

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



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Sunday, February 13, 2022

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

Worship Service

February 13, 2022 10:30 A.M.

*"For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen."
~ Romans 11:36*

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Mountain of God**

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Holy STJ 15**

LISTENING

Music **I am the Bread of Life HWB 472**

Children's Story

Scripture **Psalm 74:13-17, Acts 17:22-28**

Sermon **"The transcendence of God and the limits of science"**

RESPONDING

Music **Loving Spirit STJ 34**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church, and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Christ, we do all adore thee HWB 105**

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader/Scripture:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Music: ABC Ensemble **Children's Story:** Kristin Falk

Our worship service will be live-streamed Sunday morning at 10:30am and is available on the church website at [\[abchurchcommunity.ca\]](http://abchurchcommunity.ca). If using a handheld device [phone/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.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Bernard Wiebe, Lena Hoffman, and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** to Edna & Rudy Martens, family and extended family, at the passing away on Feb 4, of brother in-law John Martens of Winnipeg.
- ~ **Condolences** to Marv & Joyce Falk, family and extended family, at the passing away of their son in-law, Shane Fox of Winnipeg.
- ~ **Thank you**, our church family, for your prayers and acts of kindness at the passing of Larry's brother Jack. We are so appreciative of the phone calls, emails, cards, flowers, food and gifts. ~ Larry & Rose Tryon
- ~ **MC Canada / Manitoba**
Pray: Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers face another year of visa restrictions and border closures that limit their travel back to Canada (and return journeys) to visit family and friends and connect with their support networks. Pray that we will find ways to encourage and uplift them as they remain in their countries of service. Thank God that their work has seen relatively little disruption during these years.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**
 - Mary Dyck [Feb 17]
 - Norma Enns [Feb 17]
 - Trevor Friesen-Stoesz [Feb 17]
 - Elvera Peters [Feb 18]
 - Bill E. Friesen [Feb 19]
 - Betty Heinrichs [Feb 19]

WORSHIP CALENDAR

In this series we are exploring challenging questions about the Bible:

- Feb 13** - God, creation, and science. How does the Bible's teaching about creation relate to scientific explanations for creation?
Speaker: Mark
- Feb 20** - How did the Bible come to be. Exploring questions of inspiration, transmission, and translation. Speaker: Virginia
- Feb 27** - Why is there evil and suffering? Biblical responses to the "Problem of Evil". Speaker: Mark

- **We are NOT requiring vaccination to attend our worship services.** We ask that you please wear a mask throughout the worship service.

From the Pastor: Josh Janzen

This past week, the Rhineland Area Food Bank dropped off a card for the ABC Junior Youth to say thanks for their good work in helping the Food Bank load up as they moved to their new location. This card included some chamber bucks and a request that the youth enjoy a party with the gift.

On Wednesday night, I shared this card with the Junior Youth and asked them what we should do with the chamber bucks. I couldn't help but smile when I heard a loud shout from one of the junior high boys, "WE SHOULD GIVE IT TO CHARITY!"

Ultimately, we decided to honor the request for a party and the Junior Youth are now eagerly anticipating a pizza party plus an overnight lock-in sometime later this spring. But isn't it something that one of the first thoughts was to find another way to give back? It truly is amazing to witness these youth continually be formed to be mindful about the kingdom of God and serving in the world beyond themselves. It's a joy to be one part of that formation and to partner with parents and our church community as we walk alongside our youth in their faith journeys. May we all continually be formed to look for ways to join God at work in the world.

Sr Youth

- **Feb 15 [Tues], 7pm** – Exploring spiritual disciplines.

Jr Youth

- **Feb 16 [Wed], 7pm** – Waitlisted Bible study, week 4.

