make their way from China to Canada. They will quarantine for two weeks in Winnipeg before they can be reunited with family. Please continue to pray for their transition to life in Canada.

...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**



**September 26th, 2021**

Worship Leader: Lisa Heide

Music: Heather Heide

Faith-Sharing Time: Lorraine Reimer and Laura Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

“[The Psalms] guarantee us complete freedom of speech before God, and then (something no secular constitution would ever do) they give us a detailed model of how to exercise that freedom, even up to its dangerous limits, to the very brink of rebellion.”

Ellen Davis, “Improving Our Aim” in *Getting Involved with God*, 8-9.

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### **We are tied to one another.**

The health of our Mennonite family is deeply connected to the health of the Indigenous peoples on whose land we live. The apostle Paul,

one of our ancient early church elders said, “When one part of the body rejoices, the rest rejoice too; but when one part of the body suffers, the rest suffer too” (1 Corinthians 12:26).

The rest of the body suffers, when it sees one part crying out for healing and justice. And the rest of the body suffers when it is wholly unaware of what has happened to that other part. And we all will suffer and lose strength and wholeness, for in this body – native and non-native, you and I – we are all bound together in an inextricable web of mutuality. Martin Luther King Jr.’s words focus it this way: *“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”*

(Excerpt from MCC’s 2012 ‘Truth and Reconciliation and the Mennonite Church’ hand-out. More resources can be found [here](#))

## *Announcements and Upcoming Events*

**September 28** – Congregational Meeting 7pm at Whitewater Church

**September 29** – Woven Women’s Series Kick Off

**September 30** – National Truth and Reconciliation Day – Pastor Wes will be present over the noon hour for a time of prayer. Parents and caregivers – we encourage you to have meaningful conversations with your children today about reconciliation and why it is important.

**September 30 – Oct. 2** – MCC Centennial Conference via zoom

**October 26** – WMC leading devotionals at Westview and Evergreen

**December 7** – WMC leading devotionals at Westview and Evergreen

**Raffle Tickets for Prairie Partners Inc. fundraiser are available in the office.**

*Whitewater Church is looking for donations of used couches in good condition for the upstairs Sunday School classroom! If you have one, please contact Matt Heide.*

**Boys Club and Girls Club are kicking off on October 13!** Both Boys Club and Girls Club will take place each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8pm at the Boissevain MB Church and is open for any child in grades 2-6. For more info and to register visit: <http://www.mbchurch.ca/clubs/>

**Woven (Mennonite Women MB) Kick Off their new Woven Wednesday Series,** entitled Faith: Yours, Mine and Ours, on Wednesday Sept. 29th at 8pm. For Zoom Room Link contact: [kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca)

**CMU is offering 6-week online study courses starting Oct. 5 through their Xplore program.** Topics include: Peace stories that inspire us, Creation, Ecology and the Bible, Exploring the Jesus of the New Testament, Living together with our differences, Philippians: Renewing our joy in Christ, Violence within Scripture: Struggling with a troubling legacy, and more. Please contact John or Lorraine Reimer if you would like more information (534-2903)

**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.

### *Thank you...*

...I would like to thank everyone who took the time to come to my bridal shower at the park. We are really enjoying the lovely gifts, your kindness and generosity is much appreciated. – Amber and Devon Waldner

...We appreciate all the messages of condolences since the passing of our brother, Bob Thiessen, and to our church family for the lovely flowering plant.

– Connie and John Dyck