

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY:

- *... **Jake Unger**
- *... Health, healing, comfort:
- *... Condolences to the family on the passing of **Jessie Neufeld**
(Tenley's mom), memorial service, Dec 9, 1pm Trinity UC, Brandon.
- *... Condolences to the families on the passing of:
Keith Morrow, Doug Hicks & Ed Anderson

Our Community... *School Christmas Concerts* are this week, may the staff and students share the joy of the season as they prepare and perform.

Wider Church....

... **Bolivia** is a country in turmoil. The misdirected election and subsequent resignation of President Morales' has sparked protests and violence. Praying for interim leaders as they work toward peace and stability.

... Praying for: **Jeannette Hanson**, MC Canada Interim Witness Director, and **Darryl Neustaedter Barg**, MCM Assoc. Director of Communications, have safely arrived in Southeast Asia, where they will visit Myanmar, Thailand and South Korea. They will be videoing some of the work of our International Witness Workers.

... Transitions: **Ken Warkentin** has announced his resignation as Executive Minister, MCM, effective June 2020. Ken's will have served 9.5 years in this capacity.

WMC's Identity Statement:

'With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginnings, 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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Whitewater Mennonite Church



Worship Leader: Lisa Heide

Message: Pastor Wes

Music: Heather Heide

December 8th, 2019 @ 10:45 a.m.

Isaiah 11:1-10 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Supporting Texts: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

ISAIAH CHAPTER TWO

T I L F O N D O D L E H A D I D	ABOLISH	JACOB
S H R I A L A H P E C L E F E D	ABOVE	JUDGE
S U G H R R A T A A L T P T O S	AMONG	LEBANON
P E S U I T E E E M F B L O E M	ARISETH	LIFTED
F A S S O V S T H I O A M V E R	BASHAN	MAJESTY
B E E R O R B O L D X N A U M P	BECAUSE	NATIONS
S T A B O M B B N E T C G O H O	BOWETH	NOSTRIL
H W A R E H O P S N O I T A N G	BROUGHT	PEOPLE
A N O N A B E L Y E S O W H A Y	CAVES	RAGGED
L A I R S O B I T W E P T A L K	CEDARS	SHAKE
R O B H D E A S S T O R E R L S	CLEFTS	SPEARS
B A A O C S R U E J O R E A T K	EXALTED	SWORDS
I K G A L A N G J F A T S F R Y	FEAR	TEACH
E B U G D I D R A N T C E H I S	FORTH	UTTERLY
A S P E E U S A M U E L O B I T	HORSES	WALK
E A C H J D E H E A C K S B A P	HUMBLED	WORSHIP



Romans 15:4-13 (pause, to read it) could be a commentary on Lk 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" The apostle Paul, symbolically drawing from the entire OT (TaNaKh. Remember Micah, Johnny, Graham & Ally?), sums up the implications of his Romans' argument: God welcomes you--Jew and Gentile alike. Now, you, welcome others. This is radical hospitality as peacemaking. The God of hope empowers it, mandates it. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."



TODAY ~ Second Advent! Welcome!

- Dec 13 ~ WMC Christmas Banquet, 6 pm
- 19 ~ MCI Christmas Concert, 7:30pm
- 21 & 22 ~ Faith & Life Choirs Christmas Concerts #3
- 24 ~ Christmas Eve Special, 6:30pm, come join us @ WMC

Activities & Interests ...

WMC:

- a. **WMC Christmas Banquet:** December 13, 6pm. Call Betty & Walter Albrecht by Dec 9 to reserve. Invite a quest(s). No charge, kostenlos!
- b. **WMC Annual reports and budget** considerations should be happening, due in 16 days. *(Dec 23rd)*
- c. **Advent media** suggestions:
YouTube -The Bible Project - hope, peace, joy or love
Podcast: The Ten Minute Bible Hour - Matt Whitman's daily podcast offers a deep dive into historical and contextual background of Matthew's gospel account in easy, 10 minute chunks.
Favourite contemporary Christmas album: Josh Garrels, "The Light Came Down"

Community....

- 1. **Boissevain Christmas Cheer** – Donations welcomed, collection container under WMC mailboxes.
- 2. **Faith & Life Choirs Christmas Concerts:** Dec 21, 7pm @ Bethel MC Wpg
Dec 22, 3 pm Altona Bergthaler MC

Boissevain Youth: Stuart Burnett 557-7486 stuart_burnett@live.com
 Bible Studies Tuesdays: Jr - 3:30-5pm, Sr - 7-9pm
 Dec 13 ~ Jr Youth, Ugly Sweater Christmas Patry

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)