

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, October 17, 2021

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 17, 2021 10:30 A.M.

*“Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres.”
~ 1 Corinthians 13: 7*

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Holy Spirit, come with power** HWB 26

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Rain down** STJ 49

LISTENING

Music **We will follow** STS 40

Children’s Story

Scripture **Luke 10: 25-37**

Sermon **“Daring to Trust”**

RESPONDING

Music **Together** VT 389

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **We will walk with God** STJ78

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leader:** Rose Tryon
Children’s Story: Jolene Friesen-Stoesz **Scripture:** Margaret Klassen
Music: Andrew Richert, Hilda Franz

Our worship service will be live-streamed Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and continue to be available on the church website at [abchurchcommunity.ca]

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Nora Hildebrant, Harold Sawatzky and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre. Tina Heppner at Grace Hospital [post surgery].
- ~ **Congratulations** to first-time grandparents Brian & Delores Enns. Winston Henrey was born Oct 12, to Kate & Codey Allum of Winnipeg.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray - This week George and Tobia Veith begin speaking and connecting with congregations across Canada every week, giving witness to God's work in the world through the eyes of our Chinese siblings in faith. Pray for strength, inspiration and listening ears. They will be here at Altona Bergthaler Church next Sunday.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Our current sermon series is about love. We'll be taking a deep dive into what love is and why the "greatest of these is love". In addition to a sermon, each week we will share an exercise which we expect everyone to do as a way to help train our 'love muscles.'

- Oct 24 ~ Love series takes a break to welcome George and Tobia Veith
- Oct 31 ~ Being vulnerable and transparent. Speaker: Virginia
- Nov 7 ~ From boredom to laughter. Speaker: Mark

LOVE EXERCISE # 3

Spend some time thinking about people and situations you trust and where it is hard to trust. Write down situations where you trust people instinctively (driving, doctors, family members for example). Then write down situations where it is difficult for you to trust.

Think about the situations where you trust: what would change if you lost trust? How would lack of trust affect your behaviour and your relationships?

Think about situations where it is difficult to trust: Why is it hard for you to trust? What would change in the relationship and situation if you had greater trust?

Pray and ask God to reveal the barriers of distrust in your life. Ask God to show you ways and situations where you can live with greater trust.

FROM the PASTOR

A Preacher's remix of 1 Corinthians 13 – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

If I preach with eloquence and passion, but do not have love, I am only a mumbler, a spin-doctor full of meaningless gibberish.

If my preaching brings people to tears, offers hope, deepens faith, elicits joy, and changes lives, but I do not have love, I am nothing.

If I can communicate the scripture's message for people today with creativity and effectiveness, if I give my life to the study of God's word, but do not have love, I have accomplished nothing. I'm useless.

That's because love never fails. Preachers and sermons fail, but love never fails. Love is patient and kind. Love is neither envious nor dishonouring. Love neither keeps the score nor is easily angered nor glories in self-promotion. Love does not delight in evil but love celebrates with the truth. Love always protects, trusts, hopes, and endures.

My insights are vapour, my analogies are transient, and my words are momentary. Even my greatest sermon will be forgotten. But love will not be. Love doesn't end like everything else. Love is the word. Love is the future. Love is the answer. Love is the preacher whose sermon never ceases. Love is the way. God is love.

Our lives are incomplete and our wisdom is partial. It's because love has not fully come. Even though we are childish, one day everything will be complete and we will be mature. When love comes. Then we won't see reflections anymore, we will see face to face. We will love, we will know. We will be known, completely.

It all comes down to faith, hope, and love. But really, it's about love.

Sr Youth

- **Oct 19 [Tues] 7-9pm** – True Story Bible study, week 3.

Jr Youth

- **Oct 20 [Wed], 7-9pm** – **NO** Youth Group this week, catch up on rest!

Ventures: [Wednesdays]

- **Girls Ventures 7-8:15pm** - Photo scavenger hunt.
- **Boys Ventures 7-8:15pm** - TBD

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Calling all singers** of all ages! On **Sunday, Oct 24**, we are going to have an impromptu choir in our worship service. All you have to do is show up that morning at 9:15am to sing through the songs a few times, then the choir will sing with the congregation. The songs will be: Come and See HWB 282, Ev'ry Good Gift (by Phil Campbell Enns), God of the Bible STJ 27, Open my Eyes VT 732. Contact Laurie Enns with any questions or more song resources.
- **Oct 28, 4, 4-6pm – Fundraising Soup & Dessert 'drive-thru'** at the Altona Bergthaler Church. **By donation** – make cheques payable to Altona Bergthaler Church with 'Soup & Dessert' in the memo line. Delivery available to those in need of having it delivered; please call the church office before 3pm on Wednesday, Oct 27, for delivery service.
- **Check the Lost & Found** items, on display in the foyer, that may belong to you. Unclaimed items will be taken to MCC [on Tuesday].
- **Free** – 33 metal framed/wooden stacking chairs available for free. Check with Cheryl or Jolene.
- **We request** that people wear masks for entering, exiting, moving about the church building, and singing. Thanks for doing your part to ensure that our worship services are safer and consistent with public health guidelines.
- **Tuesday morning Coffee Time**, 10am, indoors. Coffee provided.
- **Reminder:** Live-stream will continue and be available Sundays at 10:30am at <http://www.abchurchcommunity.ca>. If you are using a handheld device [phone or tablet] you may get a message that says "video unavailable", but if you click on the line "watch this video on YouTube", it will reload and play for you.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

- **As you** prepare to celebrate International Witness Sunday on Oct 24, please prayerfully consider giving generously. Giving for International Witness has been slower this year than expected and your help is greatly appreciated. Designate your gift to a specific program or to International Witness where most needed. The focus this year is on experiencing God's call, drawing inspiration from the Mennonite Church Canada denominational "Vision: Healing and Hope" statement. For more info, visit, mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday.

Mennonite Church Manitoba – mennonchurch.mb.ca 204-896-1616

- **Oct 30, 9am** - Camp Koinonia **Annual Woodcutters Retreat**. Lunch will be provided. More info: call or text Matthew Heide 204-534-8268.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Pack a Bucket of Thanks** with MCC this fall, with essential relief supplies, and help support vulnerable families impacted by emergency and disaster. Learn more at mccmb.ca/buckets-thanks.

- **Are you** a recent high school grad? In January, MCC will be offering a 6-month discipleship program for 18–20-year-olds. Based in Bethlehem, the *Seek* program will help you discover the beauty and brokenness of the world, while living in community and ministering to others. Apply by Oct 31 at mccmb.ca/seek. Questions? Contact Simone Thiessen at simonethiessen@mccmb.ca or 204-261-6381.

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Oct 20, 7pm** - Book Launch with Laura Funk (People and Places of Sacred Interior Spaces) at Marpeck Commons. Join Laura as she introduces her book of guided meditations and midrashic monologues. Laura is Mennonite Church Manitoba's spiritual director-in-residence. Visit commonword.ca/go/2503 for registration or live-stream details
- **Oct 22** - Campus Visit Day. This ½ day is intended for prospective high school or transfer students and their parents. Tour the campus, drop-in on a class, talk to current students, learn about financial aid, and enjoy treats from folio café! Visit cmu.ca/campusvisit to register a slot.
- **Interested in Graduate Studies?** CMU will be hosting 3 webinars to learn about our Master in Business Administration (Nov 4), Master of Arts in Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development (Nov 10) and Graduate School of Theology programs (Nov 18). Visit cmu.ca/gradstudies.

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