

## **PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION**

### **WMC FAMILY... John R. & Connie Dyck**

Health, healing, comfort:

...Lorraine and John Reimer, along with their families

...George Engbrecht, Baby Nyla (Marg K), Esther (Betty A's sister), Karen Klassen (Rita E's sister), Lynette Stow, Chars and Marc Willerton

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### **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**



**August 6th, 2023**

Worship Leader: Andy Neufeld

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

## Judges 16:20b-31 NRSV

But he did not know that the LORD had left him.

21 Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison. 22 But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

### The Death of Samson

23 Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, “Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands.”

24 When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying,

“Our god has delivered our enemy  
into our hands,  
the one who laid waste our land  
and multiplied our slain.”

25 While they were in high spirits, they shouted, “Bring out Samson to entertain us.” So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them.

When they stood him among the pillars, 26 Samson said to the servant who held his hand, “Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them.” 27 Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. 28 Then Samson prayed to the LORD, “Sovereign LORD, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.” 29 Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, 30 Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

31 Then his brothers and his father’s whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led[d] Israel twenty years.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Whitewater is in need of volunteer(s)** to lead devotions at Westview, Evergreen, and Cherry Creek Place on August 29. Resources available. Please consider helping with this important ministry! Talk to Laura D or Heather H if you’re able.

*Our Daily Bread and Rejoice booklets for September, October and November are now downstairs by the mailboxes.*

**Please drop off your baby bottle donation for Westman Pregnancy Support Centre directly with Laura D.** by Sunday, August 13th.

**Camps with Meaning invites donations** towards our **Staffership Fund**. We have a number of amazing staff working with us this summer who are not connected to MCM churches. Please help us to support them financially for the hard work, time, and love they are pouring into camp this summer. Donations are welcome by mail, online at <http://mennochurch.mb.ca/giving> or by e-transfer to [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca). Thank you!

**New worship songs on Together in Worship** Through our collaboration with Together in Worship, multiple artists have shared their new songs with us – available for your personal and congregational use – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3570>.

**Students, you could earn \$1,000 or more toward your ongoing studies.** MCC Manitoba wants to support students who care about relief, development and peace. Apply online today for one of three scholarships at [mccmb.ca/studentawards](http://mccmb.ca/studentawards). Applications close by September 30, 2023.

Camps with Meaning. Praying for the weeks of kids camp...

**Aug 7 -11** Koinonia - Junior-Intermediate

**Aug 13 - 18** Assiniboia - Junior High Adventure & Farm Camp

**Aug 20 - 25** Koinonia - Youth

