

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

March 14, 2021

Series: The Seven Claims of Jesus to be the “Great I am”

Prelude – Clara Peters

Call to Worship, Announcements, Prayer – Pastor Victor Engbrecht

Worship in Song - Pastor Harold Espinosa/Heather Derksen

Children’s Story – Char Epp

Scripture Reading – Dennis Thiessen

John 6:1-24

Message – Pastor Dean Huber

Jesus, The Bread of Life (Pt.1)

John 6:25-40

Worship in Song – Pastor Harold Espinosa/Heather Derksen

Benediction – Pastor Dean Huber

Postlude – Clara Peters

Stay Connected: In person worship service will be on Sunday mornings, but you need to sign up ahead of time. Our worship services/messages are also available on You Tube (beginning at 9:00 am on Sundays, on our website (www.wbmc.ca), on Cable TV (Channel 12, 10:00 am Sunday mornings & 6:00 pm on Tuesday evenings), as well as, on DVD and CD from the church office.

“Loving God, Loving Each Other, and Loving Our Community”

Sound: Jay Froese **Video:** Brad Funk

Computer: Brad Funk

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Worship Service: Pastor Victor Engbrecht

THIS WEEK AT WINKLER BERGTHALER

Tuesday 9:30 am Women's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 2:00 pm Bible Study (Lead by Pastor Victor)

CHURCH FAMILY - PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Church Prayer & Praise

Pray for our church executive team (Gordon Peters, Dennis Derksen, Jack Froese, Pastor Dean Huber).

Mission Prayer & Praise

Continue to pray for strength and wisdom for our government and public health leaders; Brian Pallister, Heather Stefanson, Dr. Brent Roussin (Manitoba's Chief Public Health Officer) as they continue to give us direction in this pandemic.

Prayer for Our Missionaries

Preston & Myra Wieler

Expression of Sympathy

Martha Kliewer, nee Nikkel, of Mission, BC passed away Monday, March 8th. She was a sister to Olga & Abe C. Friesen.

New Phone Number

Pastor Victor Engbrecht has a new phone number. It is 204-361-6778.

Note of Thanks

A big thank you to our deacons whose terms are fulfilled. Gerhard & Anna Friesen, Nick & Tina Friesen, John & Margaret Giesbrecht, and Ray Driedger have completed their terms of service in the deacon ministry. We thank you for your service to the church, and your love for the church. You have encouraged, blessed, and strengthened us with your visits, your counsel, and your prayers. May the Lord bless you richly as you continue to engage in people's lives. *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts"* (Zec. 4:6).

Membership Meeting

In anticipation of more restrictions being lifted, we are tentatively planning our membership meeting for March 29, 2021. Nominations for committees will also be accepted at our membership meeting. However, before you nominate a person at the meeting, you need to check with the person you are nominating whether he or she is okay with it.

Worship Services

We will have only one worship service (9:15 am) this Sunday. We are looking at the option of another worship service, possibly Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm. Discussions are taking place. More information will be available next week.

2020 Annual Report Book

The 2020 Annual Report Book printed copies are available on the table in the foyer.

Church Library

The church library will be open on Sunday morning and during office hours.

Our Daily Bread Devotional

(April/May/June), large print devotional, is available on the table in the foyer.

Birthdays This Week

| | Day | | Day |
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| Nettie Wall | 14 | Cheryl Huber | 15 |
| Tina Hildebrand | 14 | Abe Derksen | 18 |

Anniversaries This Week

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| Walter & Elma Neufeld | March 15, 1986 | 34 Years |
| Darryl & Sharon Heinrichs | March 16, 1991 | 29 Years |

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

Scripture for This Week

- Ephesians 2:1 – 22
- 2 Chronicles 36:11 – 23
- Jeremiah 31:23 – 40
- Psalm 119:1 – 16
- Psalm 119:17 – 32
- Luke 2:41 – 52
- Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10

Coming Events

Monday, March 29
Membership Meeting
(Tentative Date)

Quotes for the Week

Metaphor. Part of interpretation is applying common sense, rather than always taking words literally. We can understand passages better if we allow language to speak in ordinary ways, instead of imposing some kind of special, artificial standard for language usage in the Bible. For example, when Jesus said, **“I am the bread of life”** in John 6:35, did he mean he was a loaf of ground grain mixed with yeast and baked? No—**we know he was metaphorically saying he provides sustenance for our spiritual life just as bread provides sustenance for our physical life.** But if we try to make biblical metaphors read literally we will misinterpret their true meaning.

As we said earlier, the Bible is literature, and the same linguistic principles apply to it as to other writings. While it is correct to believe the Bible is true, we must allow metaphors, similes, and analogies to be what they are, and not force them to be literal.

McDowell, J., & McDowell, S. (2012). *77 FAQs about God and the Bible: Your toughest questions answered.* Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers.

What a wonderful promise and what a full answer are contained in Matt. 5:6 and John 6:35: “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” And the fulfillment of this “And Jesus said unto them **I am the bread of life** he that cometh to me shall never hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” **All our longings, all our hunger, all our thirst filled in Jesus!**

Smith, H. W., & Dieter, M. E. (1997). *The Christian’s secret of a holy life: the unpublished personal writings of Hannah Whitall Smith.* Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Pastoral Staff: Dean Huber, Victor Engbrecht, Harold Espinosa

Administrative Secretary: Susan Klassen

Custodians: Edwin Siemens, Hank Klassen, Carol Klassen

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - Noon; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

WINKLER BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH
Membership Meeting March 29, 2021
Committee Affirmations For Terms Beginning In 2021

CHURCH EXECUTIVE TEAM

Gordon Peters (2 yrs.) Dennis Derksen (1 yr.)
 Jack Froese (2 yrs.)

CHURCH COUNCIL

Assistant Secretary

Val Dyck (1 yr.)

COMMITTEES & OTHER

Missions Committee

Alf Dyck (1 yr.)
 Bill Fehr (1 yr.)

Education Committee

Judy Unrau
 Darlene Derksen

Worship Committee

Marilyn Penner (1 yr.)
 Elsie Rempel (3 yrs.)

Sunday School Superintendent

Shaun Dyck
 Emily Dyck

College & Career/Women's Ministry

Chasity Katabira

Finance Committee (3 Years)

Alvin Wiens
 Bill Braun
 Ted Peters

Nominations Committee (3 Years)

Eileen Dyck
 Jake Peters
 Gordon Suderman

Personnel Committee (3 Years)

Ron Penner Esther Dyck

Salem Rep. (3 Years)

Nick Heide

Rosenbach Cemetery (3 Years)

Jim Suderman
 Alvin Hildebrand
