

## -BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-

**Sunday, April 26, 2026, 10:30 am**

*These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. Acts 16:20*

### Announcements

#### Gathering and Praise

Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness VT 419  
Call to Worship and Prayer  
Hymn Faith of the Martyrs VT 575  
Offering Take My Life, and Let It Be VT 759

#### Hearing God's Story

Children's story  
Scripture Acts 16:16-34  
Sermon Disturbing the City – Songs of Resistance and Praise

#### Living in Faith

Hymn Could It Be That God Is Singing VT 42  
ABC Conversation with Laura Reimer  
Prayer for the Church and the World  
Benediction  
Hymn Sing a New World into Being VT 809

**Sermon:** Terrell Wiebe **Children's Story:** Caroline Neufeld

**Worship Leading:** James Friesen

**Music:** Lorraine Hamm and Glenys Voth

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#### Worship Calendar:

April 26. Speaker: Terrell  
May 3. Speaker: Mark  
May 10. Brunch Church

**Brunch Church** is coming up on May 10! We are going to be celebrating Mother's Day by having Pastor Mark's mom as a speaker! Esther Epp-Tiessen will be sharing about her recent travels in the Middle East and the experience of Palestinians amidst the ongoing conflicts in the region. Esther brings years of advocacy for peace in the Middle East and beyond and will be sharing stories to help us better understand current realities. This will also be an opportunity to reflect on the war in Iran and how as followers of Jesus we can think about war and peace more broadly.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### - PRAYER AND PRAISE -

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

Tom Braun- April 26, Leona Braun- May 1, Sharon J. Friesen- May 29

**Hospitalized:** Hugo Voth in Altona Health Centre.

#### - THIS WEEK AT ABC -

**Sun. Apr. 26, 9:15 am:** Sunday school for all ages.

**Sun. Apr. 26 10:30 am:** Worship service.

**Tue. Apr. 28, 10:30 am:** Coffee with the church staff.

**Wed. Apr. 29, 7-9 pm:** Combined Youth - "How to ... Night!"

**For the past number of Sundays** we've been looking forward to today. The day to endorse the recommendation of the pastoral review committee and extend a formal invitation to Terrell Wiebe for another three year term as Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries at Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona. The motion is presented as follows *"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."* 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. The opportunity for advance voting was completed on April 24 at noon. Today's in-person voting will be done with a show of hands. The results of the vote will be shared with those in attendance Sunday morning, along with an email on Tuesday, and next week's bulletin.

**This Wednesday the junior and senior youth** are having a "How to ..." event, where we learn how to do various skills and tasks. We are looking for instructors to assist from 7:00-8:00 on Wednesday evening at the church. Potential skills/tasks are, *"How to..." Change a tire, sew on a button, start a business, iron clothes, pray in different ways, understand insurance, start a campfire, recognize birds, dance, sing, jump start a car tie a tie, use basic construction tools, tune up your bike, change a baby's diaper, knit.* \*\*Feel free to suggest something else you think could fit.\*\* Please speak with Terrell if you are able to help out.

**Ang from the administration office** will be away from April 28-May 13. Stephanie Rempel will be filling in and the hours may vary during this time.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Winkler Bible Camp:** Drive through fundraiser meal on April 28 from 5-6 pm. Reserve your meal at [winklerbiblecamp.com](http://winklerbiblecamp.com).

**The BTHC Foundation** is partnering with the *Morden and Winkler* Tim Hortons teams for Smile Cookie Week, running this year from Monday, April 27 through Sunday, May 3. 100% of the proceeds from every Smile Cookie purchased go toward building an accessible, peaceful outdoor space at our community hospital where patients, families, and staff can step outside, breathe, and recharge.

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

**Altona Volunteer Palliative Care Team** will be fundraising to purchase another recliner chair for our rooms' needs. Please visit us in the Altona mall May 4 and 8 and watch the thermometer rise to our goal of \$5000.

**Altona Health Care Auxiliary** will have a taco buffet fundraiser on May 5, 4:30-6:30 pm at the Pioneer Centre.

**Steps Towards Reconciliation:** Please join us on Tuesday May 5, 7 pm at the Exchange for an evening with Elder David Scott from Swan Lake First Nation. David will be speaking to us about Ecological Reconciliation: How to Reconnect Our Lives with Nature.

**Recovery of Hope Fundraiser** "Humour for Healing" with Matt Falk on May 8, at 7 pm at the Laudamus Theater at CMU. Funds raised will help to support our Sliding Fee program. Registration is free, but seating is limited. Reserve your seats at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/humour-for-healing> or call our office at 204-477-4673.

**MCC Theatre of the Beat** present the show "Invisible Threads" on Sat. May 23, 7 pm at the Exchange.

## **FROM THE PASTOR – Terrell Wiebe**

A brief retelling of an ABC junior youth event called *Life in Junior High: What was I made for?* One of the main tasks of people your age is beginning to discover who you are, what you like and don't like, and who you want to be as you enter adulthood. It isn't easy figuring this out. One of the questions you might be wondering is "What was I made for?"

We know from conversations with teenagers across North America that a lot of teenagers don't really like the way they look. They also feel like something is lacking in their personality, and they wish they had different abilities. In some ways this is like saying we wish we were made different.

There is a passage in the Bible that tells us about how we were made, and maybe, after we read it, we can begin to answer the question "What was I made for?"

Let's read Psalm 139 and see how it applies.

Vs 1-6 God knows us and is paying attention to the intimate details of our lives. Every word we speak has already been known.

Vs 7-12 "God is omnipresent" (A quote from a grade 8). How amazing is it that the God of the universe who can do anything and be anywhere and knows everything also knows you and wants to be with you?

Vs 13 We are fearfully and wonderfully made! God made you with intentionality and purpose. God marvels at you because you are God's own creation.

Vs 14-16 We can be like the psalmist and praise God with awe and wonder because of who God is and what God has done.

Now take the time to think and write about how you see yourself and if that differs from how God sees you. You can also think again about the question 'What was I made for?'

Perhaps we could answer it this way: ***We were made to be loved by God, and to reflect that love back to God and to others.***

### A Prayer

God, I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Whenever I start to forget this truth, remind me that I am yours and you made me with a purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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