

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Franz, Lena

Health, healing, comfort:

...Dave Reimer & family

...We want to thank our church family for extending sympathies, hugs, condolences, and care packages on the passing of our sister Rose. – Peter and Lorraine

Pray for our Congregations

Grace Mennonite Church is a small congregation in Brandon that has been worshipping together for over 65 years. Being without a pastor for the past year has given them the opportunity to reflect on their direction and look at the gifts that they have within the congregation. They value storytelling and sharing personal experiences. Building community is a priority for them. They are a congregation where everyone is welcome. Pray for Grace as they navigate the realities of an aging congregation and discern the ongoing leadership needs of the church.

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



April 21st, 2024

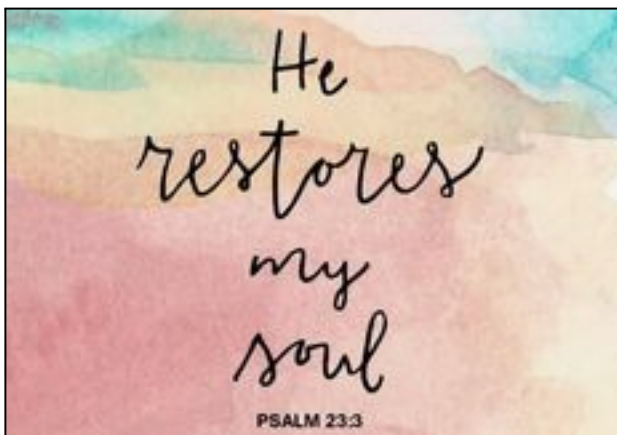
Worship Leader: Don Engbrecht

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

John 10:11-18 NRSV

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. **13** The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, **15** just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. **17** For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. **18** No one takes [a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."



Supporting Texts: Psalm 23, Acts 4:5-12 and 1 John 3:16-24

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

April 21 - BMW Foodgrains Grow Project Spring Fundraiser (details below)

April 21-24 - Earth Week 2024 - Join MC Canada's partner in climate change - For the Love of Creation - in a nation-wide movement through local actions across the country to pray, learn, and act! Learn more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44769>

April 28 - Come and Go Tea for Lena Franz

May 3 - MCI's Spring Fundraiser Coffee House, 7:30pm in Buhler Hall foyer

Whitewater MC is looking to fill the administrator role starting mid-May. If you're interested, please talk to Matt Heide or Heather Goertzen.

BMW Foodgrains Grow Project Spring Fundraiser - you're invited to an evening of sharing (Guest speakers: Dan and Heather Penner, Killarney), coffee and trifle. 7pm on April 21st at the Boissevain MB Church.

Come celebrate Lena Franz on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Come and Go Tea,

April 28, 1:30 - 3:30 at Cherry Creek Place

Faith and Life Choirs Spring Concerts. May 4, 7:00pm. First Mennonite Winnipeg. May 5, 3:00pm. Morden Mennonite Church. Freewill offering to Camps with Meaning Camping Ministry.

www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events

Sunday, May 5th is Red Dress Day across Canada A day to name violence against Indigenous Women and Girls - and commit to ending cycles of gender-based violence in our communities.

Spend a day on the green in support of MCC's international disaster relief! Join us for MCC Manitoba's golf tournament on Thursday, July 4 at Bridges Golf Course. Enjoy our Texas Scramble tournament with on-course challenges, with a BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit mcc.org/Manitoba/golf for information and to register today!