



## BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH

### Lent 4 Sunday March 14, 2021

#### Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing

Worship Leader	Chris Derstine
Accompanists	Karl Braun, Sherrie Tiessen, Janet Auger, Randy Brown, Lynette Gossen, Linden Gossen
Scripture Reader	Erin Braun
Children's Story	Alex Charette
Digital Tech Support	Cameron Hadfield

We acknowledge with gratitude the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishnawbe, and Neutral peoples upon which our church stands. We seek a new relationship with Indigenous peoples, one based in honour and deep respect.

#### Birthdays

Mar 14	Giselle Maerz	Mar 20	Paul Dettweiler
Mar 16	Jean Lehn Epp	Mar 20	Larry Shantz

#### Joys and Concerns

- Pray for **Kathy Shantz** and **Reg Good** and family, as Kathy receives weekly blood transfusions and palliative care. For updates and to share support with Kathy and family, visit [www.caringbridge.org/visit/kathyshantz](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kathyshantz) site name: kathyshantz.
- Pray for **Lily** and **Eric Hiebert Rempel**, as Lily is returning to Sandy Lake for 4 weeks beginning March 10. She will be providing public health support services with Covid testing and follow-up and potentially immunization
- Pray for the **community of Sandy Lake**, the most western reservation in Ontario, north west of Thunder Bay. Lily is excited and anticipating a fine work experience and she feels quite safe returning to the North as she received her second dose of Moderna vaccine this past Saturday. If you have time, Lily appreciates e-mails. [lilyhr2008@gmail.com](mailto:lilyhr2008@gmail.com)
- Pray for **Violet Grimm**, as a member of her family experiences a severe health difficulty.
- Pray for **individuals, congregations, communities** experiencing challenges during this time of Covid-19, pray for peace, grace, and health.
- **A Prayer for Lent** – *Creator God, help me to consider the wonders of creation. I confess that I have often been too caught up in the patterns of my life to catch the whisper of your Spirit. Open the ears of my heart to hear your word. Give me courage to let it live through my life. Amen.*

#### Calendar of Coming Events

Mar 14	Sun	9:30 am	Worship Online - Lent 4 Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21 Pastor Eleanor preaching
Mar 21	Sun	9:30 am	Worship Online - Lent 5 Deep in the earth: Called to deep growth Jeremiah 31:31-24; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33 Pastor Eleanor preaching
Mar 25	Thu	6:00 pm	Pastor Congregation Relations Committee meeting via Zoom
Mar 31	Wed	7:00 pm	BMC Budget / Business meeting via Zoom Information packets available on the church website Login section for Sun. March 21 <a href="https://www.breslaumc.ca/members/annual-meeting/">https://www.breslaumc.ca/members/annual-meeting/</a>

#### Educational Classes

Jr. Sunday School	<a href="#">March video</a>
Adults	Sunday, Mar 21 at 11:00 via Zoom <i>Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization</i> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/94961254262?pwd=Ny8zbWRIL1RIUjVLaTZHQjVkr2Y1QT09">https://zoom.us/j/94961254262?pwd=Ny8zbWRIL1RIUjVLaTZHQjVkr2Y1QT09</a> Meeting ID: 949 6125 4262 Passcode: 842480

## Announcements

- **BMC Palm Sunday Parade 2021** – BMCers, please submit a short video or picture of yourself/your family waving, holding branches or streamers to [office@breslaumc.ca](mailto:office@breslaumc.ca) by Tuesday March 23. This short videos and pictures will be included with Palm Sunday March 28 worship online. If you have questions or concerns please contact Pastor Eleanor.
- **BMC Lent Worship** information sheet is posted in the [bulletin section of our church website](#).
- **BMC Budget / Business meeting on Wednesday March 31 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. Information packets available on the church website Login section. <https://www.breslaumc.ca/members/annual-meeting/>
- **Missions Committee is planning a fundraiser** beginning March 22, called MARKETPLACE – ONLINE, where the money raised will go to the Welcome In Drop-in Centre in Guelph, a local outreach program for homeless individuals. In the past, our church has raised funds to support one local outreach program in the communities where BMC members live, Cambridge, Kitchener/Waterloo and Guelph. Two years ago we supported 'Bridges' in Cambridge. Welcome In Drop-in Centre is currently offering overnight emergency shelter on a nightly, first-come, first-served basis, with 3-4 staff offering support to individuals. People staying at the shelter are offered a place to sleep, food and a shower. The Welcome In Drop-in Centre also partners with Royal City Mission and Loyola House Shelter to meet the needs of the homeless in Guelph.
- **Marketplace Online** on the church website, login section, [www.breslaumc.ca](http://www.breslaumc.ca) is where we can sell items to each other, such as baking, crafts, knitting, hobby items, preserves, food items or a service – walking a dog. The money collected from these purchases will be donated to the Welcome In Drop-in Centre in Guelph. On March 22, email Patti Hobler at [pattihobler@gmail.com](mailto:pattihobler@gmail.com) and let her know the items you wish to sell. A chart will be set up and uploaded to the church website on April 6, so items can be viewed and purchased until April 20. If you are unable to provide an item for purchase, money donations are welcomed. What items do you wish to sell? We look forward to your support with this fundraiser.
- **BMC past worship services online** are now up-to-date and available in the Login section of the BMC website – BMC Worship Video Archive [www.breslaumc.ca](http://www.breslaumc.ca)
- **BMC Reopening Update** - BMC facilities remain closed for worship, rentals, and group use in March due to Covid-19. BMC worship online continues. BMC Covid-19 Safety Protocol provides guidance and information. If you do come into the BMC facilities please sign in by the front door, use Covid-19 safety practices: wearing masks, physical distancing, etc. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a member of the BMC Reopening Working Group – Bryan Berg, Mark Epp, Lily Hiebert Rempel.

