

Welcome to the Bergthalter Mennonite Church of Altona



Sunday, August 22, 2021

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WORSHIP SERVICE

August 22, 2021 10:30 A.M.

"You shall not steal."
"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."
~ Exodus 20: 15, 17

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **All creatures of our God and King**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Circle of God's People**

LISTENING

Children's Story

Moment in Mission

Scripture **2 Samuel 12:1-7a, Mark 10:17-27**

Sermon **"Beginning and ending at the heart"**

RESPONDING

Music **Beauty for Brokenness STS 115**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church & the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Calm me Lord** **VT 680**

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Amanda Wiens

Children's Story: Kristin Falk **Scripture:** Ed / Erna Doell

Music: Altar of Praise Chorale, Camps With Meaning,
Kenneth Nafziger and STS Musicians

Our worship service will be live-streamed and continue to be available on the church website [abchurchcommunity.ca] Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Harold Sawatzky, Waldo Schulz, and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray: Bethlehem Bible College asks us to pray for their new academic year as they prepare for classes and enroll students this summer. Located near the checkpoint and two refugee camps, they are often subjected to tear gas, shootings and turmoil in the street. They are also dealing with rising COVID-19 cases, a slow vaccine roll out and less than 15 per cent of the population vaccinated.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

We continue our worship series exploring the Ten Commandments and how these instructions continue to help us orient our lives to Christ's call.

Aug 29 - Don't testify falsely

~ Josh Janzen

Sept 5

~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck

FROM the PASTOR - Amanda Wiens

The farthest we traveled this summer was a full three and a half hours away to Clear Lake, MB. We rented a cabin in the woods that was advertised as having all the comfort and amenities of home. We had a great week at Clear Lake with lots of sun and sand, boat and bike rides, and ice cream so delicious we are already talking about going back next summer.

As great a vacation as it was, when it was all said and done, we were all happy to be back home. There is something about home that just feels right. It's the familiar sights and sounds that bring a sense of comfort, it's the memories that connect you and the goals that give you purpose, and of course it's the people you share it with. I'm sure I'm not the only one who would say that for many of the reasons I just mentioned, this church feels like home. This is a place I have missed coming to these last few months, there are faces I have missed seeing, songs and voices I can't wait to hear once again and I eagerly anticipate filling the dark, damp Education Wing with sounds of laughter and smells of cookies and construction paper.

Today we take a step forward as we gather for in-person worship. Some of you have eagerly been waiting for this morning, others may have some trepidation, or you're feeling somewhere in the middle. Wherever you are, I want to take this opportunity to say "welcome home ABC family, welcome home!"

Reminder: Live-stream will continue and be available Sundays at 10:30am at <http://www.abchurchcommunity.ca>. If you are using a handheld device [phone or tablet] you may get a message that says "*video unavailable*", but if you click on the line "watch this video on YouTube", it will reload and play for you.

Jr & Sr Youth

- **Aug 25, 7pm** - End of Summer celebration.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Offering Envelopes** - due to the declining number of Offering Envelopes being used we are requesting that you call the church office [324-6717] **if you wish to continue using** them for 2022. Only Envelopes requested will be ordered. Call the office before Sept 2.
- **Tuesday morning Coffee Time – 10am** – outside – bring a mug and a lawn chair. Coffee will be provided. In case of inclement weather, we will meet inside.
- **Moment in Mission** - This week's video: An update from Paul Fast on the work of MCC in Democratic Republic of Congo, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E51Nz5tYoQA>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

- Rosthern Mennonite Church shares a service with our nationwide family of faith this Sunday, available at mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices
- **Mennonite World Conference** is calling on its members around the world to love their neighbors by donating to UNICEF's campaign to share coronavirus vaccinations around the world. The Government of Canada will match, dollar for dollar, every donation made by individual Canadians to UNICEF Canada's COVID-19 vaccination fundraising campaign, up to a maximum of \$10 million, until Sept 6, 2021.
Read more here: <https://mwc-cmm.org/love-neighbours-give-vaccines>

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Consider** taking a course through CMU's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry for personal enrichment, professional development or for academic credit. Go to cmu.ca/academics/gradstudies/extended.
- **CommonWord** - We resume our regular hours Aug 30 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm) serving you with trusted congregational resources, Anabaptist and related books, specialty foods, and new Indigenous products. Visit us in-person (and stop by folio café!) by phone (1-877-846-1593), email (info@commonword.ca) or online (commonword.ca).
- **Folio café** is excited to reopen to the public Aug 30 (Mon-Fri, 8am to 4pm). Note: Masks are required except while seated at tables.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **The people of Haiti need our help.** On Aug 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the country, killing at least 1,300 people and injuring thousands more. Many of those who survived lost their homes. Many are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. To donate visit <https://donate.mcccana.ca/cause/haiti-earthquake> or [click here](#).
- **Sept 9** - the 18th Annual MCC Manitoba **Golf Tournament**. Join us for a day of golf, prizes and dinner Sept 9 to support families impacted by the Beirut explosion. Register [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/golf.

Eden Health Care Services – www.edenhealthcare.ca

- **Sept 11** – Head for the Hills 2021 – come ride with us. Call 325-5355.

Mennonite Disaster Service - mdscanada@mds.org

- The August edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS volunteers help to renovate and upgrade a 100-year-old office building recently purchased by MCC, bridges are constructed in collaboration with Engineers in Action and MDS, and MDS actively monitors the wildfire situation in the western and central U.S. and British Columbia. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3ggsJhU>

Mennonite Church Manitoba – mennochurch.mb.ca 204-896-1616

- Do you know a university student who is still deciding where to live in Winnipeg this fall? Emmaus House has two openings for the 2021/22 Academic year. It is a place that immediately feels like home and where you'll find good food, friends, and lots of laughter. Great walking access to U of W and bussing to U of M. www.emmaushousewinnipeg.ca or call 204-272-9191 and ask for Rod or Susan.
- **Aug 22, 2pm - Thank Water Protectors Special Service:** Pray, Learn, Support, Resist. Join Hope Mennonite's Justice Team in one of three simultaneous services as we give gratitude to Water Protectors who are defending waters and wild rice beds in Minnesota from the Line 3 pipeline expansion. Each service will include prayers, songs, a scripture reading, and actions. You're invited to RSVP to one of the following virtual or in-person gatherings:
 - TD Bank in Winnipeg (648 Notre Dame Ave) to connect with those funding fossil fuel expansion in the midst of a climate crisis. Contact Allegra or Steve.
 - The Enbridge Line 3 Pumping Station at Gretna Manitoba, our own Manitoba part of Line 3, where we will plant seeds of change. Contact Chris and Carolyn.
 - Zoom. Join the Zoom Service to show your gratitude for – and support of – those protecting water and wild rice beds. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81194547358?pwd=dVpKRzVHYnptWVUyNGxkc09Vd0hYZz09> Contact Kirsten or Lisa.

- **Camps with Meaning** invites applications for three permanent positions at Camp Assiniboia. Head of Maintenance, Food Services Coordinator, Custodian/General Assistant. Find the job description on the Camps with Meaning website www.campswithmeaning.org.
- Casual Kitchen Staff required at Camp Assiniboia starting Sept 1. For more information contact David Hogue at 204-782-3019 or assiniboia@campswithmeaning.org.