

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Father's Day



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Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.

Sunday, June 18, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Laura Enns

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Karen Watson

Accompanist: Karen Enns

Scripture Readers: Crystal Francis, Nancy Pauls

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Rita Reimer

Children's Time: Hilda Krotz

Children are welcome in the worship service or supervision for young children is available in the Nursery along the Administration Hallway following the Children's Time in the service.

Worship Focus: "I do believe! Help my unbelief!"

Mark 9:24b

GATHERING

Prelude

Hymn: "Creating God, your fingers trace"

HWB # 325

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: On this day we recognize our fathers and stepfathers,
those who have nurtured and guided us
in our lives.



**People: We thank You, O God,
for those who have been fathers to us.**

Leader: We honor our grandfathers, our uncles and brothers,
those who have demonstrated love and care to us in our lives.

**People: We thank You, O God,
for those who have been fathers to us.**

Leader: We appreciate our teachers, leaders and pastors,
who have been both male and female,
but we especially honor those who have extended
fatherly tenderness and love in our lives in our past and
present.

**People: We thank You, O God,
for those who have fulfilled a fatherly role in our lives.**

Leader: Loving God, You have been both Mother and Father to us.

Abba, Father, we remember how Jesus called out to You on earth,
recognizing that You are closer to us than our earthly parents.
Your love and care for us are felt
in the ways we are loved and cared for by others.
We thank You for all the male figures in our lives
who have shared Your love with us.
We ask that You guide and nurture new fathers and fathers-to-be.
We seek Your forgiveness for fathers who have fallen short,
for models of fatherhood that were limiting rather than embracing,
for that is not Your way.
You are our ever-loving Parent, Father of us all.
Grant Your wisdom to all fathers and fatherly figures
to love their children as You have loved Your children.

**People: We thank You, O God,
for fatherhood and motherhood,
for the blessing of parents in our lives.**

Leader: Abba, Father,
we pray with those who are mourning the loss of fathers today,
and for those whose fathers were absent or abusive.
Erase their pain on this day, loving God.
May they know Your embrace,
and that You are more than Father or Mother to us –
You are the all-loving, all-caring Parent,
creator of heaven and earth,
who knows the hairs on our heads.

**People: We thank You, O God,
That You are always with us,
That You will never leave us or forsake us.**

Leader: We thank You for this day,
and ask that You bless all of Your children with Your love,
as a wonderful father loves their child.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: *"O blessed spring"*

STS # 100

Prayer of Confession/Words of Assurance

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture I: Proverbs 3: 1-13

(Old Testament)

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Hymn: *"We are often tossed and driv'n"*
(Children come forward on the last verse)

STS # 72

Song of Blessing: *"We will follow"*

STS # 40

Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



Offering

Anthem: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

W. M. Runyan, arr. L. Smith

Scripture II: Mark 9: 14-27

(New Testament)

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Sermon: **"Caught in the Middle"**

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Response: *"Guide my Feet"*

HWB # 546

Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to our visitors! We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

TODAY AT W-K

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Next Sunday – June 25, 2017

Jesus said WHAT!?!

9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Pastor Ben Cassels*

Lectionary *Jeremiah 20: 7-13* *Psalms 69: 7-10 [11-15] 16-18*

Readings: *Romans 6: 1b-11* *Matthew 10: 24-39*

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parish Nurse Clinic Hours

Waterloo Mennonite Homes – Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

W-K United Mennonite Church – Thursday 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Financial Report: Thank you for your offering of June 11th

This Week at W-K

Wednesday, June 21	7:00 p.m.	Visioning Team - Lounge
Thursday, June 22	10:00 a.m.	WALC – gym – Last until Fall.

Mission and Outreach:

The Waterloo Region Food Bank needs our help to keep their shelves stocked over the summer months. You can help by donating peanut butter, beans in sauce, canned fish and canned fruit. We will be collecting food until June 21st.