Ventures – Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:15 pm

- **Girls:** Carnival
- **Boys:** Tie-dye shirts

The Ventures girls will sell bookmarks in the foyer after church today. Cost is by donation. All funds raised will go towards purchasing supplies to put together MCC school kits. If you will not be at church but would like to purchase a bookmark or would like to make a donation towards the MCC school kits, please let Amanda know prior to February 13th.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Berghaler Mennonite Church of Altona is seeking someone to join our team as the **Administrative Assistant**. We are looking for an individual to serve our congregation in the front office, and to facilitate all office duties for the church. This is a part time position with holiday time, church benefits and pension plan. Duties include but are not limited to general office duties, minute taking at Church Council and AGM meetings, bulletin preparation and rental agreements. For more information and to discuss the duties of this position, please contact Andrew Rempel at andrew_rempel@yahoo.ca or call him at 204-304-0055. **Application deadline: Feb 18th.**

- **Our Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, Feb 27 at 1:00 pm.** We are planning a hybrid format with both in-person and online participation.
- **If you are interested** in becoming a member of our church, we invite you to speak to one of the pastors. We are planning to welcome new members into our congregation this spring.
- **Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Gathering** is scheduled for March 5, 9am-1:30pm online. If you would like to be a delegate for ABC, please contact the church office.

Church Library News: In case you've been wondering, the church library is open and we welcome you to stop by and check out some recent additions such as the following two:

"To Light their Way" is a book of "Prayers to guide your journey of raising kids in a complicated world." In an age of distraction and overwhelm, finding the words to meaningfully pray for our children—and for our journey as parents—can feel impossible. Written with warmth and welcome, *To Light Their Way* gives voice to your prayers when words won't come. Filled with more than 100 modern liturgies, this book guides you into an intentional conversation with God for your children and the world they live in. From everyday struggles like helping your child find friends or thrive in school to larger issues like praying for a brighter world rooted in peace and truth, these pleas and petitions act as a gentle guide, reminding us that while our words may fail, God never does.

"Tani's New Home" is Tani Adewumi's moving true story of immigrating to America, developing his talent for chess, and finding a new home which will inspire families looking for stories of hope and kindness. This is a picture book biography for children ages 5 to 10. It tells the captivating real-life story of a young chess champion, celebrates the power of hope and hard work, reminds us that we can each make the world a more welcoming place, and encourages empathy and compassion.

Many new titles of Christian fiction have also been added. Come and check it out!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Gardens On Tenth** is seeking an Accounting & Payroll clerk, full time position. For details visit www.gardensontenth.ca
- **YFC Altona/Youth Unlimited** is seeking to fill the position of Outreach Director, to lead ministry outreach and programs directed to young women. This is a full-time position, with flexibility. Start date July 1. Sheridan Sawatzky at 204 304 6521 / email sheridan.sawatzky@yfc.ca A detailed job description can be provided upon request.

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

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

- **Join** the Nationwide Virtual Choir for MC Canada Gathering 022. Visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022 for instructions / submissions welcome until Feb 13.
- **March 5 - MCM Annual Gathering 2022.** Delegates register through your church office. If you're not a delegate, you're still a welcome guest. Guests register at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events
- **Camps With Meaning** summer camp registration is open. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org to learn more and register.
- **MCM** invites applications for the position of "Director of Leadership Ministries". Visit www.mennochurch.mb.ca/get-involved .
- **Camp Assiniboia** invites applications for the "Head of Maintenance" position. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org/news for info.

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Consider CMU: Where my Faith and Community Matter!** Sign up for our virtual open house Feb 23, 6pm. Visit cmu.ca/experience .
- **Considering** graduate studies in theology? CMU has full-tuition awards available and offers a Master of Divinity, an MA in Christian Ministry, an MA in Theological Studies, and a Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies. The application deadline for Fall is May 31. Visit cmu.ca/gstn.
- **June 6-10; 13-17** – Canadian School of Peacebuilding, registration now open. Visit csop.cmu.ca
- **Daily Diaries** by the Assiniboine River and Lake Winnipeg. A new exhibit at the MHC Gallery with artwork by Jane Gateson. The exhibition runs until April 2, visit cmu.ca/gallery to book an appointment.

MCC Manitoba - manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Feb 17, 11am** - The journey of a comforter: Live from Kansas and Jordan. Whether you make comforters for MCC or are interested in learning more, join us for this exclusive webinar. Follow the journey of how MCC comforters are sewn, shipped and shared with displaced people in Jordan. Info/register visit mcccana.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

Mennonite Disaster Service – mdscanada@mds.org

- **MDS is hiring!** If you want to make a difference and you thrive in an exciting, fast-paced disaster response environment, consider one of our openings at Mennonite Disaster Service. Learn more on our website: <https://mds.org/employment/>