

# Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

## Worship Service

May 29, 2022, 10:30 am

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2

### GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome and announcements

Music **Mountain of God** VT 11

Call to worship and prayer

Music **All who are thirsty** VT 49

### LISTENING

Music **Today earth is singing** VT 510

Children’s story

Offering and prayer **Emma Falk**

Sermon **Bear one another’s burdens**

### RESPONDING

Music **This is my song** VT 710

ABC conversations with Tammy Driedger

Prayer for the church and the world

### SENDING

Benediction

Music **The peace of the earth be with you** SJ 77

**Sermon:** Louie Sawatzky **Worship Leader:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert and Julia Wiens

**Music:** ABC Ensemble **Children’s Story:** Kristin Falk

### PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Dueck, Helen Neufeld, Walter Hamm and Shirley Schellenberg at the Altona Health Centre.

~ **International Witness:** Pray for encouragement and peace for the Witness workers Lakan and Lakambini after a divisive election in the Philippines. Pray for the work of PeaceBuilders Community Inc. and Coffee for Peace as they expand into a mentoring and consulting role with other groups and organizations.

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

Frances Friesen – May 29

Don Penner – May 30

Erna Doell – May 31

Albert Friesen – June 1

Henry H. Klassen – June 1

Hugo Voth – June 2

Cora Richert – June 3

### WORSHIP CALENDAR

**May 29:** Guest speaker – Louie Sawatzky

**June 5:** Church picnic

**Today we welcome** Louie Sawatzky as our world ministries guest speaker. Louie is from Winnipeg where he is the project director for the Ukrainian Ministry of the Mennonite Benevolent Society.

**Next Sunday, June 5, is our church picnic.** Our worship service will take place outside, which means there will be no live stream that day. Our service will also include a time of communion and sharing. See insert for more details on what to bring for the lunch.

### Sr Youth and Jr Youth:

Sr. Youth - May 31, Tuesday, 7 pm: Hands-on prayer

Jr. Youth – June 3-4: Overnight lock-in, see email for more details!

**FROM THE PASTOR:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

By Sunday morning I will have had some good opportunities to stretch my muscles. Saturday, I ran in the Curtis Klassen Memorial 5km run. I doubt I did as good as last year but that is because I did not train as much beforehand. Every time I run or walk, I give my muscles a chance to lengthen and shorten, it makes them stronger and makes it easier for the next time. Not every run is as fast or as long as I would like it to be, but every time I run it is good for me because I got out and ran.

Prayer can be a lot like running or any kind of exercise really. Every time we pray, we stretch our prayer muscles, it can make it easier for the next time. If we don't do it for a while, it can take some time to build up to what we had before. And it does not matter how fancy or long we pray, each time we pray is good because it is time with God.

Next Sunday we are going to try and stretch our prayer muscles during our worship service. We are going to invite each of you to join in and participate in the prayer for the church and the world. And we are going to make space for you to pray for the people sitting next to you. This is not meant to be intimidating or elaborate, but simply an opportunity to pray with and for one another.

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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**. **Hot dogs** will be provided.

-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:**

**SAVE. THE. DATE. ABC goes to camp!** September 9-11 at Camp Assiniboia. Our homecoming worship service will be held at the camp on Sunday Sept 11 with lunch and camp activities. Everyone is also invited to stay at the camp for the entire weekend, from Sept 9-11. More details to come regarding costs and activities. For more information about the camp see [campswithmeaning.org](http://campswithmeaning.org). For now, don't make other plans for September 9-11!

**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** 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.

**Rejoice renewal time!** If you would like to renew or begin a subscription for Rejoice magazine now is your chance. The Rejoice magazine is a four times/year periodical and the cost for this subscription is \$49.31. Please have your payment in to Ang at the church office by *Friday June 10, 2022*.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bike to church – and everywhere else!** The MCM Climate Action Working Group invites you to participate in Commuter Challenge Week, June 5-11. This week-long challenge encourages Canadians to choose active and sustainable modes of transportation. Like last year, they want to recognize ALL trips that are done sustainably (eg. walking, jogging, biking, rollerblading, taking the bus, etc). Register as an individual, team/household, or church/organization <https://greenactioncentre.ca/commuterchallenge> and on June 5<sup>th</sup> start logging those kilometres! It's a great way to care for our common home, while establishing healthy, active, and sustainable lifestyles.

**CMU Golf Classic:** Are you a golfer? Would you like to support CMU student athletes and student financial aid? Register for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual CMU Golf Classic on Wednesday, June 15 at Bridges Golf Course in Starbuck, MB. Visit [cmu.ca/golf](http://cmu.ca/golf) for details.

**You are invited** to a "Conversation with Oksana" at Altona Mennonite Church, 287 8 Ave NE, Altona, on June 11, 7:30 pm. Oksana Druchinin is the manager of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine. Presently in Canada, she continues to manage all donations sent to the Centre in Ukraine and remains in regular contact with our partner agencies and the staff at the Centre. Along with a report on current living and working conditions in Molochansk (now in Russian occupied territory) she will be open to questions from participants. Opportunity to donate to "Friends of The Mennonite Centre in Ukraine" will be given. The person with the largest donation (minimum \$300) will receive a beautiful hand-crafted quilt. All donations are tax-receiptable. For further information about the Mennonite Centre, check our website: [www.mennonitecentre.ca](http://www.mennonitecentre.ca)

**Cycle Clear Lake for MCC!** Challenge yourself to a beautiful 34 km trail ride on July 2 and raise money to help refugees and displaced people around the world. Find out more and register by June 15 at [mccmb.ca/cycleclearlake](http://mccmb.ca/cycleclearlake).

**Mennonite Collegiate Institute** would like to invite you to join us this Sunday for MCI's Saengerfest! **"Finding Hope" - Saengerfest 2022**, May 29<sup>th</sup> in Buhler Hall, Gretna. Worship service at 10:30 am, lunch (by donation) to follow, and concert at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for any or all of the day! The worship service will be live streamed if you wish to join us remotely – the link will be available by visiting our YouTube channel (search for Mennonite Collegiate Institute on YouTube). Videos from the afternoon concert will be available on our YouTube channel in the coming weeks as well.

**Douglas Kuhl School of Music** is presenting a concert featuring their strings ensembles Sunday May 29 at 3 pm at the Buhler Active Living Centre in Winkler (note location change).

**June 1 – 25: Covid Recovery** continues to be a concern for our camping ministry. Camps with Meaning is launching another Ring up the Cash fundraising campaign starting June 1. The campaign will end with our version of an adventure race at Camp Assiniboia on June 25. More details to come on the race. Check the RUtC site for more information. [ringupthecash.causevox.com](http://ringupthecash.causevox.com)

