

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, September 20, 2020

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

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WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 am

Sermon: Mark Thiessen-Dyck

Worship Leader: Ken Doell

Music: Flying Free

Children's Story: Video – Kristin Falk

*“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one.
Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search
carefully until she finds it?”*

~ Luke 15:8

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Music God is here among us HWB 16

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Moment in Mission Video & The Lord's Prayer

Music Come, bring your burdens to God STS 50

Children's Story

Scripture **Luke 15:1-10; Corinthians 7:12-16**

Sermon **“When a loved one chooses a different path...”**

RESPONDING

Music Nothing is lost on the breath of God STS 121

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music Your will be done STJ 57

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Mary Voth, Waldo Schulz, and Anne Kehler at Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Albert Hoffman**, a member of our Church family, passed away September 11. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life, and pray for his wife Lena, family and extended family. A funeral and burial were held this past Wednesday.
- ~ **Sadie Funk**, a member of our Church family, passed away September 13. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life, and pray for her husband Willie, family and extended family. A graveside service was held this past Friday.
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** to Pete & Elsie Letkeman, Les & Crystal Harder, families and extended family, at the passing away of Pete's mother, Margaret Letkeman, of Altona.
- ~ **Happy 90th** birthday wishes to Art Dyck for Sept 23rd. ~ Your family.
- ~ **This Sunday our "Moment in Mission"**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3j-TEFnEh64>
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada: Less violence in Burkina Faso**
Praise God for a recent decrease in violence in the area around the Burkina Faso Mennonite churches. Pray for protection of people and for the resolution to this conflict. Pray that the believers in this area will have strength and courage to work for peace in a difficult situation.

Access to the livestreaming on Sunday mornings will be available from the Altona Bergthaler Church website [abchurchcommunity.ca]. The live stream will begin at 10:30am.

Our church website abchurchcommunity.ca now includes a link called **Recordings & Bulletin Library**. This library includes all of our 2020 Worship Service recordings, the bulletin for each week, and the Children's Teaching that began this spring. Please note that this library will replace our weekly posting of the audio recording to Libsyn. Please also note that we plan to discontinue access to Libsyn at the end of September 2020. Please contact the church if you need assistance locating this new way of accessing the recording and bulletin library.

Children's Bulletins will be available in the foyer for ages 3 plus, and 7 plus. The children's story video will still be posted to the Church website.

The church office welcomes artwork from all ages for our bulletin covers. Drawings are best done on half a sheet of 8.5X11 paper oriented vertically (the same way that you read the bulletin).

From the Pastor – Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Last Sunday we included the Lord's Prayer in our worship service, after the Moment in Mission. The Lord's Prayer is the most well-known Christian Prayer and is memorized and recited every day around the world. The interesting thing about this prayer is that when Jesus taught it to his disciples, he was not so much telling them the specific words to say, as teaching them a style of prayer. "*Pray then in this way...*" Matt 6:9.

So, for the next few weeks we are going to include a prayer in the style of the Lord's Prayer in our worship services. We are going to use the Lord's Prayer as our model for praying. Some of these prayers will more closely resemble the words that we are used to reciting for memory than others.

This time is not to disregard the well-loved words that we are used to nor to replace them. But to expand our understanding of prayer and to see what new meaning and insights can be gained from various translations and re-interpretations of the Lord's prayer.

This week the prayer will be taken from The Message paraphrase of the Bible, Matt 6:9-13.

From the Covid Task Force re: wearing masks.

We ask everyone who comes to worship and Sunday School, could you please wear a mask when:

- You enter the building
- You are moving about the building
- You join in singing

(Masks may be removed when you are seated in a pew or Sunday school classroom, but must be worn if you are joining in congregational singing).

We thank everyone for the amazing response to the mask request! And for your continued efforts to make our church facility and events a safer environment.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would love to start Sunday school, but need your help.

