

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY: *... Heide, George & Catherine

Health, healing, comfort:

...Jake Neufeld and family

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Randy Sawatzky, Elizabeth Kuhl (Hedy & Edith's sister), Tara Cassils, Pete Neufeld, Melissa Engbrecht

...Residents and staff members of Evergreen

Wider Church...

...Prayer is part of daily life at Meserete Kristos Seminary.

Witness workers in Ethiopia, Werner and Joanne De Jong, are learning about prayer from their students at the Meserete Kristos Seminary. They ask us to join their students in prayers for peace in Ethiopia and for the last month of classes, papers and exams before graduation on May 21.

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



April 24th, 2022

Worship Leader: Clarice Martens

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

John 20:19–31 NRSV

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **27** Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” **28** Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” **29** Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Supporting Texts: Psalm 150, Rev 1:4–8

Camps with Meaning Announcements...

Summer camp is not the same (actually it's not possible) without our volunteers! Kitchen and maintenance help, camp pastors, and health officers are needed at both camps. Come and spend a week at one of our lovely sites and add your unique gifts to our amazing camp community. Call the CWM office at 204-895-CAMP or register online at www.campswithmeaning.org/staff.

Hey young men! Working at camp provides all sorts of life skills and an amazing community experience. We need more male staff! If you have a week or two or more and are looking for something fun and meaningful to do – please think about camp. Janet at jpeters@mennochurch.mb.ca or find info and applications at www.campswithmeaning.org/staff.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

April 28–30 – MCI's *Matilda the Musical*

May 1 – Congregational Meeting

Whitewater Church... Our church offerings are down \$6,000.00 compared to last year but our expenses are still the same. From the treasurer.

MCI Musical – MCI presents *Matilda the Musical* April 28–30. Order tickets here: <https://mennonitecollegiateinstitute.thundertix.com/events/197247>

Westview care home is looking for volunteers to “adopt a flower box” to help decorate the outdoor space for residents. If you're interested, talk to Laura D.

Save the date for Cycle Clear Lake. After a two-year break, we are pleased to announce that Cycle Clear Lake will go ahead this summer. Consider cycling the Clear Lake Trail in support of MCC's work with refugees and displaced people on July 2. Stay tuned for more details.

Golf for MCC! Join us for a day of golf, prizes and dinner on July 7 and you'll support refugees and displaced people around the world. For more information about the MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament and to register, visit mccmb.ca/golf.

The annual Birding Retreat still has spaces for birders of all ages. Information and registration can be found at www.campswithmeaning.org/news-events.

MCM Delegates for MC Canada Gathering 2022 MCM Manitoba is looking for delegates to attend the MC Canada Gathering in Edmonton, July 29–Aug 1. 11 general delegates to represent MCM at delegate sessions and 3 Young Leaders Experience participants (age 17–21) to take part in a delegate program geared for them. Registration, accommodation, and travel costs will be covered. Please see www.mennochurch.mb.ca/news for more info, and contact office@mennochurch.mb.ca if you are interested.

Indigenous–Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place Conrad Grebel conference, May 12–15, 2022. This academic conference and community education event will offer stories and analyses of encounters and relationships between Indigenous peoples and Mennonite settlers from point of contact to the present. Register here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous-mennonite-encounters/>.