

RESPONDING

*Hymn: Blue/HWB #78 “Sizohamba naye”

*Benediction

**Please rise.*

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

The blank, coloured papers in the pew are for **thank-you notes to God or someone in the church**. Place the note in the offering bag. Notes with names will be delivered to that person. The rest will be saved. Share your thankfulness as an offering.

THIS WEEK

- **Youth “Summer Tuesday”, July 8: 7:30-9:30pm**
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Remember in your Prayers

Abe Braun

Jean and Garry Harms and family: Jean’s stepmom Tena Giesbrecht (mother of Ross Wiebe) passed away July 17th. The funeral will be Sunday at 2 pm in the Berghthaler church in Warman.

Announcements

***Gordon will be on vacation** to July 27. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care.

Adeline will be the office on **Thursday** (July 24) **this week** and NOT on Friday. *Please have all items for next Sunday’s bulletin in to the church office by 9am Thursday the 24th.*

***Congratulations to Kathryn Janzen and James Tataryn** who were married on July 12th, and also congrats to George and Lynette and family who celebrate with the happy couple.

***To celebrate Dennis Boldt’s 80th birthday**, you are invited to the Boldt farm for refreshments and visiting on **Friday, July 25th at 7:00pm.**

***Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with VBS** this past week: Diana, Jake, Sarah G, Michelle, Adam, Liam, Katherine P, Kat, Jasmine, Emma, Emily, Margaret, John, Erica and Shelley! Eighteen children from the community registered, with an average attendance of 15/day.

*Congratulations to Theresa Loewen on the birth of a boy, Morrison Valor Bird, 6 lb. 1 oz., born Sunday, July 6th. **The Deacons invite members of the congregation to help Theresa and her sons by bringing meals** – either frozen or ready to eat. Please see the bulletin board for Theresa’s phone number and address and it is recommended you call ahead. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

***Church yard maintenance:** Thank you Doug, for looking after the church yard this week. Bruce and Garry are scheduled for grass-cutting the week ending July 27th.

***Youth: Summer Tuesday continue till August 19th (July 8 – Aug 19, 7:30-9:30 pm)** All youth are invited to weekly informal gathering time at the church on Tuesday evenings this summer. Bring your friends, drop in, hang out, play basketball, ping-pong or come for a chat over a cup of tea.

*Only 10 days til **Midsummer Music comes to OMC!** Please come and bring all your family and friends! **Wednesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m.** - Keith Boldt (Tenor), his wife, Merel Kriegsmann (Soprano) and accompanist, Sandra Horst, will bring us an evening of music and song. Coming home from Leipzig, Germany and Toronto for a family visit, they will be sharing their gifts with us and raising money for our church. Everyone is Welcome!

***MDS Update:** Mennonite Disaster Service is responding to flooding. MDS thanks all the volunteers who have helped clean and gut homes in the Gainsborough, SK area. The work there is nearly complete. MDS is in close contact with Emergency Measures Operations and is assessing where and how to best help in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Given the nature of the flooding, the needs arise quickly. If you are able to volunteer in the coming week, please call the MDS Office at 866-261-1274 to receive the latest information. Thank you for ongoing volunteer, financial and prayer support. The latest MDS Update is now on the bulletin board.

***InterChurch Health Ministries** - Saskatchewan (ICHM-SK) has level one training sessions for registered nurses, clergy and lay persons interested in beginning a parish nurse ministry in their congregation. The classes are scheduled for 4 weekends this fall (Sept – Nov/14) at Lutheran Theological Seminary on the U of S campus.

***MC Sask Day in the Park** – Sunday, August 10, 2:30- 7:30 pm at Scott Park (next to Mount Royal MC) in Saskatoon. Outdoor games in the afternoon for all ages, including special kid's activities with the SMYO VBS Troupe, supper provided by the Saskatoon Vietnamese Mennonite Church, and an evening concert featuring *Becky Reesor and Sam Dlugokecki*, Winnipeg musicians who are touring across Western Canada. Supper is a fundraiser and is by donation, we hope to see all of you there!

***SMYO Jr. High Retreat** is coming up! September 19- 21 at the Youth Farm Bible Camp, with Autumn Dueck from Grace Mennonite Church in Winkler, MB, speaking on the theme of '*Hello, my name is... Names that God Gives Us.*' Registration forms are being mailed out, and are also available online from the MC Sask and SMYO websites, as well as the SMYO Facebook page. Hope to see you there!

***To those who quilt or scrapbook** and to those who need to retreat....mark your calendar! Shekinah's Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat is scheduled for September 26-28, 2014. More details and brochures to follow before the end of the July! Stay tuned!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 17: 1-10, 15-16

17When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty;* walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.'

9 God said to Abraham, 'As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

15 God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Jeremiah 31:33

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.