Age 3 – 5 – Cheryl Harder

Grade 2 –

Grade 3 & 4 –

Grade 5 & 6 – Sharon Friesen

Grade 7 & 8 – Stephanie Rempel

Grade 9-12 – Byron Loeppky

Lorraine Hamm is willing to teach ½ time in grade 2 or grade 3 & 4 class.

If you want to be a part of our Sunday school ministry in any way or have any questions please contact Amanda by phone (324-6719) or email (amandaw@abchurch.ca)

Thank-you for prayerfully considering being a part of this ministry.

- **ABC's Junior and Senior Youth need your help!** We are in need of more Youth Sponsors for the upcoming Youth Ministry year. If you want to be a part of our Youth Ministry program, or if you have any questions, please contact Josh by phone (324-6717) or email joshj@abchurch.ca . Thank you for your support and for prayerfully considering being a part of the ABC Youth Ministry!
- **Adult Sunday School** is currently on hold. Our children's Sunday School is spreading out which means there will not be a good place for adult Sunday school to meet. We will re-evaluate in the coming weeks as we become accustomed to our new Sunday School arrangements.
- **As the weather turns cooler**, we are temporarily suspending Tuesday morning 'Coffee Time'. As staff, we look forward to welcoming you back in the not too distant future.
- **Sept 21 – Koinonia Ladies Group** starts their year...new members are welcome. Interested in joining? For details call Erna Doell 324-8133.
- **Fall book study.** After the success of our summer book study we will continue to explore the topic of racism and hopefully continue to gain a deeper and broader understanding. Book still to be determined. Discussions will take place Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm, everyone is welcome. Talk to pastor Virginia for more details.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Xplore** - a 55 plus enrichment program offered by Canadian Mennonite University, offers courses that investigate dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. NO assignments or exams. Because of COVID-19, all Xplore courses in 20-21 are moving online via Zoom, thus making all courses available across the country. Eight stimulating courses are offered every Wednesday and Thursday morning over a six-week period, beginning Sept 30. View course, tuition, and registration information at cmu.ca/explore.

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

- **Oct 24 - MC Canada Study Conference.** Join us as we gather virtually for "Table Talk: Does the Church still have Legs?", a study on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Professor of Biblical Studies at Columbia Bible College, Jesse Nickel, will be a guest speaker. He will present on worship in the New Testament. In this short interview, he shares about how the NT encourages us to be open to what worship can be. Register at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020
 - **Oct 8-Nov 26** - join Steve Heinrichs for an online book club exploring the book *Canada at a Crossroads*, by Jeff Denis. Register at mennochurch.ca/crossroads-bookclub What are the things that separate and unite Indigenous and settler peoples? What can we do to challenge structural racism and repair broken relationship? Beginning Oct. 8, we'll gather by Zoom each Thursday at 7pm for 8 weeks.
- Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba** – Manitoba@mccmb.ca
- **Oct 22, 9am-4pm** -Join us for a Pastoral Care and Domestic Abuse workshop in Morden. \$40 registration includes lunch. Limited capacity - register by Oct 16. For more info or to register visit mccmb.ca/Events.
 - **Sept 24 - Join us for our latest webinar "Advocacy for Peace and Justice: Conversations from the field" on September 24.** Hear stories of how advocacy can make a difference in the lives of marginalized and displaced peoples - from Latin America to Palestine and Israel. To register visit mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series.
 - **Looking for a speaker for your next online Bible study or group meeting?** MCC Manitoba staff members are eager to share their expertise and passions with you through a virtual presentation. To book a speaker for your next online meeting contact us at 204.261.6381 or email events@mccmb.ca.
 - **This fall, give the gift of relief.** Gather essential hygiene supplies, drop them off between Oct 15-17, and give hope to those who need it most. Find out which items are needed most at mccmb.ca/Buckets-Thanks or contact us if you or your church group would like to get involved at 204-261-6381 or events@mccmb.ca.
 - **We Are All Treaty People Celebration.** Tune into UFMF's radio station Sept 27, in the afternoon to hear speakers, including emcee Michael Redhead Champagne, share about what Being Treaty means to them. Find out more at mccmb.ca/Events.