

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

### **WMC FAMILY: \*... Peter and Lorraine Neufeld**

Health, healing, comfort:

**...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Matt Heide and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld, Trish Wiens (Heather H's friend), Lynette Stow (Lorraine R's sister-in-law)**

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

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

...MCI requests prayer for those feeling anxious and stressed about being back in school amidst Covid-19. Pray for the continued health and safety of the students. And for the staff - that they are able to continue being patient and caring, and for energy as they find ways to provide unique opportunities for the students to have a somewhat normal high school experience within public health measures.

### **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.

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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**



**October 3rd, 2021**

***World Communion Sunday***

Worship Leader: Bernie Tiessen

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Children's Story: Jessie Tiessen

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

## Hebrews 1:-4

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

## Mark 10:13-16

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

"Let the little children come to me;

do not stop them;

for it is to *such as these* that the kingdom of God belongs.

15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not *receive* the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

16 And he took them up in his arms,

laid his hands on them,

and blessed them.

**Supporting Texts: Job 1:1, Job 2:1-10, Psalm 8, Hebrews 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16**

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“What is distinctive about Israel’s religious perception is this very knowledge that we are called into fully intimate relationship with the God who created the heavens and the earth, a relationship that is both probing and transformative. It begins with honest confession of our thoughts and feelings; yet *the terms of the relationship are that we must always be willing to grow and change profoundly.*” (Ellen Davis, “Improving Our Aim” in *Getting Involved with God*, 12.)

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**October 17** – Michael Pahls, Executive Minister MCM, will be speaking

**October 26** – WMC leading devotionals at Westview and Evergreen – Please talk to Pastor Wes if you are willing to help.

**November 3** – YFC’s Gala of Hope

**December 7** – WMC leading devotionals at Westview and Evergreen– Please talk to Pastor Wes if you are willing to help.

*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.*

**Pack a Bucket of Thanks with MCC this fall.** Fill a bucket with essential relief supplies and help support vulnerable families impacted by emergency and disaster. Learn more [here](#) or at [mccmb.ca/manitoba-buckets](http://mccmb.ca/manitoba-buckets).

**Enjoy Singin’ in the Grain from the comfort of your home!** This virtual concert will premiere on World Food Day, October 16 at 8 pm, raising funds for MCC food projects in Haiti, supported through Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Join the concert at [foodgrainsbank.ca/singing](http://foodgrainsbank.ca/singing) and enjoy the musical talents of Kim Thiessen, Darryl Neustaedter Barg and more.

MCI is looking to hire a part-time Prep Cook to start immediately. For more information on the job duties and requirements, please visit or contact Ryan Potter, Director of Finance, at [ryanpotter@mciblues.net](mailto:ryanpotter@mciblues.net)

**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/>

**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)

Camp Koinonia is available for weekend/weekday retreats this winter! To reserve your dates email [campkoinoniainfo@gmail.com](mailto:campkoinoniainfo@gmail.com) or call 204-534-2504.