

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, August 29, 2021

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

August 29, 2021 10:30 A.M.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”.
~ Exodus 20: 16

GATHERING and PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Come, let us all unite to sing** HWB 12

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **To God be the glory** HWB 102

LISTENING

Children’s Story

Moment in Mission

Scripture **Exodus 20:16, Ephesians 4:25-27, 29-32.**

Sermon **“Truth telling in the neighbourhood”**

RESPONDING

Music **The love of God** STJ 44

Prayer for the Offering, the Church & the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **He who watches over you**

Sermon: Josh Janzen **Worship Leader:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Children’s Story: Kristin Falk **Scripture:** Irene Kehler

Music: Anne Friesen, Verna Heinrichs, Dave Wiebe

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

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Harold Sawatzky and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre.
Waldo Schulz has moved to Eastview [Room 128].
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** to John & Sharon Friesen, Heidi & Lyndon Toews, families and extended family, at the passing away on Aug 19, of mother and grandmother Anne Zacharias of Morden.
- ~ **Congratulations** to Dora Driedger on her 80th birthday! [Aug 24].
- ~ **Pastor Mark** will be taking the weekend off. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, August 31.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission asks us to join them in praising God for progress made by the Siamou Bible translation team. Despite several months lost to public health restrictions, work resumed on the books of Mark, Acts, Galatians, 2 Corinthians and Colossians. Pray that progress will be steady so that the Siamou people will soon have the Bible in their own language.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sept 5 ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Sept 12 ~ Virginia Gerbrandt Richert - Homecoming

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.

FROM the PASTOR - Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

August is the time for many of us to think about going back to school, or back to volunteering or back to whatever routine we gave up during the summer months, and in this year, back to in-person worship and other church activities.

In our planning at church over the past few weeks I have been optimistic that this fall we might be able to return to some of the activities that have been on hold since last March, one in particular is **Adult Sunday School**.

But after not having gathered in this way for some time now I am not sure what format or direction this should take. Whatever momentum we had before March 2020 has been lost, and we as a church and as individuals are in a different place than we were back then. This has caused me to wonder: what format should we use, how do we learn best, and what will help form and inform us in our faith journey?

Ideally this is something that is relevant to our lived experiences today, engages our questions, challenges our assumptions, and pushes us to grow in our walk with God.

As I plan and contemplate these questions, I would love to have your input as well, whether you have participated in Adult Sunday school or not. How do you want to grow in your faith, what areas do you want to explore more, what questions have come up for you in the past year or where do you sense God drawing your attention? And if you have never come to adult Sunday school before, what might help you want to check it out?

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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.
- **Sept 12 - Homecoming Picnic lunch** - Like last year we are planning an outdoor (weather permitting) picnic lunch on Sunday, Sept 12, following the worship service. You are invited to bring your own picnic lunch for your family and join us for a time of fellowship.
- **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 mission video: is about an MCC program in Ecuador that helps refugees and displaced people. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xB6uP8YKhhw>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

- Sterling Mennonite Fellowship shares a service with our nationwide family of faith this Sunday, with scripture text James 1:1-17 and a reflection on what true religion is all about. The service is available at mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices

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

- Are you a university student who is still looking for a place to live in Winnipeg? Emmaus House has two openings for the 2021/22 Academic year. It is a place that will feel like home and you'll find food, friends, and laughter. Walking access to U of W and bussing to U of M. www.emmaushousewinnipeg.ca or call Rod/Susan 204-272-9191.
- **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.
- **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.
- **We are** recruiting for a number of positions, including Writer, Payroll and Benefits Coordinator, and several roles in our finance department. Check out our employment opportunities at cmu.ca/employment.

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.
- MCC is hiring a Director of Human Resources, Human Resources Administrative Assistant (term position) and a SEED Community Development Worker in Bolivia. For details visit mccmb.ca/openings.

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 available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In the 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.A and B.C. Click here: <https://conta.cc/3ggsJhU>