

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

### **WMC FAMILY...Lena Franz**

Health, healing, comfort:

...Melissa Engbrecht, Dave Reimer & family, Baby Nyla (Marg K), Esther (Betty A's sister), Lynette Stow, Chars and Marc Willerton, Randy Sawatzky, Shannon Wiebe, Kristen Nikkel

...As communities gather across Canada on Orange Shirt Day, hold in the Light the communities that are grieving and pained by the impact of Canada's past injustices. Showing up to events in your community communicates the urgent need to acknowledge the lasting harms of the residential school program and to embark on a collective journey of truth, reconciliation, and healing.

*...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*

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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**



**October 1st, 2023**

**Communion**

Worship Leader: Clarice Martens

Music: George & Catherine Heide

Sharing: Sheldon, Laura, Ivy & Kale Dyck

## Psalm 100

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God..  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- 5 For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

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### Pray for the Nordheim Mennonite Church

Nordheim Mennonite has been faithfully witnessing to Jesus in Winnipegosis for 90 years. While geographically distant from most of our MCM congregations, they are thankful for the connection and relationships we share together. Worship services are a time for each to bring their gifts of worship—songs, special music, stories, Scripture reading, sermon, and more—and the Spirit weaves them together into a beautiful, united voice of praise to God. Please pray for Nordheim Mennonite to be obedient to the Spirit of God as they look to the needs of their community.

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### 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 prepositions<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

- 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

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**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

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](http://www.sharewordglobal.com/ignite)

**Camps with Meaning Celebration Banquets.** Join us November 4<sup>th</sup> @ Emmanuel Church, Winkler and November 5<sup>th</sup> @ Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. Contact the camp office to reserve your free spot.  
[camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca), 204-895-2267

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

**Returning Wealth: Land Reparations and the Church.** Discerning collective opportunities for relationship healing, land repair, and land return. Keynote: Sarah Augustine; with Elder Rev Stan McKay and local contributors Adele Perry and Shelisa Klassen. 8:45am-4pm Saturday 11 November 2023, Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship. Register by Nov. 8 - \$10 for students, \$25 for non-students, \$15 for morning online. **Talk to Laura Dyck if you're interested in participating (in person or online)**

**"Come and See" Pilgrimage, May 11-25, 2024.** *Deadline extended! We need pastors, church leaders, social justice advocates, and concerned individuals like you to sign up and invite others. The new deadline for applications is December 15. There are spaces available. Please visit the pilgrimage site for more information.* <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin/pilgrimage>