

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Reimer, John & Lorraine

Health, healing, comfort:

...Dave Reimer & family, Esther (Betty A's sister), Randy Sawatzky,
Joan West

Pray for the Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church...

Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church is settling into new rhythms after some significant changes in the last couple of years. In October, Janet Peters joined the pastoral staff which had been functioning at a reduced capacity. Regular attendance is also less than it once was, so they are learning what it means to be a church of 100-150 instead of 200+. SAMC has been blessed with a musical tradition that continues to this day, including both adult and junior choirs. In 2024, SAMC is celebrating their 75th anniversary and they will be looking for ways to share their musical gifts with the community. As they continue to settle into the changes they have experienced, SAMC will be doing some visioning to discern who they are and where God is leading them. Prayers for wisdom and the Spirit's guidance are appreciated.

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 28th, 2024

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Worship Leader: Don Engbrecht

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Psalm 111

Praise for God's Wonderful Works

1 Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

3 Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

8 They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.



Supporting Texts: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

January 28 - WMC Annual Congregational Meeting

January 31 - Be It Resolved book club - Don E's house, 7pm

February 13 - St. Matthew's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 27-28 - Festival of the Arts at WMC

March 4-7 - Festival of the Arts at WMC

March 17 - Festival of the Arts awards ceremony

Join us today after the service for a potluck & congregational meeting.

Be It Resolved Book Club, Session #5

Wednesday, January 31st, 7:00pm at Don's house

All are welcome, books are free (provided by Common Word)

February 13 - St. Matthew's is hosting a pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday. It's from 5-7pm, rides are being offered by the handivan free of charge.

MCM Mondays - Jan 29 - "Are there other ways of doing church?"

As church and society shift, many of our churches are exploring different ways of being, doing, and structuring church. We'll explore three alternative models of church together. Hosted by Michael Pahl.

www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for more info and the Zoom link.

Camps with Meaning - Summer Leadership Positions

We're still looking for a few more summer leadership applicants. This is a significant ministry. Again, looking for a little shoulder tapping here.

www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

The MCC Manitoba Board invites expressions of interest for a member at-large position. Are you knowledgeable, experienced or passionate about MCC's mission? Can you offer an Anabaptist faith perspective from the Global South? Are you interested in being a bridge between the church and MCC? If one or more of these questions resonate with you, please contact Joni Sawatzky at jonisawatzky@mccmb.ca for more information or to express interest.