

Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite
Church of Altona



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Worship Service

April 2, 2023, 10:30 am

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness."
~ Matthew 9:35

Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Music Hosanna, Loud Hosanna HWB 238

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music We Walk By Faith

Offering

Hearing God's Word

Children's story

Scripture Mark 10: 35-45

Sermon Choosing a Kingdom

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Music When We Are Tempted SS 81

Responding in Trust

Benediction

Music He is Lord – 2x

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
Worship Leader: Grace Harms
Children's story: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
Music: Joyce Falk

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Marge Loeppky and Linda Braun at the Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **If you or your family** would like a pastoral visit please let the church office know.
- ~ **Mennonites in Burkina Faso** ask us to pray for them as they discern how best to work for peace and discern how to care for the approx. 1.5 million displaced people in their country. Violence from terrorist groups that have taken over regions of the country has disrupted many lives.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**
Craig Neufeld March 28 Andrew Richert April 3
Penny Wahl March 30 Lori Driedger April 5
Rick Neufeld April 1 Anne Friesen April 8
Clara Kehler April 3 Oliver Neufeld April 8

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Our worship series for Lent is called "Why did Jesus die?" We will be exploring the resistance Jesus experienced which led to his crucifixion and theological understandings of the saving significance of Jesus' death.

Feb 26: A service of confession and ashes. Speaker: Virginia

March 5: Exploring the atonement part 1. Penal substitutionary theology. Speaker: Mark

March 12: Exploring the atonement part 2. Moral influence theology. Speaker: Mark

March 19: Exploring the atonement part 3: Christus Victor theology. Speaker: Mark

March 26: Jesus and religious authorities. Speaker: Terrell

April 2: Jesus and Rome. Speaker: Virginia

April 7: Good Friday service with Communion.

April 9 Easter.

Did you know that this week we began a bible study discussion group at church? That doesn't sound like anything too radical. We are a church after all. We are called to read our Bibles and study them. But I was surprised to learn how few people have participated in an actual discussion based bible study before. The only Bible studies that I can remember participating in were a few with my high school youth group or ones that I have led, and they were always isolated, one off events.

This caused me to wonder, how many of you have ever participated in a Bible study discussion group? And if so, how long ago was that? How many of us are actively reading and discussing our Bibles with one another in a deliberate way?

Our Bible study is based on material created for the Anabaptism at 500 Study Bible that is being created, which means it is deeply rooted in the Anabaptist tradition. The Anabaptists believe that the Bible is to be read and interpreted within the community. And that all believers, through the Holy Spirit, are capable of doing this.

So, I wonder, how can we as a church or as leaders encourage or facilitate more Bible study discussions? Is this something you might be interested in? or how is this already happening? I would love to hear your thoughts on this.

Save the date: Brunch church returns May 7

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THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Sunday, April 2, 9:15 am Easter paska potluck. You are invited to bring paska, muffins or cheese to share. There will be no Sunday School.

Tuesdays lunch sermon discussion time

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 - 9:00, Youth (grades 7-12)
Art night! We will be getting creative by painting the large canvas in South Wing and painting images on the windows.

Thursday, April 6, 2 pm, Anabaptism at 500 bible study at Gardens on Tenth.

Friday, April 7, 10:30 am: Good Friday worship service and communion.

Sunday, April 9, Sunday school for ages 3-18 from 9:15-10:15 am in the basement of the education wing, youth are in the south wing. We will have an **impromptu Easter choir**. Practice begins at 9:30.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to Janna Wiebe for this week's bulletin cover.

It's spring break and pastor Mark and pastor Terrell will be taking vacation this week. Please be in touch with pastor Virginia for any pastoral concerns. Mark and Terrell will return to the office on April 4.

Sunday April 9 we will celebrate Easter together in worship and song. **An impromptu choir** will be invited to gather that morning to practice at **9:30 am** and then help lead us in our worship service.

Save the Date: Church wedding shower Thursday April 20, 7 pm.

Photographs and stories needed: Anabaptism at 500 invites photographers of all levels to submit inspiring photos and stories capturing Anabaptist Christians living out their faith. Selected photos and stories will be featured in a stunning full-colour photo book. Contributors will receive a complimentary copy. For more details see the poster in the lobby.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MCC: Cycle for a cause – support MCC's health projects around the world through Cycle Clear Lake! Join us on Saturday, July 1 for a 34km trail ride in Riding Mountain National Park by coming for the day or camping for the weekend. Check out mccmb.ca/cycleclearlake for full event and registration information.

Mennonite Church Manitoba: MCM Mondays: Building Use follow-up starting early at 7:30pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81719715468> MCM Monday will have a follow-up conversation on use of our church buildings. Bring your questions and stories to the conversation as we explore what outstanding research needs to be done to equip congregations for this discerning work. Conversation will be guided by Melanie Neufeld, Director of Mission Engagement.
www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays

CMU: Canadian School of Peacebuilding – Registration is now open for courses taught by local, national, and international peacebuilders to serve practitioners, professionals, activists, students, non-governmental organizations, and faith-based groups. June 5-9; 12-16. Visit csop.cmu.ca.

Eden Foundation fundraiser: Today, Sunday, April 2 at the Winkler Mennonite church at 2:30 pm "Songs of Renewal" featuring the Winkler Community Male Choir with conductor Ray Giesbrecht, New Covenant Quartet and Jayme Giesbrecht and Linda Dueck. Donations gratefully accepted.

Navigating Care Options Expo– Saturday April 15th. Hosted by WSC Services for Seniors, Buhler Active Living Centre and Alzheimer's Society. Learn about the Care Options available in the Pembina Valley as care needs increase for you or your family member. Presentations by Home Care, Salem Home and Silver Lining Care 9am – 12pm Registration required by Thursday April 6th (cost \$10 includes lunch). Information Booths are free to attend from 12 to 2pm. For more

information or to register, call Winkler Senior Centre at 204-325-8964.