

*Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona*  
*Worship Service*

*July 3, 2022, 10:30 am*

*“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything  
in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the  
Father through Him.” - Colossians 3:17*

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

Welcome and announcements

Music                      **Come, let us all unite to sing** HWB 12

Call to worship and prayer

Music                      **Holy God we praise thy name** HWB 121

**LISTENING**

Offering and prayer

Scripture reading              **Colossians 3:17 – 4:6**

Sermon                      **When the empire comes to the house**

**RESPONDING**

Music                      **Lord speak to me** HWB 499

Prayer for the church and the world

**SENDING**

Benediction

Music                      **The blessing**

**Sermon:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck    **Worship Leader:** James Friesen

**Music:** Joyce Falk and Verna Heinrichs

**PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER**

~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Braun and Anton Dueck at the Altona Health Centre.

~ **Pray for students and young people** this summer. Many are excited to be out of school but some will struggle with the lack of routine and structure to their day. Many more hours will be spent outside and sometimes near water or traveling. Let us pray for safety and protection for those outside and or traveling and comfort for those missing the structure of the classroom.

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

Linda Braun – June 30

Susan Toews – July 5

Joe Wiens – July 6

John Kroeker – July 7

Edith Friesen – July 7

**WORSHIP CALENDAR**

**July 3:** Speaker - Mark Tiessen-Dyck

**July 10:** Come to the Water: River - Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

**July 17:** Come to the Water: Danger - Mark Tiessen-Dyck

**Next Sunday** we will begin 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.

**Pastor Virginia** will be taking the weekend off and will be back in the office on Tuesday July 5.

**Jr & Sr youth:** Wed, July 6, 7-8:30pm: S'mores and Sno-cones

## **FROM THE PASTOR** – Josh Janzen

I don't know about you, but my poor American self thought that this past winter was pretty rough. I'm sure there were multiple times this winter that I wondered if I would ever see green on the trees again, if I would ever feel true warmth from the sun again... IF IT WOULD EVER STOP SNOWING AGAIN.

But hey, now look at us!! School is out, the trees are lush and green, there are bright and sunny days, and the only snow around is shaved ice for making snow-cones with the junior and senior youth. As summer kicks into full gear, I offer us these words as a prayer of summer blessing for us all:

*May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.*

*May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves,*

*but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.*

*Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts*

*during these months of summer and vacation days.*

*Grant us refreshment of mind and body.*

*May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference*

*in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.*

**AMEN**

## **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 4 - July 11, and 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.*

**Children's bulletins are back for the summer!** Starting this Sunday through to our homecoming Sunday in September there will not be a children's story, rather kids are invited to pick up a children's bulletin in the foyer before the service begins.

**ABC conversations** has been a rich addition to our worship services over the last couple months. We'll be taking a break from this practice over the summer months but look forward to continuing again in the fall.

**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).

**Taxi service:** on occasion we as pastors get requests or inquiries into a Taxi service at church. We do not currently have a taxi service set up. If this is something you might be interested in putting time and energy into organizing or volunteering for, please be in touch with one of the pastors.

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

**A pair of golden hoop earrings** were found in the women's washroom. Please contact Ang at the office if they belong to you.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MCC: A do-it-yourself fundraiser** for everyone! Join Go!100 and raise money for MCC this summer by doing 100 of the activity of your choice throughout July and August. Whether you choose to bike, paddle or run 100 km, or make 100 perogies or pies - you'll bring tangible relief to refugees and displaced people around the world. Visit [mccmb.ca/go-100](http://mccmb.ca/go-100) for more information and to sign up.

**Mennonite Church Canada:** Nationwide worship service! Sherbrooke Mennonite Church in Vancouver, BC share a Pentecost service which incorporates three Mennonite Churches in the same building and four languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean. Enjoy a worship service living into our intercultural hopes. The services and a schedule are available at [mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices](http://mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices).

**Mennonite Church Manitoba:** Global youth summit begins July 1. Pray for MCM's 7 young adult representatives to the Global Youth Summit of the Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia.

**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](http://edenhealthcare.ca))

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