

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

Worship Service

May 22, 2022, 10:30 am

“He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.” - Acts 10:28

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome and announcements

Music **The Lord is king** HWB 69

Call to worship and prayer

Music **In Christ there is no east or west** HWB 306

LISTENING

Music **Jesus love me** HWB 341

Children’s story

Offering and prayer **Jacob Friesen-Stoesz**

Scripture reading: **Acts 11:1-18**

Sermon **Peter’s Conversion**

RESPONDING

Music **This is my song** VT 710

ABC Interview with Jake Enns

Prayer for the church and the world

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Spirit of the living God** HWB 349

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck Worship Leader/Scripture: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
Music: Margaret Klassen and Milly Klassen Children’s Story: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

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

~ **Agatha Kehler** has moved to Blueridge at Eastview.

~ **International Witness: Conflict resolution** courses taught in South Korean middle school. For the third time this year, a middle school in South Korea has invited facilitators from the Chuncheon Community Peace Centre to do training in all 18 classes to help children learn peaceful ways to resolve conflict. Witness worker Bock Ki Kim is working to build teams of facilitators in other cities so that local people can provide this kind of training. Pray for the facilitator-training courses planned for this summer.

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

Grace Fehr – May 23

Harry Hildebrand – May 24

Irene Kehler – May 24

Elva Loepky – May 27

Kathy Dyck – May 27

WORSHIP CALENDAR

May 22: Speaker – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

May 29: Guest speaker – Louie Sawatzky

June 5: Church picnic

Next Sunday, May 29, Louie Sawatzky will be our world ministries guest speaker. Louie is from Winnipeg where he is the project director for the Ukrainian Ministry of the Mennonite Benevolent Society.

Sr Youth and Jr Youth:

Sr. Youth – Tuesday May 24, 7 pm: Lost and Found Bible study week 4

Jr. Youth – Wednesday May 25, 7 pm: Lost and Found Bible study week 4

Thank you all for your financial support of the youth Amplify trip at our ABC Ignite brunch earlier this month! In total, you raised \$4,950! Based on estimations for the remaining costs, this should cover our entire trip!

FROM THE PASTOR: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Once upon a time we were a big church. We are not anymore. In some ways we still behave and respond to situations the way that a big church would. However, I am increasingly intrigued and energized by the way we are becoming more like a small church and the opportunities this brings.

Small churches are not inherently better or more faithful. Neither should we consider being smaller as our destiny. We value growth including the new people who have joined our community in the last while and the presence of visitors and we hope to continue to be a welcoming place for everyone seeking a church community and a deeper walk with Christ. We also grieve the loss of people who depart our community.

My hope is that being small is being intimate, flexible, resourceful, and relationship centred. Our being smaller is visible in events like ABC ignite, the increased willingness to adapt and, and how we are less formalized in our culture. Even in our being smaller there is growth!

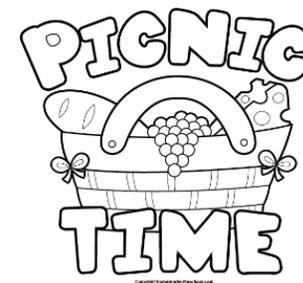
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The ABC Church Picnic
Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 10:30 am

*** There will be no Sunday School this morning ***

Location: ABC church ground. Service, lunch and activities will be held on the green space south of the main church building. If it is raining the picnic will be held inside the church.

- Following the service everyone is invited to stay for a **picnic lunch**.
- Each family is asked to bring a **salad** and **dessert** to share and **their own beverages**.
- Remember to bring your **lawn chair, lunch supplies including dishes**.
- Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the meal
- At 1 pm Sunday School picnic games will take place. Everyone is welcome to stay, play, cheer and visit!
- If games are not your thing feel free to stick around, visit and hopefully soak up the sun!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 conversation around climate change at ABC and wondering who is interested in participating. 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:

Russian Mennonite Migration Commemorative Train Tour planned for 2023. Commemorate the 1923-1930 Russian Mennonite migration on a Cross-Canada Train tour. Pamphlets in the lobby.

MCI is hosting its 8th annual Golf Classic on June 11, 2022 at Minnewasta Golf & Country Club. See poster in lobby for details.

CMU Golf Classic: Support CMU student athletes and the CMU financial aid program by attending the 21st annual CMU Golf Classic on Wednesday, June 15 at Bridges Golf Course in Starbuck, MB. Visit cmu.ca/golf for details.

MCC: Are you missing MCC's annual quilt show and sale? This spring, a group of devoted local quilters is pleased to launch an online quilt shop in ongoing support of MCC's relief efforts. Visit pieceittogether.ca on the web shop's launch date, May 29, for the best selection of quilts, table runners, handbags and more!

Camps with meaning volunteer applications have been slow this spring, and we are still in need of kitchen staff, maintenance staff, and camp pastors for all of our spring and summer weeks. We also urgently need Health Officers (EMTs, nurses, doctors, First Aid trainers) at Koinonia in July and August. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

Douglas Kuhl School of Music is presenting an outdoor concert featuring their strings ensembles on Sunday May 29, 2022 at the Bethel Heritage Park. Freewill offering.

The Eden Foundation is pleased to announce Jayme Giesbrecht to the position of director of development. Jayme will replace Earl Reimer beginning on May 24, 2022.