

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Elfrieda Epp

Health, healing, comfort:

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

...On behalf of our family, we want to express our profound gratitude for all the expressions of care shared with us since Mom's death in July. The phone calls and visits, cards, and gifts of food, flowers, and plants, as well as the caring service at Mom's funeral have truly touched our hearts. May God bless each one of you. Lorraine & John

Prayer for Aberdeen Mennonite Church

Aberdeen Mennonite is a small church that has been located in the North End of Winnipeg for over 60 years. We have a semi-liturgical style of worship, where adults and kids worship together. Aberdeen has a heart for social justice and has had many connections to various organizations throughout Winnipeg and beyond over the years. Please pray with us as we begin exploring the possibility of becoming an officially affirming congregation this fall and as we look to grow our children and youth programs.

Testimony: We are inviting you to share with us experiences of God's calling in your life. Talk to Lorraine R or Matt H to find a Sunday to share

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



September 24th, 2023

Worship Leader: Lorraine Reimer

Music: George & Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. 10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Notes

Fall Series: Finding God's Calling all around us.

As the new school year begins, we seek to become better seekers, better listeners, more intimate partners with God and one another. We'll attempt this by looking at the prepositions¹ that tie us into God's story.

I am called
by God
to follow
as I am
from grief
for service
in suffering
through others
within God.

¹ (*preposition* -noun. A small connecting word)
Kathleen Cahalan, *The Stories We Live*

Announcements and Upcoming Events

September 24 - Steve Bell Concert Fundraiser for Brandon YFC

October 10 - WMC devos at Westview, Evergreen & Cherry Creek Place

October 21 - Evangelism Workshop @ Boissevain MB Church (details below)

October 28 - Woodcutters Retreat @ Camp Koinonia

November 4 - CwM Celebration Banquet @ Emmanuel Church, Winkler

November 5 - CwM Celebration Banquet @ Douglas Mennonite, Winnipeg

November 8 - Brandon YFC Gala

WMC is in need of an extra \$1400 to cover our property taxes this month.

Steve Bell Concert in support of Westman Youth for Christ, Sunday September 24th at 7pm, McDiarmid Drive Alliance Church. Tickets are \$25. Call YFC at 204-727-1251 or visit www.stevebell.com/events

MCC Manitoba's in-person AGM will be on Thursday, September 28 from 7:00-7:30pm. You and your congregation are invited to join our brief meeting which will focus on required business items including audited financial statements and amendments to bylaws. In lieu of a keynote speaker, the AGM will take place during the MCC Manitoba Open House. Accredited voting delegates must register in order to vote during the meeting; please register by Tuesday, September 26 at mccm.org/events.

We invite you to join us on October 21 for a workshop that will ignite your joy and passion for the Gospel and help build your confidence to share your faith with Scripture. The event is free, and will be held at the Boissevain MB Church (700 Aikman Street, Boissevain) from 9am - noon. For more information visit: www.sharewordglobal.com/ignite

Brandon Youth For Christ Gala will be November 8th If anyone is interested in going we could sponsor a table. Please contact Andy for more information/to register.

First Mennonite Church Adult Education invites you to a public event in-person or online. September 26 at 7pm. **Which Violence, Whose Safety? Talking political promises and collective care in our city and province.** Speakers: David Driedger, Bronwyn Dobchuk-Land, Levi Foy. Q&A to follow. 922 Notre Dame Ave. Livestreaming - <https://firstmennonitechurch.ca/services/>