

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*



*Sunday, August 16, 2020*

*Worship Service 10:30 a.m.*

**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA**

**August 16, 2020**

**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am**

**Sermon:** Josh Janzen

**Worship Leader:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

**Music:** Recorded Artists: Steve Bell, Camps with Meaning,  
Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship, Vancouver

*“Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve”.*  
*~ Luke 22: 3*

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Music He leadeth me HWB 599

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music Praise to the Lord, the Almighty HWB 37

**LISTENING**

Moment in Mission Video

Scripture Reading **Luke 22: 1-6; Matthew 27: 3-4**

Sermon **“So Close, Yet So Far Away”**

**RESPONDING**

Music Be Thou my vision HWB 545

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

**SENDING**

Benediction & Postlude

Music Go in peace

## **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Katherine Bergen, Dave Sawatzky, Waldo Schulz, and Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre; Marge Schellenberg and Sadie [Willie] Funk at Health Sciences Centre.
- ~ **Pray** for Sharon (James) Friesen who is battling cancer and undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- ~ **Congratulations** to new grandparents Gerald & Glenys Voth. Ada Jane was born August 5 to Derek and Josee Voth. Great grandparent is Mary Voth and new auntie is Riana Voth.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:** Pray for Bock Ki Kim, Witness worker in South Korea, and the Chuncheon Community Peace Center as they work at restorative-circle practices in local families and schools. Pray for the three-day workshop on August 3-6, for training 20 facilitators to help in this work of healing in their communities.

Access to the livestreaming on Sunday mornings will be available from the Altona Bergthaler Church website [[abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)]. The live stream will begin at 10:30am.

Our worship service will be posted to [abchurch.libsyn.com](http://abchurch.libsyn.com) [Audio] [abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca) [Video] Sunday afternoon.

Children's teaching will be posted to [abchurchcommunity.ca](http://abchurchcommunity.ca)  
This week's teacher is Sharon Friesen.

This Sunday our "Moment in Mission" video will feature the ministry of **Camps with Meaning**. In spite of COVID, and overnight restrictions on camps they are continuing to find new and creative ways to share the love of God with children around the province. You can watch the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EasB1Hs1mh0>

We are planning a **sermon series** beginning in September called "**Hard Questions**" (Refer to last week's From the Pastor for more information). Are there questions or dilemmas you have struggled with? Is there a specific topic you have always wanted to hear a sermon about? Your input will help us shape the content of this series. Please send me an email or call me if you have ideas or feedback. I'd love to hear from you!

~ Pastor Mark

## **From the Pastor** – Josh Janzen

Summer is flying by and we are now in mid-August! As another school year approaches, I wanted to share my vision for the ABC Youth Ministry and my hopes for the coming year of programming. The vision I have for the ABC Youth Ministry is to create a weekly space for youth to gather where God is seen and felt. I dream of youth being transformed in their relationships with God, their relationships with others, and their relationships with the world around them. I desire to develop a place where youth grow to be more like Christ.

And as part of the vision for the ABC Youth Ministry, I have been working on recruiting volunteers to be youth sponsors for the junior high and senior high youth groups. I know that there is this stereotype for youth sponsors that says that they should be young, married couples full of energy to connect with youth. But honestly, I don't think that there is just one kind of youth sponsor. What I care about is having youth sponsors with a mature Christian faith, who enjoy working with youth and want to make a difference by investing weekly in their lives. I think the church does being the church best when we live out our faith in service and in community. I know that there are a few things that we might be able to teach our youth. I also know that there are a few things that our youth can teach us.

Ultimately, the vision is to create intergenerational ministry, where all are transformed in their relationships and grow to be more like Christ. Where Jesus is the center of our faith, Community is the center of our life, and Reconciliation is the center of our work.

## **Jr & Sr Youth**

- **Tuesday, Aug 25, 7-9pm** - Grade 7 only introduction to Youth Group and hangout.
- **Friday, Aug 28, 7-9pm** - Smores and Sno-cones part 2, Jr High and Sr High hangout.

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## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Pastor's summer vacation schedule:**  
Pastor Virginia will be away August 17-24  
Pastor Josh away August 17-24 and August 31-September 7.
- **Tuesday 10am Coffee** - outside on the church grounds. This will be a physically distanced event and so you will need to bring your own lawn chair and coffee mug, coffee will be provided.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Sept 19** - Eden Foundation's *Head for the Hills 2020* - join us again this year. For more information and to register click [HERE](#).
- **Sept 19 - Visit the Villages Tractor Trek.**

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** – [mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca) 896-1616

- **Day Camps** at Camp Assiniboia. Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org) to learn more and register or call 204-895-2267.
- **No MCM Gathering** will take place this fall, so look for a more comprehensive MCM Report by end of September. Ministry work in most quarters is on-going, maybe even at a greater level than pre-Covid, however, the overall Camping Ministry has been hit very hard.

**Mennonite Church Canada** – [office@mennochurch.ca](mailto:office@mennochurch.ca) 888-6781

- **Aug 16** – Join St. Jacobs Mennonite Church this Sunday as they continue their summer theme of "Deadly Sins and Holy Virtues." Kevin Derksen and Chip Bender will explore the pairing of Gluttony and Self-Control through a variety of scriptural and experiential contexts. Watch at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>.
- **Oct 24**, MC Canada Study Conference. Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?", a study on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from MC Canada-affiliated colleges & universities will present on themes of ecclesiology & worship. Registration open: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020)
- **Mennonite Church Canada** has donated \$50,000 to Mennonite World Conference's Global Church Sharing Fund to help our sister churches around the world struggling to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now MC Canada is asking its congregations to match this donation so that we collectively raise \$100,000. Donations will go through regional churches. Click [here](#) for more info.

**Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** – [Manitoba@mccmb.ca](mailto:Manitoba@mccmb.ca)

- On Aug 4, a large explosion killed over 200 people and injured more than 6,000 others in Beirut, Lebanon. Together, MCC and its program partners in Beirut will address rehabilitation and cleanup needs. Through the Humanitarian Coalition, individual donations made to MCC in Canada will be matched up to 5 million by the Government of Canada. Donate now at [mcccanada.ca/beirut-response](http://mcccanada.ca/beirut-response).