Join the George Street Fellowship for a Heritage Tour and discover the history and culture of Amish Mennonites in Ontario on Wednesday October 18, 2017. Register early! See Wally or Gloria Dirks for more information or see the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for details.



Worship on Summer Long Weekends:

As we have done in the past, we will join with our friends from Erb Street and Waterloo North for worship on the long weekends as follows:

Sunday, July 2nd – worship is here at 9:30 a.m. with coffee/lemonade to follow

Sunday, August 6th – worship is at Erb Street at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 3rd – worship is at Waterloo North at 9:30 a.m.

Come add your voices and join in the fellowship.

Note: The Summer Worship Flyer is in your mailboxes today.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG AT HEART



Calling all students age 4 to grade 8. God's Great Get-Together at Boobab Blast won't be the same without you! Don't miss out on Vacation Bible Camp, July 17-21, from 9am to 12noon at Knox Presbyterian

Church. Register online at wkumchurch.ca Scholarships are available!

Adults and Teenagers - WE NEED YOUR HELP! Vacation Bible Camp is a partnership between W-K, Erb Street, Waterloo North, and Knox. We're expecting 150 kids for the week and we need your energy and involvement! Would you be willing to chaperone a group of about 10 children, help lead crafts, prepare snacks with other volunteers in the kitchen, just be a friendly and helpful presence, or be involved in some other way? Talk to Pastor Ben. (Youth - this is a great way to earn those community volunteer hours!)




Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

June is Senior's Month.....

This year the theme is “Living Your Best Life”

This month is set aside to celebrate our seniors and the contribution they make to enrich our communities and our lives. Our elders have contributed to our society over a lifetime. They continue to actively engage and contribute:
(EvidenceNetwork.ca – University of Manitoba)

- through the diversity of their skills, knowledge and experience
 - by being supportive neighbours and friends
 - through their work with volunteer agencies and missions
 - by providing childcare support to the extended family
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- by supporting the financial well-being of society and faith communities
 - by being mentors and teachers
 - by passing on the wisdom and traditions of our cultural and family context
 - as caregivers to their spouse and other family members to name but a few.

WALC – Active Living Exercise Class: - final class for the season will be Thursday, June 29th. The class is each Thursday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the gym.

Community Health and Wellness events:

Adult Rec Centres, Community Pools, YMCA – your choice - check out the great variety of programs and activities – everything for fitness, physical activity, social connections, engaging the mind... you name it. Our community provides ample opportunities to support our holistic health and well-being.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Family Camping Weekend at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is quickly approaching. This year's Family Camping Weekend will take place June 30th to Sunday, July 2nd. Pitch a tent, park a trailer or camp in a cabin and come and enjoy God's beautiful creation. For more information visit www.hiddenacres.ca or to reserve a cabin, call (519) 625-8602 or email info@hiddenacres.ca.



Music that Makes Community will present a Paperless Music Workshop on Saturday, July 15 from 3:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 445 Anndale Road, in Waterloo. This is a fun workshop that explores storytelling, singing and community involvement – without having to use a book – to help lead and participate more fully in music and worship. To register please visit www.musicthatmakescommunity.org. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Peace Camp 2017 is coming to Conrad Grebel University College during July 31-August 4, 2017. Geared towards students in grades 6-8, Peace Camp is a week-long day camp that teaches youth they can make a difference in the world. This year we will ask, "Where can we find peace?" searching locally, globally, and in our own lives. Register online at www.grebel.ca/peacecamp<<http://www.grebel.ca/peacecamp>> today! For more info contact Peace Camp Coordinator Allison Keyes at peacecamp.daycamp@uwaterloo.ca<<mailto:peacecamp.daycamp@uwaterloo.ca>>.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp needs volunteers in the kitchen and to help with maintenance projects during the weeks of July 16-22 and August 6-12. For more information please contact the camp at 519-422-1401 email fun@slmc.ca or visit www.wlmc.ca/volunteers

Loved by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus Christ.
As a welcoming Mennonite community,
we worship God, nurture each other
and extend God's love and peace to all.