

*Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona*  
*Worship Service*

*August 7 2022, 10:30 am*

*“The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?”*

**THIRSTING**

Welcome and announcements

Music **All who are thirsty** VT 49

Call to worship and prayer

Music **If you believe and I believe** STJ 32

**DRINKING DEEPLY**

Offering and prayer Here by the water

Scripture reading **Exodus 17:17**

Sermon **Waiting on water**

**SATISFIED**

Music **Water has held us** STJ 82

Prayer for the church and the world

**SENDING**

Benediction

Music **Guide my feet** HWB 546

**PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

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

~ **Harold Sawatzky** of our church family passed away August 3. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life and to pray for his wife Anne, family and extended family. There will be a private family funeral service.

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

Leroy Friesen	August 7
Mark Friesen	August 10
Byron Loepky	August 11
Menno M Friesen	August 12
Dorothy Friesen	August 13
John Martens	August 13
Helen Voth	August 13

**WORSHIP CALENDAR**

**August 7:** Come to the water: Searching – Josh Janzen

**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.

**Sermon:** Josh Janzen **Worship Leader:** Rick Neufeld

**Music:** ABC Ensemble

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – Josh Janzen**

Amplify! The bus ride was long (very very long), the food was plentiful, smiles and laughter were abundant, and God's presence among us was evident. This was a chance for youth and sponsors to listen, to turn down the noise, and tune into God's voice. With our wonderful speaker, we had the opportunity to wrestle with hard topics on truth and reconciliation, along with learning to navigate our relationships with God and with our own selves.

For the boys in my cabin, each night we took time to reflect on our day with 3 questions. 1) What was a highlight of your day? 2) What was a lowlight of your day? 3) Where did you see or experience God's presence? Sometimes their answers were easy to guess, other times they shared things I wasn't expecting. But the thing that probably surprised me the most was that for all those in the cabin, their experience of God was almost always connected to a highlight or lowlight. It was especially neat to hear them reflect on where they found God in the moments that weren't the favorite part of their days.

Lastly, here are some reflections on Amplify from the ABC youth in their own words:

"It was a great opportunity to meet new people and to learn and grow."

"Amplify was a once in a lifetime opportunity, I'm really glad I went along"

"My favorite part was hiking in the mountains and seeing the beauty of God's creation"

"I really liked the hike and meeting new people"

"Seeing the mountains for the first time was an amazing experience, I also loved meeting new people and learn about god more and more"

"It was a great experience seeing all the people that didn't know each other having fun together"

## **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.

Mark is currently on vacation, back in the office on August 9.

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

Josh's time at ABC concludes on August 14.

**Today is Pastor Josh's last sermon.** Please join us **tonight** for a farewell picnic dinner at 6 pm at Stephanie and Andrew Rempel's backyard. Josh's last Sunday here at ABC will be August 14.

You may join even if you have not RSVP'd. Hot dogs, burgers, farmer sausage will be provided. Cost by donation. Please bring a salad and a dessert to share as well as a lawn chair.

**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:** This Sunday the service will come to you from Foothills Mennonite church in Calgary, Alberta. Bill Christieson will be the speaker and the theme of the service is "Word and deed" based on Matthew 5:14-16; Isaiah 52:7-10. Christians and churches engage in acts of love, justice and protection of human dignity and life. Out of the wellspring of personal faith and shared identity comes the capacity to impact the world and draw others toward relationship with God and the church. Available at: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices).

**MCM** was well represented by delegates and staff at our MC Canada Gathering this past weekend in Edmonton. Highlights for many of us included the plenary worship sessions and speakers, the workshops and tours, and the informal times of conversation with others from across our nationwide community. Feel free to contact any of our delegates to hear from them about their experience at We Declare, and check out some delegate reflections on Twitter at #WeDeclare2022.

**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](http://cmu.ca/xplore).

**Deal of the week!** 40% off when you purchase the three cookbook bundle: "More with Less", "Extending the Table" and "Simply in Season" at \$59.83. *The cookbook deal ends today.* Click on the following link for this deal and new weekly deals. [mennomedia.org/deal-of-the-week](http://mennomedia.org/deal-of-the-week)

**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](mailto:kieranreynolds@mciblues.net) or visit our website ([mciblues.net/job-opportunities](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Altona EMM Church. Everyone welcome. No admission price, but donations very gratefully accepted. See poster in lobby.