

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Franz, Lena

Health, healing, comfort: Joan West, John Reimer, Elfrieda Epp

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

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

World... Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong ask you to pray for the safety of students traveling to and from the Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia over their Christmas break (around Jan.7). Pray for Werner as he mentors four graduate students working on final research papers.

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 22nd, 2023

Communion Service

Worship Leader: Andy Neufeld

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 NRSV

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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.

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.

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.



**CAMPS WITH
MEANING**

**Camps with Meaning Summer Camp
registration is open. www.campswithmeaning.org**

Singing our Journey: Sangerfest 2023. Sign-up to sing in the mass choirs (adult, youth, treble) celebrating the centenary of the Ruslander Mennonite immigration to Canada. All are welcome. The event will take place at the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall, July 15, 2023. More info at www.mhsc.ca/soj