

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

### **WMC FAMILY: \*... John and Lorraine 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)**

...The Boissevain Resettlement Committee (BRC) is happy to be welcoming two families from Eritrea to Boissevain in the next few weeks. Awet, her two sons, Natan and Noh and her sister, Gezina arrive on the 21st and are being sponsored by the BRC. Adiam and her son, Eyosab arrive in early November, and are sponsored by an independent group of five.

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

Please continue to pray for people in Myanmar who experience violence and displacement. Chin Mennonite church leaders in Canada report increasing unrest and violence in many of their home areas, including deaths in their families. May we as their Canadian family reach out in love and support at this very difficult time.

### **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 17th, 2021**

***“The Last, the Least, and the Lost”***

Worship Leader: Lorraine Reimer

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Children's Story: Lorraine Reimer

Sermon: Michael Pahl, Executive Director for MCM

### Matthew 25:31-46 NRSV

**31** “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, **33** and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. **34** Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; **35** for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ **37** Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? **38** And when was it that we saw you, a stranger, and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? **39** And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ **40** And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,[a] you did it to me.’ **41** Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; **42** for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ **44** Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ **45** Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ **46** And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### Psalms 8 NRSV

- 1** O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2** Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- 3** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- 4** what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals[a] that you care for them?
- 5** Yet you have made them a little lower than God,[b]  
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- 6** You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,
- 7** all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- 8** the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9** O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

“Is God’s glory diminished, or extinguished, by human death?’ Joshua (7:9) and the psalmist (6:6, 44:21, 24-25) would both answer: ‘Definitely! That is why God cannot let me die.’ And in a sense, all the heirs of biblical faith, Jews and Christians alike, have come to hold the same conviction, that ultimately God must triumph over human death.” (Ellen Davis, “With tears I melt my mattress” in *Getting Involved with God*, 19.)

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**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.

We are still in *urgent* need of people to bring devotions to Evergreen (10:00) and Westview (10:40) on October 26th. Prepare a poem or quotation or devotional or scripture reading, or record a piece of worship music.

**Camp Koinonia will be hosting its annual Woodcutters Day on October 30th.**  
The fun will begin at 9am and lunch will be provided.

**YOUTH: Amplify! giving voice to what we’ve seen and heard** – introducing our theme for the Mennonite Church Canada nationwide youth (gr. 6-12) gathering, **July 31– August 4, 2022, at Camp Valaqua, AB.** Isaiah 40:3-5 will guide us as we spend time in the tall trees, meeting God in nature and creation: A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord”. Together, youth from across Canada will find their voices and raise them in raucous joy during worship, games and prayer. <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/amplify> for the latest updates and news or contact the Amplify!

**Join us and make a difference to a family in need – pack a Bucket of Thanks!**  
Work with your family, small group, or church community to fill MCC relief kits with essential hygiene supplies or sponsor the cost of kits. We need your help to pack 500 relief kits in Manitoba! Learn more [here](#) or at [mccmb.ca/manitoba-buckets](http://mccmb.ca/manitoba-buckets).

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