

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona
Worship Service
November 13, 2022, 10:30 am

“Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.” John 6:11

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to worship John 6:1-14
Prayer

Singing our Praise

Come away from rush and hurry VT 9
Like a rock VT 63
Oh, how great is Christ the Lord VT 351
There’s no one in this world like Jesus VT 68

Listening for God’s Voice

Offering
Children’s story
Imaginative retelling of John 6:1-14
Sermon

Following Christ into the World

Sing a new world into being VT 809
ABC conversations with Esme, Claire and Hazel Ginter
Prayers for the church and the world
Benediction
Christ, be all around me VT 848

Sermon: Melanie Neufeld **Worship Leader:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Children’s story: Sharon Friesen **Music:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck,
Caroline Neufeld, Rose Tryon and Julia Wiens

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Sawatzky and Mary Sawatzky at the Altona Health Centre.
~ **Henry and Elvira Peters** have moved to 204 – 280 Centre Avenue W Altona, MB. R0G 0B2.
~ **We are grateful** for all the encouragement, food, help and care we have received from our ABC family after our house fire. Also thank you for your support during my years as church council chairperson. - Stephanie and Mark Friesen
~ **International Witness:** Meserete Kristos Church invites us to rejoice in the peace agreement signed this week in Ethiopia. President Desalegn asks for prayer that “the peace agreement be rooted deep to transform the broken relationships, that there will be a provision of resources to address the needy community in the nation due to the conflict and other causes and that God would use MKC as tool of sustainable peace and restoration of the True Kingdom Gospel to Ethiopia and beyond.”
~ **We wish a happy birthday and God’s blessing to:**
Claire Ginter Nov. 14 Tina Heppner Nov. 18
Harve Hildebrandt Nov. 14 Larry Falk Nov. 19
Susan (Anton) Dueck Nov. 16

WORSHIP CALENDAR

November 13: Missions guest speaker – Melanie Neufeld
November 20: Memorial Sunday— Next Sunday we will remember people from our church family who have died in the past year. This year we are going to broaden our invitation to light candles. We are still going to read the names of all those from our congregation that have passed away. Then we will have tea lights available for anyone that would like to light one in memory of a loved one who has died, or a grief that they have.

Melanie Neufeld is the Director of Mission Engagement with Mennonite Church Manitoba, supporting congregations as together we connect to God’s mission in the local and global communities. Melanie is committed to the work of community development and transformation, ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities are cared for. Her previous work with Seattle Mennonite Church as Pastor of Community Ministry saw the development of a neighbourhood response to homelessness, helping people get off the street and into needed housing. Melanie is married to Jonathan Neufeld. Together they live in Oakville and enjoy having their daughter Thalia live with them in the summer when she is not at CMU.

From Tammy Driedger on behalf of world and home ministries:

World/Home ministries is excited to join in support of International Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong in Ethiopia, their term began in fall of 2021.

Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia is a conference of 1200 churches and about 1200 church planting centres, with over 650,000 believers. It is one of the largest and fastest growing churches in the Mennonite World Conference.

Werner will be teaching a variety of courses including spiritual formation, Anabaptist studies, pastoral care and biblical studies. Joanne will be providing support for the media and public relations department. She will also be spending time in mentoring and helping students with English. Meserete Kristos Church consists of members of different ethnic groups, so all courses are taught in English.

Praise and prayer requests from Werner and Joanne – October 2022

- 1) Praise God we have both miraculously received our Ethiopian ID's.
- 2) Pray for the students who struggle to focus on their work because their families are in danger. Some students have family members and friends who have been killed in the conflict. Pray for peace in Ethiopia!
- 3) Continue to pray that Joanne will have a clear sense of discernment about which projects to take on and which to decline.
- 4) May Werner continue to connect with the students and teach well.
- 5) We have two new students from South Sudan. Please pray they will succeed!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ABC Youth: Youth Wed. Nov. 16 7-9pm. Bible Study and games in the youth room

Ventures Club – Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 in the church basement

Pastor Virginia and Andrew Richert will be serving at Eastview and Gardens on Tenth this morning.

Sermon discussion Tuesday at noon.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Altona MCC is looking for a shop manager. Please contact Corny Fehr at (MCC) 324.8323 or (cell) 324.3862.

Southern Manitoba Choral Society presents "Between darkness and light – a concert of peace, advent and joy" Sunday November 20 at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite church at 2:30 pm. Madeline Friesen as conductor and Loren Hiebert as pianist

Gardens on Tenth is having a craft and bake sale on Nov. 19 from 9 am – 3 pm. Call 324.8945 to reserve a table. Everyone is invited to attend!

Share the warmth program is up and running! Any sizes of gently used coats, ski pants, boots, toques, mitts and neck warmers for both children and adults welcome. Donations can also be made out to: The Community Exchange. Your contribution makes a warm and important impact. Drop offs are any Monday or Wednesdays during the winter months. Contact Julia Bergman at sharethewarmthinfo@gmail.com or text at 204.470.9481.

Mon. Nov. 21, 7:00 pm - MCI's Annual General Meeting will be held in the school's chapel. In light of critical realities facing MCI, the board is issuing an urgent call to attend this year's AGM. Receive updates on the school's current realities. Assist in discerning the future for our/your school.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

Steve Bell concert: Winkler MB church Friday, Nov. 18 as a fundraiser for Pembina counselling centre. All tickets and funds raised will go to help families, individuals and couples who are unable to afford the cost of counselling. Tickets can be purchased through Pembina Counselling Centre phone: 204-822-6622 email: reception@pccmb.ca, online: stevebell.com/events
Tickets also available at the door.

MCC: This Christmas season, choose gifts of comfort and joy! Your gift of school supplies, an eco-stove, chickens or fruit trees will change lives. Browse MCC's Christmas Giving Guide at mccmb.ca/Christmas.

CMU: CMU Festival Chorus – J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Weihnachtsoratorium BWV 248, is an awe-inspiring masterpiece for choir, soloists, and orchestra. Enjoy the choir's stunning musical rendering of the nativity story in all its rejoicing, gladness, and celebration on December 9, 2022 (in Winnipeg, MB) and December 10, 2022 (in Gretna, MB). Details and tickets are available at cmu.ca/festivalchorus.

MDS Canada is currently organizing a response in Nova Scotia following Hurricane Fiona. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact the MDS Canada Office at 204-261-1274 or by emailing cflores@mds.org.

The Rhineland Empty Stocking Fund: The RESF is now accepting referrals for Christmas Hampers. These referrals can be called in to 204-324-7167. When calling in referrals please have the following information: name of referral, number of children in the family with age and gender of child, physical address, mailing address and phone number. Deadline for referrals is noon on December 9. A reminder that the referrals must live in the R.M. of Rhineland.

- Due to the change in our Christmas Hampers, we will not require any volunteers for wrapping/packing or delivery. The Committee will take care of this for this year. Thank you for your understanding. Hope to see you next year!

- Many people have reached out with a helping hand over the years with the RESF, and we sincerely "Thank You". If you would like to be a part of this mission, donations can be hand delivered to Pembina Valley Pharmacy, Access Credit Union - Gretna, Altona or Plum Coulee locations or simply by mailing the donation to Rhineland Empty Stocking Fund, Box 2255, Altona, MB, R0G 0B0

