

*Welcome to the  
Bergthaler Mennonite Church  
of Altona*

**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA**

**February 23, 2020**

**WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 am**

Sermon: Josh Janzen

Worship Leader: Amanda Wiens

Music: Hilda Franz, Erin Hamm, Andrew Richert, Liam Martin

Children's Story: Kristin Falk

Scripture Reader: Al Friesen

*"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything... You are the light of the world... In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." ~ Matthew 5: 13-16*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Interlude *From the depths of sin and sadness*

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn **Heart with loving heart united HWB 420**

**GIVING THANKS**

Prayer for the Offering

Offering

**LISTENING**

Children's Story **Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children**

Scripture **James 5: 7-20**

Sermon **"A Community of Solidarity"**.

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response *O power of love*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

**SENDING**

Benediction

Sending Song **You are salt of the earth HWB 226**

Table Grace **Thank you Lord, for this Day [Edelweiss ] v. 1 & 2**



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## **PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

- ~ **Love and sympathy** to Bill & Margaret Friesen at the passing away of Margaret's sister, Helena Funk of Winkler.
- ~ **My** family and I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who prayed for us during the passing of Edgar. This is what sustained us during the time we spent with him at HSC, Altona Hospital, and during the Closing Program. Thank you also for the visits, cards, messages, flowers, food and the offers to help. A special thanks to Pastor Mark and Amanda for leading us through this journey. ~ Marge Schellenberg & Family
- ~ **A big THANK YOU** to all who open/close for me on my weekends off. ~ Ida Mittelstet
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada:**  
**Pray** – Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) asks us to pray that God restores peace to the continually deteriorating security situation in Burkina Faso. Thousands of people have been displaced by increasingly frequent, violent attacks by radical Islamic terrorist groups. These attacks target mosques, churches, schools and government military and police outposts. Pray for courage and trust for leaders and members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in this challenging environment. Pray for acts of love between Christians and Muslims that show a better way forward.

## **WORSHIP CALENDAR**

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. Our Lent worship series is called, "To Exile and Home: A Lenten Journey with Jeremiah." In addition to what we typically do in worship, each Sunday in Lent will include a time of confession, and also an imaginative telling of a symbolic action that God demonstrates for Jeremiah.

March 1. Call. Jeremiah 1. Speaker: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

March 8. Choice. Jeremiah 7: 1-15, 20-26. Speaker: Doug Klassen

March 15. God's Love and Lament: Jeremiah 13:1-11. Speaker: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

March 22. Broken Covenant, Exile, and Judgement: Jeremiah 11:1-13. Speaker: Josh Janzen

March 29. Living in Exile: Jeremiah 29:1-23. Speaker: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

April 5. A New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:27-40: Speaker: Amanda Wiens

\*\*Everyone is invited to share with the congregation items of prayer and praise. This time is an opportunity to uphold each other in prayer, speak about faith in God, and grow into the body of Christ.

## **From the Pastor** – Josh Janzen

"Will I see Mr. Wolf again in Heaven?" This is the question that a 10-year-old boy asked Dietrich Bonhoeffer about his recently deceased dog. At the ReNew Conference, keynote speaker Andy Root discussed this story and held it up as an example for those who wish to engage in faith formation. Bonhoeffer was a young pastor at the time that he recounted this story in a letter to a friend. Root noted that Bonhoeffer took the time to comfort the child who came to him in tears and brought this sincere and deep question. In the letter, Bonhoeffer declared that he felt small next to the child's question. Root reflected that the first place to begin in faith formation is to attune ourselves to our shared humanity, to choose to be present and witness to the God who hears and is present.

Faith formation is not some theoretical exercise, nor is it something that just some individuals may do. Faith formation involves the community and being real and present to one another. May we as followers of Christ be willing to form the faith of others by first being present and witness to the God who is ever present.

## **Jr & Sr Youth**

- **Feb 23** – Bowling at VB's in Winkler. Leave at 6:30pm and return home around 9 – 9:30pm.

## **Ventures - Wednesdays 7-8:15pm**

- **Girls** – Birthday party: Grades 3 to 5 from 7-8:15pm  
Grade 6 from 6-8:15pm
- **Boys** – Woodworking part 2.

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## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FROM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** The following positions need filling.

**Personnel** - 2 to be elected for a 3 yr Term  
**Education** - 3 to be elected for a 3 yr Term  
**Worship & Music** - 3 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.

- **TODAY - ABC Annual General Meeting** – Lunch after the morning service followed by the AGM at 12:45pm. AGM Report books available.
- **NEW Church Email Addresses:**  
Church Office: [office@abchurch.ca](mailto:office@abchurch.ca) [Susan]  
Mark: [marktd@abchurch.ca](mailto:marktd@abchurch.ca)  
Amanda: [amandaw@abcurch.ca](mailto:amandaw@abcurch.ca)  
Josh: [joshj@abchurch.ca](mailto:joshj@abchurch.ca)  
Please update your contacts as soon as possible. This will be a big help to our church staff.
- **March 1, next Sunday** – *My Coins Count* collection.
- **March 1, next Sunday, 6pm** - in the ABC church basement Stephanie Friesen and Norma Thiessen will be hosting a baby shower for our newest Syrian family. Khaled and Safaa AlSaid Hammoud welcomed twin boys Mohammad and Mostafa earlier this month. Please join us in celebrating with them! For more information call or text Stephanie at 204-319-0377.
- **Mar 8** - we will welcome Doug Klassen, Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Canada. Doug will share the sermon, and also join us for a special Adult Sunday School Class to share about what is happening in MC Canada. Everyone is welcome to join a time of learning and conversation with Doug during the Sunday school hour.
- **Sunday School substitute[s] needed** - We are looking for a few people willing to be on a sub list for the age 3 and 4 class. If you are willing to help out in this way please contact Amanda.
- **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.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mennonite Church Manitoba** [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) 896-1616

- **The MCM Executive Minister Search Committee** invites your prayers as they begin the process of finding a new Executive Minister via a season of listening. The Search Committee members are: Colleen Edmunds, James Friesen, John P. Klassen (Chair), Nadya Langelotz, and Karen Schellenberg. Visit [www.mennochurch.mb.ca](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca) for more info.

- **Camp Assiniboia** invites you/your church group to book a weekend at Camp Assiniboia this spring. Available weekends: May 16-18, June 19-21, June 26-28. Contact Linda Dueck at [atcarentals@campswithmeaning.org](mailto:atcarentals@campswithmeaning.org) or call 204-864-2159 ext. 104.
- **Mar 7 - MCM Annual Delegate Gathering 2020**, at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Be part of the discernment.
- **Canadian Mennonite University** – [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca) See foyer poster
- **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](http://cmu.ca/explore) for details.
- **Mar 7, 8pm** - Beethoven Choral Fantasy, with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, CMU Chorus and the UM Singers, at the Centennial Concert Hall.
- **Mennonite Collegiate Institute** – [info@mciblues.net](mailto: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](mailto:info@mciblues.net)