

## **PRAAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION**

### **WMC FAMILY: \*... Engbrecht, George and Rita**

Health, healing, comfort:

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld,  
Randy Sawatzky, Karen Klassen

### **Wider Church...**

...On February 24, Russian military forces began an invasion of Ukraine by land, sea and air. Missiles struck several major cities in Ukraine, including the capital city Kyiv. Casualties continue to grow as Russian soldiers enter the country. The conflict has been ongoing between Russia and Ukraine since late 2013, with Russia annexing the Crimea peninsula in March 2014.

Louie Sawatzky (Mennonite Benevolent Society - Ukraine) sent an update earlier in the month with a prayer request. It is posted on the downstairs bulletin board (by the washrooms). The mission committee has recently shared \$1500.00 with this organization. Along with our financial support we would like to offer them prayer support - please remember these missionaries and their work in prayer.

<https://mcccanada.ca/stories/crisis-ukraine> Follow this link for MCC Canada's updates on the situation.

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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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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**



**February 27th, 2022**

Worship Leader: Don Engbrecht

Music: Heather Heide

Children's Story Time: Marg Kroeker

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

**Mt 26.52** Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back in its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”

*A prayer:* Jesus of the sheathed sword, in your name, many swords have been used and many people have perished. Speak to us, teach us, again and again, that violence begets violence. Teach us. Again and again. Over and over. Because we keep forgetting and we need to keep remembering. Over and over. Amen. - Pdraig O Tuama, *Daily Prayer*

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## Luke 6:27-38 NRSV

**27** “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. **29** If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. **30** Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. **31** Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**32** “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. **33** If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34** If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. **35** But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. **36** Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

**37** “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; **38** give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**Supporting Texts: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**March 1** – Whitewater Church leading devotions at Evergreen and Westview

\*We need help leading devotions! If you are able, please contact P.Wes\*

**March 2** – Ash Wednesday

**March 4-5** – IF : 2022 Women’s Event (information below)

**March 5** – MCM Annual Gathering (information below)

**March 5** – Boissevain Youth will be using Whitewater Church for an event

**March 7-10** – Boissevain Festival of the Arts at Whitewater Church

***Ash Wednesday - Remember and commit to remembering. You're invited to hear Scripture, the admonition, to pray and receive the symbolic ashes with countless other Christians around the world. Come throughout the day Wednesday (9:15-2:30, 4-5:30). Sneak in during coffee or lunch, bring a friend.***

***If you are interested in attending the MCM Annual Gathering 2022 as a delegate for WMC (on March 5th) please talk to Laura Dyck to register.*** If you're not a delegate, you're still a welcome guest. Guests register on the webpage. [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/event](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/event)

**Great news!** The MAF Cessna Caravan landed safely in Lubango, Angola. A very successful flight by very capable pilots. We thank God for his provision and care. Thank you for your part in responding to God’s call to help the people of Angola. – Ed Voth, Mission Aviation Fellowship

**Boissevain MB Church – IF:2022 Women’s Event** – You’re invited to a Women’s Weekend at the MB Church – March 4 from 6:00pm – 9:30pm and March 5 from 9:00am – 4:00pm at the Boissevain MB Church. To register you can visit [mbchurch.ca](http://mbchurch.ca) Contact Bethany Buhler for more info.

**Registration is open for all of our camps** – day, overnight, farm, outtrip, ADV – we are so looking forward to being together this summer! Staff and volunteer applications are also available – we need you too!

[www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org)