

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Albrecht, Walter & Betty

Health, healing, comfort:

...Dave Reimer & family, Esther (Betty A's sister), Joan West, Helmut Neufeld, Art Peters (Jake Neufeld's brother-in-law), family of Donald Racine

...David Dyck has moved into Westview. Joan West will be moving there as well this upcoming week.

...Praying for our congregations - Matheson Island Community

Matheson Island is a small fishing community on the west side of Lake Winnipeg. Mennonites began partnering in ministry with the Matheson Island community in 1948. This hard-working community continues to call us back into relationship and we are grateful for Altona Bergthaler Me

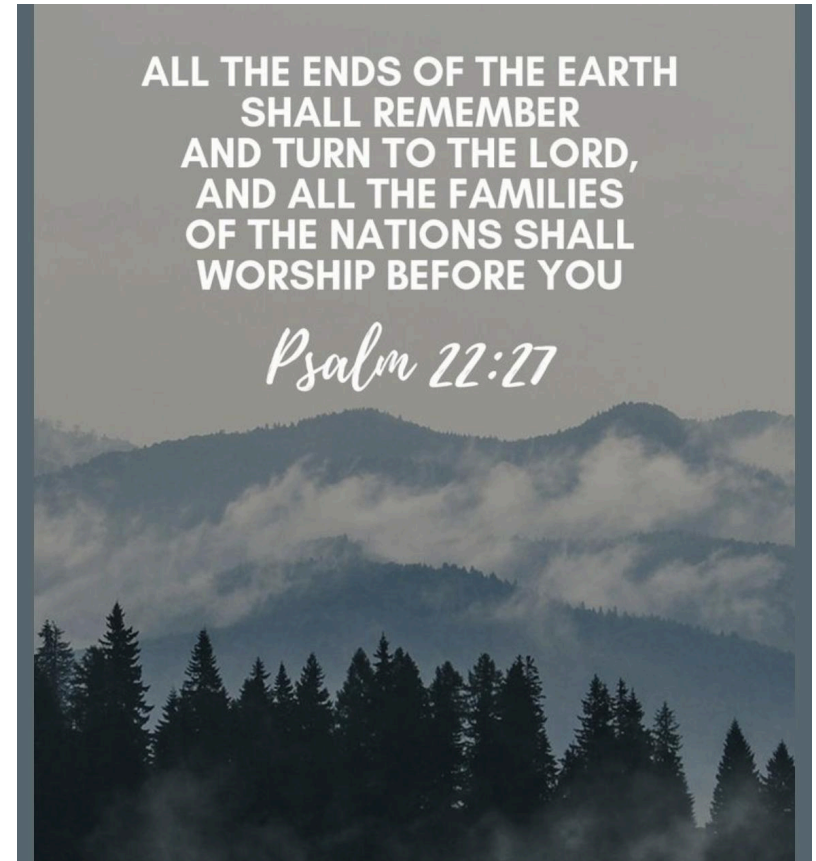
ennonite and Altona Mennonite's interest in working together to plan a children's day camp there this summer. Matheson folks are eager to help plan and contribute to these activities and we pray for a rebuilding of a transformative partnership. Let's pray for all in the community who are ill and fighting disease, and for the community to come together and have a renewed understanding of who God is in their midst.

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.

Whitewater Mennonite Church



February 25th, 2024

Music: Sheldon Dyck

Worship Leader: Lorraine Reimer

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

Mark 8:31-38 NRSV

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. **32** He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34 He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. **36** For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? **37** Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? **38** Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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MCM Mondays - Feb 26 - Follow-up to the Returning Wealth event

Follow-up to the Returning Wealth event in November with Sarah Augustine. The Mennonite Coalition for Indigenous Solidarity is inviting folks to follow their interest in participating in working groups related to land inheritance, decolonizing institutions, resource extraction and more.

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Today - Whitewater Bowls! 3pm at the Boissevain Bowling alley. Pizza supper at the church to follow. All are welcome!

Wednesday, February 28 - 9 am Prayer for WMC

Wednesday, February 28 - 10am Salvation Video Series #3

February 27-28 - Festival of the Arts at WMC

February 28 - Boissevain Food Pantry annual meeting

March 4-7 - Festival of the Arts at WMC

March 7-9 - MCI Musical Pirates of Penzance (details below)

March 17 - Festival of the Arts awards ceremony

April 6 - Youth Orbit at MCI (details below)

Whitewater Bowls! Join us at the Boissevain bowling alley @ 3pm today. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Pizza supper to follow at the church.

Boissevain Food Pantry will be holding their Annual Meeting at the Family Worship Center on February 28th, 2024 at 2:30pm.

MCM Gathering 2024 - All are welcome at worship. Friday, March 1. 7:00pm. Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. Theme: "From Every Nation: Living Into an Intercultural Church" Guest speaker Fanosie Legesse.

www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events

MCI presents *The Pirates of Penzance* - tickets are on sale now! Join us in Buhler Hall for this entertaining musical on March 7, 8, 9th nightly at 7:30 pm, and for a matinee at 2:00 pm on March 9th! Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.mciblues.net or by calling the school at (204) 327-5891 during school hours.

Registration is now open for MCI's Youth Orbit on April 6th from 1pm-8pm. Open to students in grades 8-12. To register visit www.mciblues.net/youthorbit/

Annual Birding Retreat. May 24-26. Camp Koinonia. No experience required. Visit the webpage for more information and to register. www.campswithmeaning.org/birding-retreat.