

# Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 24, 2022

### PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Braun, Ben Dyck and Tina Braun at the Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Jake Rempel** has moved to the Gardens on tenth apartments room #208
- ~ **Elizabeth Doell** of our church family passed away July 18, 2022. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life and to pray for her family. Funeral services were at ABC on July 22, 2022.
- ~ **International witness:** Mennonite Church Canada International Witness invites congregations across our nationwide community of faith to celebrate International Witness Sunday. Come prepared to give, learn, and get involved with International Witness ministries. [www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness)
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**

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| Harold Schlegel | July 19 |
| Anita Braun     | July 24 |
| Doreen Sawatzky | July 28 |
- ~ **We wish** to congratulate Art and Mary Dyck on their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary on July 27.

### WORSHIP CALENDAR

**July 31:** Online at 11 am – Nationwide worship service from Edmonton with Doug Klassen, executive minister of Mennonite Church Canada.

**\* There will be no in-person worship service at ABC\*. See announcement about watching the service at ABC.**

**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

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.

### 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 will be on vacation July 25 – August 8.

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

Virginia will be out of the office attending Mennonite Church Canada gathering in Edmonton July 28 - August 1.

Josh will be out of the office at Mennonite Church Canada youth assembly from July 30 – August 5.

Josh's time at ABC concludes on August 14.

*Note: On the weekend of July 30 – August 1, all the pastors will be out of Altona. If there is a crisis or you need to be in touch with a pastor during this time, you may be in touch with Virginia who will respond as best as she is able from the Mennonite Church Canada Gathering in Edmonton.*

**Pastor Josh's** last sermon will be **August 7, with a picnic later at 6 pm that day at Andrew and Stephanie Rempel's backyard** as a farewell event for Josh and the church. Josh's final Sunday will be August 14.

*Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, August 5.* You may still attend if you have not RSVP'd – it helps with food purchase.

Hot dogs, burgers, farmer sausage provided. Cost by donation.

Please bring a salad and a dessert to share as well as a lawn chair.

**Jr and Sr youth:** Tue, July 26 7-8:30pm: S'mores and sno-cones

**Worship with Mennonite Church Canada Sunday July 31.** Come gather in the church basement for a time of fellowship and worship as we together watch the livestream of the MC Canada worship from the assembly in Edmonton. Bring your own beverage but muffins will be provided. The service begins at 11 but come anytime between 10:30 and 11.

**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).

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS continued:**

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

**ABC is accepting tenders** for walkway, sidewalk and entry way snow removal for the winter season. If interested please contact Cheryl.

**If you loaned out your fan to ABC** during the basement water event, they are available to be picked up.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**"Responding to Hunger: Stories of People and Programs"** with Stefan Epp-Koop of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. July 27, 2pm at the Gardens on Tenth multipurpose room. For more information contact Gordon Janzen at 204-478-1530. (Note from Mark: Stefan is a long-time dear friend of mine, a great presenter, and has travelled to CFGB projects sites around the world. I encourage you to check this event out – Mark)

**MCC Canada: Podcast on the hunger crisis-** In this episode Andy Harrington, Executive Director of Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB), discusses the ongoing hunger crisis around the world. Listen as Andy delves into the causes, the differences between a hunger crisis and famine, and ways that we can respond. Listen to the podcast episode by clicking the link:

<https://reliefdevelopmentpodcast.libsyn.com/the-hunger-crisis-andy-harrington-from-cfqb>

**Nationwide worship service** – This Sunday the service will be led by Waterloo North MC.

**MCI is still looking for a male Dormitory Dean** for the upcoming school year. If you know a good young man who would suit the role, please encourage them to apply! 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!

**Virtual We Declare registration is now free!** Register now to take part in the MC Canada Gathering 2022 online, July 29 to Aug. 1! Due to a generous donor, registration for virtual "We Declare" is now free. Register now to take part in our livestreamed worship sessions, participate in online workshops and connect online with both in-person and online Gathering 2022 participants at: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022). The report book is now available through CommonWord at: <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/25677>.

**Recovery of Hope, along with the support of Eden Foundation,** is very excited to be able to host our third annual cycling event in Winnipeg. This is a fundraiser that supports the Sliding Fee Scale Program of Recovery of Hope, making counselling therapy accessible and affordable to all those who are seeking it.  
*When:* Saturday, September 24, 2022, 9:00 am  
*Where:* Bethel Mennonite Church parking lot, between Harrow and Stafford, north of Taylor Ave in Winnipeg. For more information, and to register for the ride, please visit *Ride for Recovery of Hope 2022 - Eden Foundation Inc (edenhealthcare.ca)*

**There will be a double fundraising event** for Hijos de Dios Community Centre in Guatemala and Love Well Women's drop-in centre in Altona Poster in the lobby.

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