

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Heide, Matt and Heather, Natasha & Andrew

...Health, healing, comfort: Lisa Heide, Ron Goertzen, Esther (Betty A's sister), Bennett Racine (son of Andralyn and Gordon Racine)

...George Heide had a double knee replacement on Feb.21

...Marg Kroeker as she travels

World...

...As the tragic toll of the Feb. 6 earthquakes continues to unfold in Syria & Turkey, MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to meet urgent needs, including emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling.

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



February 26th, 2023

Worship Leader: Heather Goertzen

Music: Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. **3** The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." **4** But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, **9** and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Supporting Texts: Psalm 32, Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19

Announcements and Upcoming Events

March 9-11 - MCI's Musical Production of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*.

Tickets are now on sale at www.mciblues.net

March 14 - 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.

March 19 - Alternative Worship Service

March 23 - WMC Mission Sale

Spring Rejoice books are available by the mailboxes. Please help yourself!

Mission Sale 6:30 pm.

We are requesting any and everything that you are willing to donate.

Proceeds go towards the Missions Budget. Creativity is encouraged.

Lent: 1-1-1 - A Simple Lenten Devotional Practice:

Give up *one* thing

Take up *one* thing

Tackle *one* sin

Alternative Service - March 19th The question is "What does Resurrection mean to you?". We are needing a couple of volunteers to spend 2-3 minutes addressing the question with a prepared and faithful response - if you are willing to share, please talk to Lorraine R.

Boissevain Community Youth Group will once again be taking part in Soar Heartland over Spring Break. To help with the cost, the youth will be hosting a Traditional Mennonite Supper Fundraiser and comedian on Saturday March 4, 2023. Please plan to join us for a great evening of good food, laughter and fellowship. Doors will open at 5pm and the program will begin at 5:30pm. Seating is limited and spots must be reserved! You can reserve your spot here: [Reserve Your Spot](#)

MCM Mondays - February 27, 8:00pm online. **Pastoral Evaluations.** We invite Personnel Committees, PCRC committees, Congregational Chair people to join us on Zoom for a discussion about Pastoral Evaluations, Reviews and end of term votes. What is your church's practice? Has the process been helpful for the congregation and the pastor? Is there a part of what you do that you would like to do differently? Karen Schellenberg - Co-Director of Leadership Ministries will lead this discussion. Find the Zoom link and future topics at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays/ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83255997235>

MDS Canada needs volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, from March to October for Hurricane Fiona repair work. Last year MDS volunteers did clean-up work and tarped roofs; now it needs people to help fix hurricane-related water and wind damage. Travel subsidies are available. For more information, contact Clara Flores at cflores@mds.org or 1-866-261-1274.

Women Talking (a book & movie, based on the true story of a Mennonite Colony in Bolivia & their experience with abuse) is playing in Boissevain Theatre March 3, 4, 8, and 9th.