

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

### **WMC FAMILY: \*... Colin Reimer**

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)**

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

...As we give thanks to God this Sunday for the many gifts we have been given, I want to give thanks to you, too! I am so grateful for your support of MCC's work, and your service to your church communities. Thank you for sharing what MCC has going on each week. We couldn't do this without you! *-Simone Thiessen*

### **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!

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### **WMC's Identity Statement:**

'With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginning, 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.'

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*How have we lived into this statement? How has God been shaping our understanding? Who are we? And, who are we called to be?*

(If you'd like to be apart of this ongoing conversation, talk to Ben Heide)

# **Whitewater Mennonite Church**



**October 10th, 2021**

***Happy Thanksgiving***

Worship Leader: Lisa Heide

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Children's Story: Betty Albrecht

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Joel 2:21-27 NRSV

21 Do not fear, O soil;

be glad and rejoice,  
for the Lord has done great things!

22 Do not fear, you animals of the field,

for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

The tree bears its fruit,

the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

23 O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the Lord your God;

For he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.

24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain,

The vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 I will repay you for the years

That the swarming locust has eaten,

The hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,

My great army, which I sent against you.

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,

And praise the name of the Lord your God,  
Who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,

And that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

**Supporting Texts: Psalm 126, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Matthew 6:25-33**

“Religion’ in a dangerous sense is a set of ideas *about* God, abstracted from an ongoing relationship *with* God . . . Because the Psalms are prayers, they force us to do more than engage in reasonable speculations about God. Using their words brings us into direct encounter: through them we find ourselves talking to the living God, sometimes in language we would never have imagined would come from our lips into God’s ear.”

(Ellen Davis, “Improving Our Aim: Praying the Psalms” in *Getting Involved with God*, 12.)

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**October 13** – Boys and Girls Clubs begin at the Boissevain MB Church

**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.

**October 30** – Woodcutters at Camp Koinonia

**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.

**Camp Koinonia will be hosting its annual Woodcutters Day on October 30th.**

The fun will begin at 9am and lunch will be provided.

**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.

### MCM Launches Renewed Focus on Congregational Health

At its fall retreat, the MCM board committed to a renewed focus on the congregational health of its 38 member churches. This includes a new job title for Kathy Giesbrecht: Director of Congregational Ministries. [Read the article here.](#) Learn more on the new [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/congregational](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/congregational)

**“Stirring the pot” in Zimbabwe** What does a cooking competition have to do with gender equality and food security? In the Mwenezi district of Zimbabwe, a cooking competition for men is turning heads and challenging stereotypes. [Read more about how the Men Can Cook competition is promoting peace and gender equality.](#)

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