

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, March 7, 2021

Worship Service

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

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Lent 3 ~ Called to deep Wisdom

“After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.” ~ John 2:22

GATHERING and PRAISE

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Morning has broken**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Music **How great Thou art**

Scripture **John 2: 13-22**

Sermon **“The big picture of God's wisdom”**

CONFESSING and RECONCILING

Prayer of Confession

Music **Let there be light, Lord God**

Words of Assurance

Offering and Praying

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Great is Thy faithfulness**

Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert **Worship Leader:** Jolene Friesen-Stoesz

Children's Story: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Scripture Reader:** Morley Wahl

Music: Recorded Artists – Jim & Jean Stathdee, Cedar Valley Church,
Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship, SE Samonte

Our worship service will be available on the church website
[abchurchcommunity.ca] Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Susan Heinrichs at St. Boniface Hospital, Helen Schulz and Waldo Schulz at Altona Health Centre, Anne Kehler at Notre Dame de Lourdes Hospital, and Henry & Helen Thiessen in Morris Hospital.
- ~ **Condolences** to Marge Schellenberg, family and extended family, at the passing away of brother in-law Ralph Gammelseter of Winnipeg.
- ~ **Elizabeth Doell** has moved to #108 Evergreen / Eastview Place.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
The Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network requests prayers that the elections scheduled for March 23 be fair and free for all citizens of the state of Israel (i.e., not including the occupied Palestinian territories), both for Jewish Israelis and for the Palestinian minority. We ask that God will guide the elections so that justice, equality and peace may come to the land.

As we begin to feel the lessening of Covid restrictions we want to continue to think of and pray for those in care homes and assisted living settings.

At Eastview: Elizabeth Doell, Jake Dueck, John Dyck, Dorothy Friesen, Rick Friesen, Gladys Hildebrand, Hilda Klassen, Nettie Neufeld, Don Penner and Carol Sawatzky; at G.O.T. Apartments: Katherine Bergen, Lena Hoffman, Alvin & Clara Kehler and Susan Toews at *GOT Apartments*, and Henrietta Braun at *Emerson Personal Care Home*.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Lent 2021 - Deep calls to Deep—God is calling us to go deeper. In preparation for this we invite you to *gather six items [stones, buttons, seashells or other objects]*, for each person in your household. These objects will represent our prayers for the season. You are welcome to place them in a bowl or glass so they are easily accessible as you join in with worship from home.

- Mar 14 - Lent 4 Called to deep Healing
- Mar 21 - Lent 5 Called to deep Growth
- Mar 28 - Lent 6 Called to deep Hope
- Apr 2 - Good Friday
- Apr 4 - Easter - Called to deep Living

FROM the PASTOR: Amanda Wiens

About 7 weeks ago Julia fell and broke her dominant arm, suddenly the most basic of tasks became much more challenging. Two days after her fall, I overheard the conversation she was having with herself as she was getting ready for her first day back at school, “you can do this,” “you are strong,” “keep trying, you can do hard things,” “you . are . amazing!” These words from my 10-year-old took root in my heart and have been in my thoughts for much of the last 7 weeks. As I stood in the hallway listening to her give herself a pep talk, I was so thankful that she had such kind things to say about herself. I prayed that as she grows up, she will not become jaded by society’s bombarding messages of being less than, but rather, continue to remember how special God made her and how much she is loved. The scriptures we read during Lent are always a great reminder to me of the immense value and endless love God has for me. So, the next time you try something hard and you tell yourself you just can’t do it, or someone makes you feel less than, who are you going to believe? God did the most difficult thing I can imagine, He sent his son to die on the cross, that’s how much He loves you. YOU ARE AMAZING.

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Jr Youth

- **March 9/ March 11, 7pm** – Outdoor fellowship. See email.

