

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY... Tiessen, Bernie & Jessie

...Health, healing, comfort: Esther (Betty A's sister), Karen Klassen (Rita E's sister)

...Staff, students and board members of MCI - *You are welcome to join Pastor Wes in prayer for MCI every Wednesday during the lunch hour in May*

...Please pray that the woods, waters and open spaces of our summer campgrounds are filled with God's glory and that those who enter into them will understand their interconnectedness with creation in new ways!

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.

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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.

Whitewater Mennonite Church



May 21st, 2023

Worship Leader: Don Engnrecht

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Acts 1:1-11 NRSV

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."



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PSC Pregnancy Support Centre of Westman



Announcements and Upcoming Events

May is mental health awareness month

May 23 – Open House for Youth Group (grades 6 and 8 invited)

May 23 – Devotions at Westview, Evergreen, Cherry Creek
(If you'd like to accompany, please contact Laura D or Heather H)

June 4 – MCI's Saengerfest

June 10 – MCI's 9th Annual Golf Classic

June 18 – WMC picnic at Camp Koinonia

July 6 – MCC Golf Tournament

Our Daily Bread and Rejoice booklets for June, July and August are available by the mailboxes.

Cycle for a cause – MCC's 34km trail ride takes place July 1st. John Reimer and Pastor Wes are both participating – see them to donate!

Good food is key. Koinonia still needs kitchen help. CK: July 9-14; 16-21; 23-28; 30 – Aug 4. Please contact the office at camps@mennochurch.mb.ca or 204-895-2267, or apply online at www.campswithmeaning.org/staff.

Join us at the 20th MCC Golf Tournament on July 6 at Bridges Golf Course!

Gather your foursome to enjoy a Texas Scramble tournament, with food and prizes, in support of MCC's disaster responses and work with displaced people around the world. Visit mccmb.ca/golf for tournament information and registration!

Save the date for **MCI's Saengerfest** on Sunday, June 4th in Buhler Hall, Gretna! Join us for a time of worship and a celebration of song. Worship service at 10:30 am, lunch (by donation) to follow, and concert at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for any or all of the day!

Register today for MCI's 9th Annual Golf Classic! Join us for a fun day of golf on June 10th at Minnewasta Golf & Country Club, with a shotgun start at 1pm. Registration is \$150 per player, with a \$35 donation receipt. Early bird registration ends May 19th, for a chance to win back your registration fee. Visit www.mciblues.net for more details. Register online by emailing info@mciblues.net or calling (204)327-5891.

A little change...changes lives! Pregnancy Support Centre of Westman is running their annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser – To participate, take a baby bottle home (located in the basement and entrance of WMC) and fill it with cash, coins, or cheques. Please talk to Laura Dyck for more info!