

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Engbrecht, George & Rita

Health, healing, comfort:

...Kelva Hartle (Laura D's step-mom), Matthew Heide, Henry Engbrecht

World...

Pray for the leadership of the Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia

Pray for the leadership of the Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia as they work with communities affected by ethnic conflicts and drought. Pray for Werner and Joanne De Jong, Witness workers at the Meserete Kristos Seminary, as they work to grow spiritual leaders from diverse regions in Ethiopia.

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 traditional lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations. We recognize that we are all 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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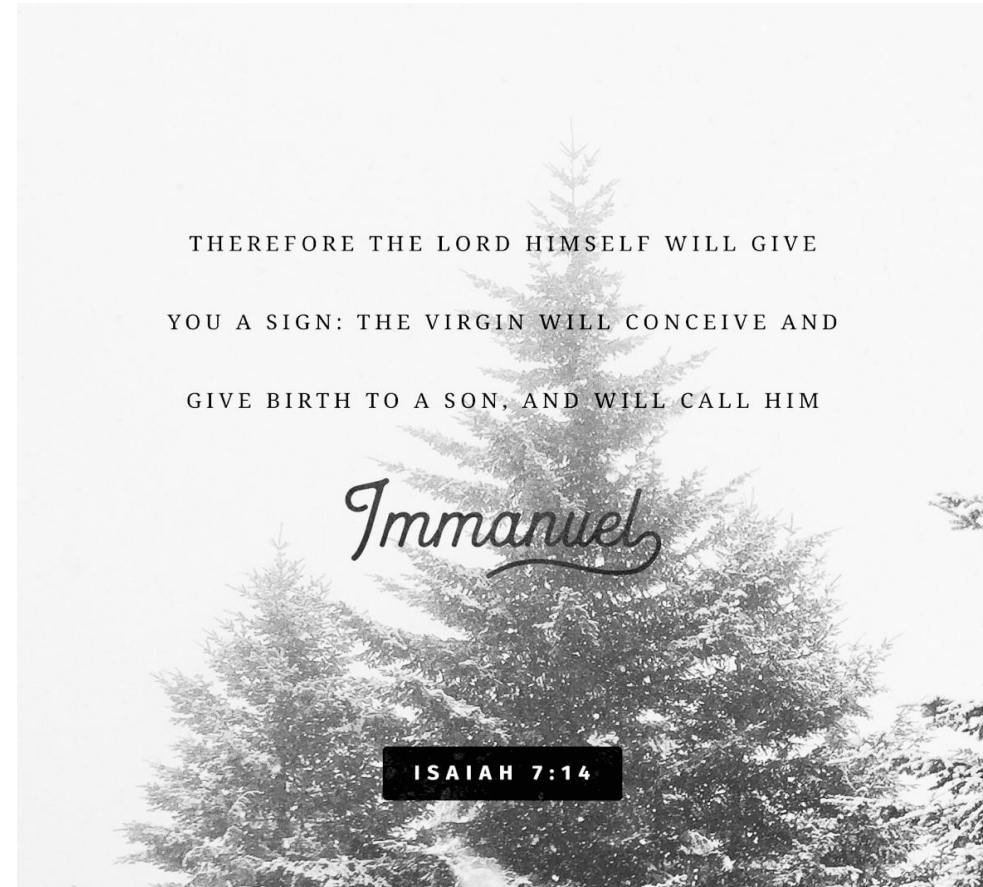
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Whitewater Mennonite Church



December 18th, 2022

Worship Leader: Lisa Heide

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Advent Reflection Questions

Advent 4 (Dec.18)

Where do you see echoes of Mary and Joseph's bravery around you?

Advent 5 (Dec.25)

How is the Spirit empowering you to bring about God's restoration?

Isaiah 7:10-16 NRSV

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Matthew 1:18-25 NRSV

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

December 20 – Devotions at Westview, Evergreen and Cherry Creek – please contact Heather H or Laura D if you're able to help lead.

December 22 – Longest Night Service at 7pm at the United Church (Rides are available, see poster in basement or talk to Laura D)

WMC still needs \$5000 to meet our budget commitments this year. Thank you for the donations so far. –Finance Committee

On Sunday, Jan. 1st, join in New Years Portzelky making! (new years cookies) Led by P. Wes in the church basement at 10:45am.

Come to Bethlehem: an MCI Christmas – Mennonite Collegiate Institute invites you to join us in Buhler Hall for our Christmas concert on December 21st at 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00). It will be an evening of music from our choirs & bands as we celebrate the Christmas season. The evening will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. We look forward to celebrating the Saviour's birth with you!

Need some help in gift wrapping that goat? Share some comfort and joy through MCC – give a gift to your loved one that will change a life around the world. Check out MCC's Christmas Giving online at mccmb.ca/Christmas.

MCM Winter Youth Retreats – Great leadership news! Three great Camps with Meaning Leadership Staff have stepped up to direct the 2 MCM winter retreats for grades 7-12. For more info on the January and February retreats, click www.mennochurch.mb.ca

The 10-minute Bible Hour Podcast will be doing a book of the Bible each day in the new year. For more information, or to follow along, visit <https://www.thetmbh.com/podcast>