



Sunset over Lake Superior; photo by Cindy Voth

## **Sabbatical Sharing**

# Waterford Mennonite Church

August 18, 2024

Prelude	Elvina Schmidt
Gathering Songs	Vyron Schmidt
	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> (v 1-3, 5) VT 408
	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i> VT 563
	<i>Thy Word Is a Lamp</i> VT 398
Welcome and Call to worship	Rod Hollinger-Janzen
Lighting the peace lamp*	
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
Song	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> VT 419
Scripture	Psalm 23
Children's time	Karen Pfahler
Sabbatical sharing:	"Restorative Rest by Bodies of Water" Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>Joys Are Flowing like a River</i> VT 375
Congregational Prayer	Deron Bergstresser
Back to School Blessing	Mariko Claassen, Katie Misz
Benediction	
Sending Song	<i>Like a Rock</i> VT 63

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\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

## **Prayers**

*Jim Christophel*, who celebrates his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on him. Join in his celebration by signing a card for him at the table in the foyer.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill*, who are preparing to serve as directors of the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Pray that God and God's people will provide all the necessary resources, so that the Woodward-Breckbill family can begin ministry this month.

*Jane Otto*, as she goes to Indianapolis for back surgery this coming Tuesday, August 20. This is the second part of a procedure that Jane had on July 9. Please pray for Jane and Ken, for strength, healing, and good recovery.

## **Welcome Guests**

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

## Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

*Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,*

*Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and*

*Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.*

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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