

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Epp, Agnes & Elfrieda

Health, healing, comfort: Joan West, John Reimer

Our sympathy to Catherine & George, Ben & Lisa and the Sawatzky family in the passing of Tinie late last night.

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Marg and Amy welcome baby *Kiarah* into their home.

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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Whitewater Mennonite Church



January 15th, 2023

Worship Leader: Lorraine Reimer

Music: Heather Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

John 1:29 The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 And John testified,
"I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'
34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,
"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher),
"where are you staying?"

39 He said to them,
"Come and see."

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him,
"We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said,
"You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Supporting scripture: Psalm 40, Isaiah 49:1-7 (3rd Servant Song) & 53:4-11

Announcements and Upcoming Events

January 22nd - Communion

January 29th - Congregational Annual Meeting after church

January 31 - Whitewater is leading devotions at Westview, Evergreen and Cherry Creek Place. Please contact Heather H or Laura D if you're available to help lead. Pastor Wes is at CMU's ReNew that day.

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 covering a book of the Bible each day in the new year. For more information, or to follow along, visit <https://www.thetmbh.com/podcast>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Consider participating in local efforts around this, or plan a service yourselves if there is nothing happening in your area. Each MC Canada regional church has taken a day of the week to focus on this. For MCM this is Monday, January 23. [Register](#) here.

Celebrate powerful women leaders from both biblical testaments to inspire a new generation of women and girls to risk, scheme, defy and preach God's truth and liberation in the footsteps of their spiritual foremothers - <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3245>.

Network of Biblical Storytellers Canada's Festival of Storytelling runs from Feb. 3rd through the 5th online. Registration is \$150 and bursaries are available. The Epic telling this year is the book of Acts. Talk to Pastor Wes if you have interest in the festival as a whole or want to dip your toes into telling Bible stories from the heart.