

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*

May 3, 2020



**BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA
WORSHIP SERVICE**

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"I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.... I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly." ~ John 10: 9, 10b

Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Worship Leader & Children's Story: Grace Harms

Music: Harve & Joyce Hildebrandt, Pete & Elsie Letkeman

Sound Techs: Jason Driedger, Gord Sawatzky

Our guiding scripture for today's time of worship: **John 10: 1-10.**

Our worship service will be posted to abchurch.libsyn.com [Audio]
abchurchcommunity.ca [Video] first thing Sunday morning.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Linda Braun at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Our condolences** to Edgar & Marge Loeppky, family & extended family, at the passing of their sister in-law Louise [John] Braun of Winnipeg on April 30.
- ~ **We praise** God for the healing experienced by Vic Winter, brother to Carol and Rick Neufeld. Vic was released from hospital in Windsor, Ontario this week after a lengthy stay. Vic will continue to recover from COVID-19 at home.
- ~ **Congratulations** to Lucas Driedger upon his graduation from Lethbridge College with a Natural Resource Compliance Diploma. We thank God for this accomplishment and ask God's continued blessing upon Lucas.
- ~ **Join in prayer** for grade 12 students who are completing high school in these uncertain times and will not be able to celebrate graduations as they had hoped. May God grant compassion and hope as graduates discern their futures.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray: for Witness workers Tom & Christine Poovong as they, together with many around the world, homeschool their children Joseph and Phim. The children's school is small and the COVID-19 lockdown puts it under severe financial strain. Pray that this place that has been life-giving for their family will re-open in the fall so that the Poovongs can continue ministry in this location.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Our Weekly Worship Services will be available online until further notice.
For the next weeks our services will explore stories from the Gospels.

From the Pastor – Josh Janzen

Spring has always been my favorite time of year. And during my leave in Nebraska, I once again got to witness the marvelous turn from Winter to Spring. With our extra free time, Steph and I have been taking long walks almost daily. These walks have been good for our bodies and our souls. On these walks we laugh, talk, pray, and enjoy God's creation around us, with the blooming of buds on the trees, the grass shaping up to its rich and dark green, see dandelions peak out and to hear the birds chirping. Of course, winter always tries to hang on a bit longer as we had an April snow storm here too. But there is just something miraculous about this time of year. No matter how long the Winter might be, Spring always comes and hope always abounds.

SR & JR YOUTH

- **May 3 [Sunday] - 7:00-8:30 pm** - ZOOM games night, see email and Instagram for the ZOOM link.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, May 3 at 10:30am** everyone is invited to join in a time of sharing and prayer as a congregation by ZOOM. Pastor Virginia will facilitate this time which will include scripture reading, sharing and prayer. You will be invited to share how you are doing during this time and any joys or prayer concerns that you might have. You will need to have the ZOOM app on your computer, phone, or tablet. If you have any questions about connecting, please be in contact with the church office or pastors before Sunday. The link for the meeting is:
- **Pastor Josh** Janzen has returned to ministry at ABC, working from his home in Nebraska.
- **During** this time of separation, it is harder for us as pastors to know what the needs and prayer concerns are of those in our congregation. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, struggling, or in need of some pastoral care please be in touch with Mark or Virginia.
- **Previous videos** of worship services are available on our website abchurchcommunity.ca. Click 'videos' to access older recordings.
- **Though** the church doors remain closed, the church continues to operate. We will continue to strive to meet our financial obligations. Please continue your giving. Here are ways you can continue giving:
 - Dropped off at Don & Grace Fehr, 38 Sunflower Crescent.
A mailbox is located on the front porch...Just drop it in and ring the doorbell - No cash please.
 - Mailed to the church. We still pick up the mail on a regular basis.
117nd Street NW Altona, MB R0G 0B1.

- Electronic transfer - If you have not already set this up, Call Don & Grace Fehr 204-324-5908.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Church Manitoba www.mennochurch.mb.ca 896-1616

- **The MCM Executive Minister Search Committee** is pleased to share that they have received several strong applications for this position. They will remain open to more applications till about May 10 and then proceed. The hope is to prepare for and schedule interviews for some time in mid to late May. They invite your prayers in this time of discernment.

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennochurch.ca 888-6781

- Mennonite Church Canada May 3rd online service at:
<https://www.hmc.on.ca/mc-canada>

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – info@mciblues.net 327-5891

Canadian Mennonite University – www.cmu.ca

- CMU High School Essay Contest: CMU is inviting high school students to reflect on three possible questions, including whether we should be concerned if our phones are listening to us? Check out all essay question topics/details. Enter by May 5 to be eligible to win cash and CMU tuition credit. [cmu.ca/docs/enrolment/CMU Essay Contest.pdf](http://cmu.ca/docs/enrolment/CMU_Essay_Contest.pdf)
- Online Webinars: CMU's Admissions Department is offering information webinars online every Wednesday at 2pm. These webinars are designed particularly for prospective students and their parents. Go to cmu.ca/campuvisit for webinar information.
- Due to the ongoing travel restrictions and social distancing directives in place around the world, CMU's Canadian School of Peacebuilding (CSOP) is offering three fully online courses this spring including: Leading in an Age of Polarization, Does Religion Cause Violence? and Reconciling Stories: Indigenous Laws and Lands. Go to csop.cmu.ca for details and to register.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – Manitoba@mccmb.ca

- Share a prayer of hope and comfort during your next worship service. Hear Rick Cober Bauman, Exec Director of MCC Canada, share a prayer for a time of viral isolation, at: tiny.cc/MCC-prayer-for-isolation.
- May 5, 6:30-7:30pm - Selah's Song, a heartwarming musical tour - Visit theatreofthebeat.ca/selahs-song for more details.
- Haneen lives in Syria and is 9 years old. Learn about Haneen's story by visiting mcccanada.ca/stories/hello-syria-video. Find more exciting resources and videos to keep you busy at tiny.cc/Covid-19-Resources.

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