

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

February 16, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 am

Sermon: Kathy Giesbrecht

Worship Leader: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Worship Team

Children's Story: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Scripture Reader: Stephanie & Benjamin Rempel

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



By Miranda Mittelstet

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

"Then Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the commander; he has something to tell him." So he took him to the commander. The centurion said, "Paul, the prisoner, sent for me and asked me to bring this young man to you because he has something to tell you." ~ Acts 23: 17, 18

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Interlude **My Lighthouse**

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn **Here I am to worship**

GIVING THANKS

Welcoming Josh as a Member

Prayer for the Church, the World, and the Offering

Offering **How great is our God**

LISTENING

Children's Story **Every move I make**

Scripture **Acts 23: 11-22**

Sermon **"Together....we are in this".**

RESPONDING

Song of Response **I stand amazed [How marvelous]**

Covenant with Josh Janzen and the Church

SENDING

Benediction

Hymn **Today**

Welcome to Kathy Giesbrecht, Mennonite Church Manitoba

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Desiree Hildebrandt at Boundary Trails Health Centre and Helen [Hugo] Voth at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Julie Bender**, a dear friend of many in our congregation, passed away on Feb 13 in Goshen, Indiana. Our condolences to her husband Phil and the extended families.
- ~ **A big THANK YOU** to all who purchased cookies from the Girls Ventures cookie sale last week. We collected \$341.00 and will be able to put together 43 MCC school kits with that money.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**
- ~ **Pray** – Mennonite Mission Network Latin America director Linda Shelly writes: A Chilean congregation received an opportunity to build a church in a new neighborhood and in order to raise money works together every Friday night making French fries from 100 pounds of potatoes to sell on the street, and then on Saturday preparing lunches to sell at the market. Pray that congregations like this who commit to following Jesus with their whole lives will reflect God's light and love in their communities.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Feb 23: The conclusion to our series on James. Speaker Josh Janzen
Mar 1: Lent begins, our Lent series is called: "To Exile and Home:
A Lenten Journey with Jeremiah."

** Everyone is invited to a reception to celebrate our covenant with Josh, in the church basement after our worship service. Coffee and cookies will be served.

COVENANTING:

As we enter into covenant with Josh today, our congregation will be invited to share these words of support and commitment:

We praise God for His guidance in Josh's life and in directing Josh to this position. Believing his gifts can be used by the Spirit among us and in the work of the wider Church, we affirm Josh as he begins this ministry in our congregation. We promise to stand with Josh, upholding him in our prayers, offering words of encouragement and counsel and by working alongside him, as we together seek to be faithful to Christ and Christ's mission.

From the Congregation:

Name: Unknown

Let's join together in prayer – what/who can we pray for this week?
- Those in the hospitals, all people who are suffering. Pray for health.

Think back to a memorable service – what was it and what made it so memorable?

- Pebble in the shoe.

Where do you see/feel God?

- Outside, as we travel.

What is one way you most enjoy spending time with God?

- Reading 'Our Daily Bread'.

What are you thankful for?

- Health, home, and family.

Looking ahead – what is a hope you have for our church/congregation?

- Unity of all people.

What is your favorite hymn/worship song?

- To the River. How Great Thou Art.

Jr & Sr Youth

- **Feb 16, 7-9 pm** – Movie /followed by discussion.

Ventures – Wednesdays 7-8:15pm

- **Girls** – Super Science with Stephanie
- **Boys** – Woodworking

FROM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: The following positions need filling.

Personnel - 2 to be elected for a 3 yr Term

Education - 2 to be elected for a 3 yr Term

Worship & Music - 2 to be elected for a 3 yr Term

Home Ministries - 2 to be elected for a 3 yr Term

World Ministries - 2 to be elected for a 3 yr Term

Gardens On Tenth - 1 to be elected for a 3 yr Term

Please volunteer to serve the church in this capacity by calling Trevor Friesen-Stoesz 324-8948.

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Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry: Josh Janzen, 324-6717, 1-402-631-3481 joshj@abchurch.ca

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW Church Email Addresses:**
Church Office: office@abchurch.ca [Susan]
Mark: marktd@abchurch.ca
Amanda: amandaw@abchurch.ca
Josh: joshj@abchurch.ca
Please update your contacts as soon as possible. This will be a big help to our church staff.
- **Next Sunday** is the last Sunday of the month and our worship service will include a time of congregational sharing and prayer. Everyone will be invited to share items for prayer and praise.
- **Camp Sponsorship** - World/Home Ministries Commission is offering a campership of \$100.00 to children from ABC congregation to attend a summer Bible camp. Pick up an application form from the church office.

55 Plus Dinner & Evening – February 21, 5:30 p.m.

Guest: Bob Giesbrecht - Music Night "Journey for Him"

Cost: \$18/person [New price] **Catered by:** New Style Catering

Please call or email the Church Office for reservations

by Tuesday, Feb 18, 2020.

- **Feb 23 - ABC Annual General Meeting** – Lunch after the morning service followed by the AGM at 12:45pm. AGM Report books available from the ushers after this morning's service.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Church Manitoba www.mennochurch.mb.ca 896-1616

- **Camp Registration is open!** Visit www.campswithmeaning.org
- **Mar 7 - MCM Annual Delegate Gathering 2020**, at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Be part of the discernment.

Canadian Mennonite University – www.cmu.ca See foyer poster

- **Students** in gr 11 & 12, check out the **Discover Outtown day** on **Feb 22**, 9am-3pm. Go to cmu.ca/campusvisit for details.
- **Mar 1, 2-4:30pm** - MHC Gallery is hosting a **Coffee House**, '*Songs, Hymns and Stories in Defence of Creation*'. Enjoy performances of songs and stories, and singing together, at the MHC Gallery in Winnipeg.
- **Mar 4-Apr 8**, [Wed mornings 9:30am-noon]. **Xplore** is a 6-week block of courses designed to stimulate the thinking and faith of those 55+. Beginning March 4 explore the life and witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer; how faith is shaped by our relationship to the land; how the Corinthian church opens lessons for our own time; and how forced migration and refugees impact us all. Go to cmu.ca/explore for details.

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – info@mciblues.net 327-5891

- **Mar 5, 6 & 7, 7:30pm** - MCI's Musical **Annie**, with a matinee performance Mar 7 at 2pm. Join us 1 hour before each show time for an MCI Open House. Prospective students receive a FREE musical ticket! info@mciblues.net

Membership Transfer: February 16, 2020



I grew up on the family farm south of Aurora, Nebraska.

I was baptized in 2012 and became a member of my home congregation Bethesda Mennonite Church. In the same year, I felt a call to ministry and began to explore what this meant. This led me to Bethel College in North Newton, KS where I participated in many extracurricular activities. My time and experiences at Bethel affirmed my sense of call to ministry, and after graduating I went to Seminary at AMBS. My time there has shaped me.

In 2018, I met the love of my life Stephanie Brethouwer, and am excited to join with her in marriage on April 11, of this year.