

PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

WMC FAMILY...Goertzen, Pastor Wes & Heather, Maeve and Anais

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

Praying for our Congregations...Seeds Church in Altona exists to make Jesus real by fostering relationships, taking time to listen, and moving with purpose. Seeds has a laid back and relational ethos in hopes of creating environments (small groups, worship) where people can connect to God, themselves and to others. Most recently they are most excited about an initiative that got its start within the Seeds community but has since morphed into its own community organization: The Community Exchange. Please pray for Seeds as they transition from the founding pastoral leadership of Darlene and Ted Enns-Dyck who will complete their 26 years of service to the congregation at the end of December 2024.

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 28th, 2024

Worship Leader: Heather Heide

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Children's Story: Marg Kroeker

Sermon: Heather Goertzen

Acts 8: 26–40 NRSV

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) **27** So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28** and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” **30** So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” **31** He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. **32** Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” **35** Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. **36** As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” **38** He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. **39** When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. **40** But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Supporting Texts: Psalm 22: 25–31, John 15: 1–8

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

April 28 – Come and Go Tea for Lena Franz

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

May 9 – Brandon MCC Thrift Shop AGM, details below

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

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.

The **Brandon MCC Thrift Shop** is holding its **Annual General Meeting**, followed by a light lunch, on **Thursday, 9 May, 7:00 p.m.** at the store (414 Pacific Avenue). MCC Manitoba’s Executive Director, Darryl Loewen, and Director of Social Enterprise, Josue Figueroa, will be making presentations. All are welcome to attend.

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!