### Stewardship & Finance

Your continued giving to the ministry of BMC is appreciated. Your continued donations are appreciated and can be mailed/delivered to the church office, delivered electronically using E-transfer (to [donations@breslaumc.ca](mailto:donations@breslaumc.ca) ) or via monthly AFT donation. To set up monthly AFT, please contact Sharon Brown at 519-239-7741 or [sharondbrown@rogers.com](mailto:sharondbrown@rogers.com)

### Beyond the Congregation

#### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and MCC Ontario News and Updates:

- **Thrift on Kent** in Kitchener is open for in-store shopping and donation drop offs. Online shopping is available through the store's Instagram and Facebook pages. All funds generated support the work of MCC locally and globally.
- **MCCO Podcast** "Undercurrents" <https://mcccanada.ca/undercurrents-podcast-telling-mcc-stories>
- **MCC Monthly Webinar Series** <https://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series>

#### Conrad Grebel University College

- **Virtual Grebel Musical: "Big Fish"** A touching Father/Son story about discovery, family and legacy, with fantastical elements, a magical orchestra and dazzling cast, filmed entirely during the COVID-19 pandemic. This production will be livestreamed throughout the weekend of March 19-21, with afternoon show times at 2pm and evening show times at 7pm. Tickets are available to purchase for \$10 for individuals and \$15 dollars for groups through [BookTix](#).
- **Grebel March Break Open House** - Join us virtually on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. EST Participate in presentations covering everything from programs, co-op, student life, financing your education, and housing. Visit our booths to chat with students, professors, and staff and find answers to your questions. Visit [grebel.ca/events](http://grebel.ca/events)

### **Covid-19 Vaccine Information Forum**

- Online event for the Christian Community of Waterloo Region will focus on the COVID-19 virus, the vaccines, and the vaccine distribution plans for Waterloo Region Tuesday, March 23 at 12:30 pm. [Register here.](#)

### **Rockway Mennonite Collegiate**

- **Employment Opportunity:** Director of Admissions & Recruitment – Domestic .80 FTE position effective end of June. Send resumés and cover letters to [employment@rockway.ca](mailto:employment@rockway.ca) until Friday, April 2. [Rockway's Employment Opportunities](#)

### **Canadian Mennonite University**

- **CMU Graduate School of Theology and Ministry Webinar** – If you are considering graduate theological studies, whether beginning a degree program, or taking a course or two, this Webinar is for you! Hear from faculty and students in the program, and learn about generous scholarship and bursary opportunities to support your interest. Explore options for learning, vocation and leadership at CMU. Prospective students who attend the webinar and submit a GSTM application by May 31 will have their application fee waived. Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 PM (CDT). For more information [enrolment.cmu.ca/register/gstmwebinar](http://enrolment.cmu.ca/register/gstmwebinar).
- **A CMU Podcast: So What? – Episode 3: Treaty** – What are treaties and why do they matter? This Podcast episode, coming out of a CMU Face2Face conversation entitled Whose Neighbour Am I? Treaty One and Mennonite Privilegium, features Niigaan James Sinclair and Hans Werner, reflecting on treaties signed by First Nations and Canadian Mennonite settlers. How might we live into Treaty as ongoing relationship with mutual benefit, and not a one-time exchange of land? Listen as Jonas Cornelsen (CMU alumnus living in Calgary) leads you through a fascinating and important 20-minute conversation. [Click here](#) to listen.

**Hidden Acres Camp** Information on Summer 2021

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp** Information on Summer 2021

**Fraser Lake Camp** Information on Summer 2021

#### **Ministers: All Persons in the Congregation**

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