

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

Worship Service

June 12, 2022, 10:30 am

This service will be shared with the broader Mennonite Church
Canada family on June 26, 2022

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.” – 1 Colossians 1:15-16

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome and announcements

Music **Beautiful Saviour** VT 130

Call to worship and prayer

Music **Jesus shall reign** HWB 319

LISTENING

Music **Jesus loves me** HWB 341

Children’s story

Offering and prayer

Scripture reading **Colossians 1:1-8, 15-20**

Sermon **Christ and empire**

RESPONDING

Music **God of grace and God of glory** HWB 366

ABC conversations

Prayer for the offering the church and the world

SENDING

Benediction

Music **The Lord lift you up** SJ 73

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Al Friesen Offering music – Julia Wiens
Music: Flying Free **Children’s Story:** Sharon Friesen

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Dueck and Hilda Wiebe at the Altona Health Centre.

~ **Thank you** for all the support, thoughts, prayers and gifts of food during Art’s recent illness. – Art and Mary Dyck

~ **International Witness:** The Igreja Evangelica dos Irmaos Menonitas in Kalunga, Angola, has met in a hangar since 2015. There are now 185 members and they have worked together to make bricks and construct the walls of a new worship space (the men build, the women carry water and cook food). Mennonite Men’s JoinHands Church Building fund, which is supported by Mennonite Church Canada and Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM), has granted \$10,000 US towards the building’s new roof.

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

Al Friesen - June 13

Albert Falk - June 14

Bernie Friesen (married to Edith) - June 15

Val Sawatzky - June 15

Freida Sawatzky - June 18

WORSHIP CALENDAR

June 12: Speaker - Mark Tiessen-Dyck

June 19: Speaker - Mark Tiessen-Dyck

June 26: Speaker - Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

June 26 7 pm: Service of lament

Jesus and Empire: A Sermon Series on Colossians

This week we begin a four week series on the book of Colossians. This letter was an explosive and subversive text that was written for Christians struggling to follow Jesus in a world of empire. Colossians is also packed with wisdom to help shape our imaginations and lives towards Jesus in this time.

Hilda Franz and Glenys Voth are serving at Gardens on Tenth and Eastview this morning

Sr Youth and Jr Youth:

No senior or junior youth this week

Jr. Youth -June 22, Tuesday, 7 pm: S’mores and sno-cones

Sr. Youth – June 24-25, Friday-Saturday, 7 pm – Sr. high lock-in

FROM THE PASTOR: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Someone recently pointed me to this piece of click bait: "[The Shocking Lie COVID unveiled about the Church](#)". (I added the link so you can also be baited and click. Click, I dare you). If you don't want to read the article, I'll tell you what the shocking lie is: The church can't change. Covid revealed that the church can change and the church can change productively and competently.

We have been changing in subtle ways as a church. We are more prepared for changes that come with being a creative and relationship oriented community; changes that once seemed threatening now seem natural (I see our ABC ignite event as an example).

Here is another change whose time I increasingly believe has come: That we all sit together on the main level. My hope is that this would increase our unity and relationships with one another and that our worship would be more intimate and participatory. This would not only be a change for people who normally sit in the balcony and now would sit on the main level, but it would be change for people who sit on the main level because someone might sit in your regular spot. Or different people might be sitting around you. If there is collaboration on making this change, I also suggest removing several rows of pews from the back of the sanctuary to create space for children to play and have a welcoming place with library books, colouring pages, and other items.

Let me know what you think. I'd love to hear from you.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Virginia is on holidays and will be back in the office June 14. Josh will be out of the office from June 9-16.

On June 26, 7 pm, we will have a service of lament for anyone who wishes to bring their grief into the presence of God. This includes the various losses we have experienced during the last couple years, particularly the pain and sadness of people leaving our church community. This will also be a time of fostering hope for our future as we move forward in welcoming and loving ways.

ABC goes to camp! We are required to communicate numbers of people and arrangements to the camp in preparation for our weekend at Camp Assiniboia September 9-11.

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). This includes most of the camp activities and facilities. People can stay from Friday to Sunday or from Saturday to Sunday, or come out for the day on Sunday. We are asking people to let the church office know your plans *before the end of June* so that accommodations can be arranged for. The entire camp is currently being reserved for us, but if we will not use all the available space the camp can have other groups use the space. For camp retreat details please contact Mark.

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

We are planning a climate conversation at ABC on Thursday June 23 from 2-4. This conversation would offer space to share our thoughts, responses and questions around climate change as well as get a basic understanding of what climate change is. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rose Tryon or Pastors Virginia or Mark.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Blood Donor Clinic at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre, Thursday June 16 from 1 pm-8 pm. Please call 1.888.236.6283 or go online to book your appointment. We ask that there are no walk ins please.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

MCC: Join us for a day on the green, prize contests and a delicious dinner, July 7, and you'll support refugees and displaced people around the world. For more information about the MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament and to register, visit mccmb.ca/golf

CMU: "Choosing Love in the Wake of Wounding", a Canadian School of Peacebuilding public lecture with Dr. Johonna McCants-Turner, Thursday, June 16 at 7:30 PM CDT in-person at Marpeck Commons or streamed live online. Visit cmu.ca/lectures for more details.

BUILD A VILLAGE has three families arriving in Altona in the next month. Homes have been found for all three families and now need to be furnished. Here are two lists of items needed. One list is a specific list that ABC is being asked to fill the other is a general list for the community. Please contact **Stephanie Friesen at 204.319.0377, Ray Loewen at 204.324.7786, or Val Klassen at 204.216.0494** if you are able to contribute.

ABC LIST

2 twin sheet sets
4 pillows
1 shower curtain & hooks
2 shampoos
2 conditioners
1 baby lotion
1 baby shampoo
1 toothbrush holder
1 soap holder
1 toilet brush & holder
2 toilet bowl cleaners
Feminine products
Kitchen garbage bags
2 bedroom garbage cans
2 kids toothbrushes
2 adult toothbrushes
2 toothpastes-1 adult,1 child
1 large Vaseline
1 mop and pail

GENERAL LIST CONTINUED

Bunkbeds
Single beds
Couches
1 crib
Chest of drawers
Coffee tables/end tables
Lamps
Kitchen table and chairs
3 microwaves
3 vacuum cleaners
Comforters/quilts – new or gently used
Juice pitcher
Tea pots
Dishes – cups, plates, bowls, glasses
3 electric kettles
3 electric hand mixers
3 can openers
3 sets of cutlery
Misc. knives, spatulas, ladles etc
Baking and cooking dishes
3 large cooking pots & pots & pans
Cookie sheets
Mixing bowls
3 tv's-LED/LCD
2 child's car seat
3 blenders
3 irons
3 wall clocks