Sr Youth

- **March 10 [Wed], 7pm** – Outdoor fellowship. See email.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tuesday morning coffee** – join us at 10am via ZOOM.
- **Returning to in-person worship:** we are excited to welcome people back to in-person worship on **Sunday, March 14 at 10:30am!** This will not be a complete return to normal, but we are excited for this first step. Please continue to follow all COVID safety measures: stay home when sick, wear a mask, practice physical distancing etc. All our services will continue to be live-streamed as well.
- **Personnel Commission** has reviewed the COVID-19 restrictions and continues to affirm the pastoral staff to work from home during code red. You are welcome to be in touch by phone or email. While the pastor's hours vary some, they are **8:30am-4:30pm, Tuesday-Friday**. Susan will be in the office so you are also welcome to call the church. Susan's hours are **9-12** and **1-3 Tuesday-Friday**. The facility will be closed to visitors during the code red period. To contact the staff at their home please use the following phone numbers. You are welcome to call during office hours or anytime needed during an emergency.
Mark - 1.204.771.3406 Virginia - 204.304.6119
Josh - 1.402.631.3481 or 1.204.502.1991 Amanda - 204.324.6719.
- **The Rhineland Area Food Bank** is in need of volunteers to serve clients on Mondays, from 10am to 11am, and/or 7:30pm to 8:30pm. If anyone is interested in being a volunteer or would like more information, please call Ang Stoesz at 204 324-8139.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mennonite Church Manitoba** – mennochurch.mb.ca 204-896-1616
- **Mar 12 & 13 - Children's Ministry** Conference, hosted out of Winnipeg and sponsored in part by MCM and MennoMedia. Inspiring workshops and main sessions! (from the comfort of your home). Visit <https://www.awesomekidmin.com> . Contact Kathy Giesbrecht for further information and encouragement to attend!
 - **Looking for a get-away?** Camp Assiniboia has beautiful family cabins that are available for individuals or groups who live in the same household. For rental information, please contact Linda Dueck 1-204-864-2159 ext. 2, or email: carentals@campswithmeaning.org
 - **Mennonite Women Manitoba** announced its new name and logo this week. Check out their FB page, Woven, to see their new logo and postings. Email woven.mcm@gmail.com to ask to be added to their Email List to receive Book Club and Conversation Circle announcements.
 - **Mar 12 & 13 - KidMin** Conference. Great opportunity to take in some inspiring children's ministry workshops and main sessions! (from the comfort of your home). Take a peek at what is being offered: <https://www.awesomekidmin.com>. Contact Kathy Giesbrecht for info. Sponsored in part by MCM and MennoMedia.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Mar 24** - join First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg online as they present **Break Every Yoke**, a conversation about working towards a just and dignified society. Speakers: David Driedger, Winnipeg MP Leah Gazana, and author John Clarke. Visit: <http://firstmennonitechurch.ca/break-every-yoke/>. This event is sponsored by MCC Manitoba.

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – mciblues.net

- **Considering MCI for the 2021-22 school year?** New students who apply by March 15th will share in \$25,000 of available tuition support. One lucky applicant will receive their first year of tuition free! www.mciblues.net/admissions/new-student-incentive/ or contact our Student Recruitment Associate at sophiegerbrandt@mciblues.net

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Mar 10, 4pm - CMU Webinar/Pre-Professional Studies** at CMU. CMU prepares students exceptionally well to meet all admission requirements for studies in law, medicine, dentistry, education, social work & more. This Webinar will inform students and parents of prerequisite details leading to these professional tracks, and explain how study at CMU opens vocational / career pathways. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.
- **Mar 10, 11-2pm** - Be part of the Menno Simons College's **Social Justice Fair** and learn about important local social justice causes and initiatives. Interact with leaders and volunteers of community organizations doing important work. msc.studentservices@uwinnipeg.ca
- **March 23, 7pm - CMU | Graduate School of Theology and Ministry Webinar** – If you are considering graduate theological studies, whether beginning a degree program, or taking a course or two, this Webinar is for you! Hear from faculty and students in the program, and learn about generous scholarship and bursary opportunities to support your interest. Explore options for learning, vocation and leadership at CMU. Prospective students who attend the webinar and submit a GSTM application by May 31 will have their application fee waived. For more info and to register go to enrolment.cmu.ca/register/gstmwebinar.
- **Mennonite Disaster Service** - ecomunications@mds.mennonite.net