

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona
Worship Service

August 14 2022, 10:30 am

“On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.” Ezekiel 47:12

THIRSTING

Welcome and announcements

Music **Wings of an eagle**

Call to worship and prayer

Music **Lord, you have come to the lakeshore**

HWB 229

DRINKING DEEPLY

Offering and prayer The Lord is my shepherd

Scripture reading **Ezekiel 47:1-12**

Sermon **Healing waters**

SATISFIED

Music **O healing river** HWB 372

Prayer for the church and the world

SENDING

Benediction

Music **The Lord lift you up** STJ 73

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Jolene Friesen-Stoesz

Music: Laurie Enns and Ang Loeppky

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Braun at the Altona Health Centre. Ben Dyck at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

~ **Our love and sympathy** are extended to Leona Braun, Erna Loeppky and extended families on the passing away of a brother, Dennis Braun, August 9, 2022.

~ **International witness:** Please keep the people of Palestine and Israel in prayer in the wake of a sudden escalation of violence in Gaza and the West Bank--rooted largely in decades of Israel occupation and violation of human rights and international law. For your information and action, please read the letter from the Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network to Ottawa, calling our government to consistency of word and action in promoting a just peace in the region. Letter available through the church office.

~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**

Albert Schmidt August 14

Ellen Friesen August 14

Helen Thiessen August 16

Jason Driedger August 18

Tina Klassen August 20

WORSHIP CALENDAR

August 14: Come to the water: Healing – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

August 21: Come to the living water - Mark Tiessen-Dyck

August 28: Come to the water: Storms – Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

We continue our summer worship series on water called "*Come to the Water.*" This 7-week series will explore the role that water plays in so many biblical stories, not just as a backdrop or context of the story, but as an integral element to its meaning. Each week we will be invited to come to the water of life and drink deeply from its well.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

A Community Meal update:

Over the summer months plans have been taking shape for the start of Community Meal in the fall. Some things will be the same as we originally planned before the pandemic:

Community meal will be the last Saturday of the month and Susi Braun is still the cook!

However, there will be some significant differences from how we planned Community Meal prior to the pandemic. The location will be The Exchange (not the Seniors Centre as originally planned). Renovations to the kitchen and the facility will make this a great venue. We have also received considerable help and support from Seeds Church and The Community Exchange in Altona which means we are prepared for a bigger and better launch this time around.

Erna Doell, Marilyn Martens, Bonnie Friesen, and myself have been joined by Val Klassen and Cal and Joan Funk from Seeds to form a larger planning group. I'm thrilled that Community Meal will finally begin and continue to hope that it will be an example of the Kingdom of God in our midst.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Over the summer, the pastors will be taking vacation time.

During pastor's vacation time they will not be checking emails, responding to messages, or attending to church related matters.

Virginia will be on vacation from August 6 – August 20.

Josh's time at ABC concludes on August 14.

ABC goes to camp! Keep your calendars marked for **Sept 10-11** for **Camp Assiniboia**. Several people have already signed up to gather at the camp Saturday afternoon and stay for night. If you are still interested, please let Mark or Virginia know. The cost for overnight stay is \$42 per adult per night and \$25 per child per night with additional costs for meals (if cost is a barrier, arrangements will be made so that you can participate).

Tuesday morning coffee is on! You are welcome to join the church staff in the library on *Tuesday mornings at 10 am*.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mennonite Church Canada Nationwide worship service: Join Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, SK. "In the land of plenty". The theme will be "Does God care if people's stomachs are full? Does God if all God's children are nourished for the here and now?" Yes. God does care. This morning we begin a worship series on FOOD AND FAITH, and we begin with the one miracle story told in all four gospels – the feeding of the five thousand plus! The scripture passage is Matthew 14.6-21. Available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices.

Head for the hills Eden foundation fundraising event will be September 10, 2022. Register now at (204)325.5355 or edenhealthcare.ca. Poster in lobby.

MCC: The annual We Are All Treaty People Celebration will take place at the Forks on Sunday, September 18. Come out for a family friendly afternoon event with music and performances, food, Indigenous arts, crafts and more!

CMU: Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life – Xplore offers life-long learning courses investigating dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without any assignments or examinations! Join one or more of our six courses in-person or online Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, beginning October 5. For information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

MCI is looking to hire a male dormitory dean for the upcoming school year. Deans provide leadership to the MCI dorm community, fostering students' spiritual, personal, and social growth. The position is full time to begin September 2022. For a full job description, contact the director of student life: kieranreynolds@mciblues.net or visit our website (mciblues.net/job-opportunities). Come and join our MCI team!

The Lumber River Quartet from North Carolina will be presenting southern gospel music and story-telling on Sunday, August 28th at 7:00 pm in the Altona EMM Church. Everyone welcome. No admission price, but donations very gratefully accepted. See poster in lobby.