

**-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-
Sunday, April 19, 2026, 10:30 am**

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." Acts 9:15-16

Announcements

Gathering and Praise

Hymn How Great Is Our God VT 116/
How Great Thou Art VT 436 (vs. 3)

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Let Justice Flow Down VT 791

Offering See the Children Here before Us VT 509

Hearing God's Story

Children's story including ABC Conversation with
Josh and Alyssa Neufeld

Song We've Been Waiting for You

Child Dedication

Scripture Act 9:1-20

Sermon Conversion, Call, and the God who Surprises

Living in Faith

Hymn Christ Has No Body Here but Ours VT 568

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song VT 581

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Children's Story:** Terrell Wiebe

Worship Leading: Byron Loepky

Music: Laurie Enns and Mary Costen

Worship Calendar:

April 19. Speaker: Mark. Our worship service will include child dedication for Luca Neufeld

April 26. Speaker: Terrell

May 3. Speaker: Mark

May 10. Brunch Church

CONGREGATIONAL WORDS OF COMMITMENT: Luca, you are a wonderful gift from God! We celebrate that you are dedicated and entrusted to God. We welcome you as a valuable part of our congregation and promise to be a community where you may learn about God's love for you and Christ's invitation to you. Josh and Alyssa, we thank God for your desire to share your faith with your children. We promise to join you in nurturing your children and sharing our faith in Christ with them. As parents, may you be filled with love, wisdom, and trust in God.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAYER AND PRAISE -

We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:

Tim Fast- April 19, Gord Sawatzky- April 21, Al Giesbrecht- April 23,
Elmer Friesen- April 24, Tom Braun- April 26

International Witness: Pray with the leaders of the Friends of Grace Church Association. This is the network that surrounds Tom and Christine Poovong and their colleagues in Thailand. Meetings on April 21-23 will elect a new president for the association. Pray for guidance, wisdom, and a spirit of unity in the churches.

- THIS WEEK AT ABC -

Sun. Apr. 19, 9:15 am: Sunday school for all ages.

Sun. Apr. 19, 10:30 am: Worship service.

Tue. Apr. 21, 10:30 am: Coffee with the church staff.

Tue. Apr. 21, 7-9 pm: Senior Youth - Game night!

Wed. Apr. 22, 7-9 pm: Junior Youth - D&D night!

Sat. Apr. 25, 5-6:30 pm: Community Meal at the Exchange.

An updated Contact List is currently being worked on. If you have any changes to your contact information that has not been updated at the office, please let Ang at the office know.

As a congregation we are exploring the idea of a Mennonite Disaster Service trip in 2027. For more information, see the "From the Pastor" in the March 22 bulletin. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please speak with Terrell in the coming weeks.

From the Finance commission: ABC has completed the first quarter of its 2026 financial year. Our most recent financial profit/loss report includes the following financial highlights:

January, February, March: Revenue - \$81,453.18

Expenses - \$111,630.88 **Year to Date Shortfall** - \$30,177.70.

This is however an approximately \$30,000 improvement from 2025 and it should be noted that virtually all expenses are well within budgeted totals, and below 2025 comparative expenditures. Year to date expense totals also reflect the impact of our annual auditors fees (\$4461.90) and Insurance (\$22,414.00) It should also be noted that Sunday morning offering continues to track below 2025 donation totals. 2026 first quarter outreach commitments to MCM, MCC, MDS, Youth for Christ, Eden Mental Health, Gardens on Tenth Chaplaincy, and the Community Meal have also been met. Thank you for your continued support of ABC and our outreach. If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of your Finance Commission.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are posters on the foyer bulletin board for more information and additional community announcements.

MCM: "Stop Endless war!" 1 pm on April 25. Manitoba Legislature. Mennonite Action Canada - Winnipeg chapter and the MCM PIN join more than 20 organizations for a rally and march to oppose wars that have led to catastrophic humanitarian, economic and climate crises. Speakers will briefly address the interconnectedness of war on Palestine, Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine, Cuba and Venezuela -- and Canada's role in it all. The rally will be followed by a March to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights at the Forks.

Faith and Life Choirs: Sat. May 2, 7 pm – Bethel Mennonite Church Winnipeg and Sun. May 3, 3 pm – Morden Mennonite Church.

Winkler Bible Camp: Drive through fundraiser meal on April 28 from 5-6 pm. Reserve your meal at winklerbiblecamp.com.

MCC: Swing into action in support of MCC relief projects! Join us for MCC Manitoba's Golf Tournament on Wednesday, July 8 at Bridges Golf Course. Experience our Texas Scramble tournament featuring on-course challenges, complemented by a delicious BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit mcc.org/Manitoba/Golf to learn more and secure your spot today!

-From the Church Council-

As per the Constitution of the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona 2024 edition: "*Pastors are called for a three-year term, this may be extended for a further three-year term by the support of 75% of all votes cast at a congregational meeting. All congregational meetings for the conduct of business will be announced at least two worship services prior to the meeting with agendas available at least one week before the meeting.*" As has been announced previously, a sub committee was established to conduct the review of Associate Pastor Terrell Wiebe, and its recommendation was included in the April 5 and 12 bulletin. The following motion will be put before the congregation on April 26, at a special congregational meeting following the worship service.

"Based on the recommendation of the Pastoral Review Committee, I support the calling of Terrell Wiebe for an additional three-year term in the role of Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries effective May 1, 2026."

Also, per the Constitution, Church Council is recommending that an invitation to participate be extended to any adult or youth who is currently involved in the life of our congregation. April 26 in-person voting will be done with a show of hands.

Accommodations will also be made for advance voting. This can be done in a variety of ways: Secret ballot at the church office on April 21, 22, 23, 24 between **9 am and noon**, with our administrative assistant Ang Loepky. Another option is that you can call Ang at 204-324-6717 (**at the above hours**) with your vote, or email your decision to office@abchurch.ca (prior to noon April 24). *Please do not leave your vote on the telephone answering machine.*

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