

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: *... Epp, Elfrieda

Health, healing, comfort:

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld,
Randy Sawatzky, Karen Klassen, P. Wes, Heather, Maeve
and Anais

...Chris Neufeld underwent double knee replacement. Pray for her
recovery and rehabilitation.

...Residents and staff of Westview Lodge

Wider Church

... **De Jongs able to finish term teaching** Witness workers Werner
and Joanne De Jong were granted a three-month visa to finish the
semester teaching at Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia. They are
thankful for your prayers and support. They continue to pursue
longer-term visa options with the help of their hosts.

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.

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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Whitewater Mennonite Church



March 13th, 2022

Worship Leader: Lisa Heide

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Ellen Martens

Psalm 27 NRSV

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. **3** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. **4** One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. **5** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. **6** Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. **7** Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! **8** “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek. **9** Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! **10** If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. **11** Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. **12** Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. **13** I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. **14** Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Supporting Texts: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Luke 13:31-35, Philippians 3:17-4:1



Responding to the crisis in Ukraine

MCC is accepting donations to support its response to the crisis in Ukraine. We will be focused on building up existing programs that support vulnerable people and

extending those services to internally displaced populations. MCC's response will likely include psychosocial support and trauma healing, temporary emergency housing, emergency distributions of locally purchased emergency supplies such as blankets, and distribution of food packages.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

March 20 – Soup and Pie lunch, details below

March 20 – Boissevain Festival of the Arts Awards 3pm

April 12 – Whitewater leading devotions at Westview and Evergreen – talk to P. Wes if you are able to help with this

Soup & Desserts Lunch – The fellowship committee will be hosting a soup lunch after our Sunday worship service on March 20th. All are welcome! Please bring buns/bread or desserts, soup will be provided.

Relief, Development and Podcast: “I couldn’t believe it:” *An update from Ukraine with partner Maxym Oliferovski.* In this episode, we get an update from Maxym Oliferovski, program director for an MCC partner in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine. He and his wife decided to stay to help distribute emergency supplies and help other people evacuate. At the time of recording, they were less than 100km from the front lines of the conflict, with things changing hour by hour. [Listen now.](#)

War and Peace: Don't miss this special live virtual visit on Wednesday, March 16 at 7 pm. Join us and hear from former MCC staff in Ukraine, Colombia, North Korea (DPRK) and our United Nations and Peace & Justice office directors, sharing about what peacebuilding looks like in the midst of conflict. Register at mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

Thursday, March 17 marks 50 years of MCC Thrift! The first MCC Thrift shop opened in Altona, Man. in 1972. 50 years later, Susan Giesbrecht, one of four founders, says that the shop grew into much more than any of them could have imagined. [Read Susan's reflections](#) on the humble beginnings and purpose found in a secondhand shop that grew into a multimillion dollar network of MCC Thrift shops.

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