

Welcome to the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

August 20, 2023

10:30 am

"And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us; you have become too powerful for us. So Isaac departed from there and camped in the wadi Gerar and settled there. Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of his father Abraham, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham, and he gave them the names that his father had given them." Genesis 26:16-18

Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Music Holy Lord (lyrics in bulletin)

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music Oh, que bueno es Jesus STS 90

Fairest Lord Jesus HWB 117

Offering

Hearing God's Word

Readers theatre Genesis 26:12-33

Sermon Enough for all

Responding in Trust

Music Be a sower (lyrics in bulletin)

Jesus, help us live in peace (lyrics in bulletin)

Prayer of the Church and the World

Benediction

Music Beyond a dying sun HWB 323

Call to worship:

One: God makes room for us here, in this broad space of worship.

Many: Room for our questions and room for our confidence.

One: Room for our joy and room for our grief.

Many: Room for our fear and room for our generosity.

One: Room for ourselves and room for each other.

Many: Let us receive God's blessing of this spacious place.

All: Let us worship together in faith.

Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Worship Leading: Terrell Wiebe

Music: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Readers Theatre: Jolene Friesen-Stoesz, Sophia Friesen-Stoesz, Lisa Hiebert-Penner, Terrell Wiebe

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

Hospitalized: Helen Voth, Bernard Wiebe and Jake Rempel at the Altona Health Centre.

Days of smoky air remind us that people are suffering and dying this summer due to an unprecedented wildfire season in Canada and in other parts of the world. We pray for those that have been directly impacted by these fires, and those that are fighting the fires—for safety, for provision, for strength and endurance. We also pray for governments to act to reduce these and other effects of climate change and to help people and industry adapt to a changing climate.

We congratulate Larry and Martha Friesen on a momentous 50-year wedding anniversary on August 25!

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

Lloyd Loewen Aug. 3

Julie Niemczak Aug. 23

Tina Klassen Aug. 20

Vern Friesen Aug. 23

Anne Schellenberg Aug. 21

Dora Driedger Aug. 24

Terrell Wiebe Aug. 21

Ruth Stoesz Aug. 25

Ryley Niemczak Aug. 22

Evelyn Friesen Aug. 26

WORSHIP CALENDAR

This Sunday we begin a four-week sermon series called "**Seeking Peace Together.**" Each week we will explore a different Biblical character and how they modeled peace through their actions and how we are called to do the same.

Aug 13: Speaker: Mark

Aug 20: Speaker: Virginia

Aug 27: Speaker: Mark

Sept 3: Speaker: Terrell

THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Tuesday, August 22, 10:30 am, Coffee with the church staff.

FROM THE PASTOR: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you are not to reap to the very edge of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not strip your vineyard bare or gather its fallen grapes. Leave them for the poor and the resident alien; I am the Lord your God” (Lev. 19:9-10)
Who knew that all of us, farmers, and non-farmers alike, would find a way to follow this obscure law from the book of Leviticus? But that is exactly what we are doing when we share our spare change with the children in the coin collection. We are sharing from the edges of our fields. We are sharing not only from our abundance, but we are sharing from that which often gets misplaced or lost track of anyways.

This law in Leviticus was instrumental in providing a meager source of income for the poor and those in need. For they were then allowed to go into farmers fields and gather the gleanings for themselves to either eat or sell. And it was what provided for Ruth and Naomi in the book of Ruth.

Our gleanings are compiled and then sent off to support an MCC program. In fall we supported “Bucket of thanks” and covered the cost of relief kits to Ukraine. Since January we have been sending our gleanings to MCC Grow Hope. As I shared a few weeks ago, we have raised over \$2500, which is enough to cover the cost of seeds and gas and fertilizer for 7.5 acres of farmland. After harvest the farmer will sell their crops and donate the funds to The Canadian Foodgrains Bank who uses these funds to provide help for people who don’t have enough to eat.

A reminder that a few coins and gleanings once gathered together can make a difference in the lives of others.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will not be livestream of the worship services during the summer months. The services will be posted online shortly after the service.

ABC goes to camp! September 16-17. September 16-17. Please **sign up** either in the foyer or by calling the church office. The cost for overnight and meals is \$86 per adult and \$52 per child.



Holy Lord VT 314

(Chorus) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full; hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest (repeat)

(Bridge) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (repeat)

Back to chorus.

Be a Sower VT 789

Vs. 1 Be a sower, plant a seed. Let it grow into a tree.
Give it water, watch it grow, and give it the love that it needs.

Chorus:

Be humble, and gentle, and always keep looking for peace
God makes the sun rise, on the good and the evil.
Rain fall, on the rocks and the weeds.

Let’s be loving, to one another. Join in God’s circle of peace.

Vs. 2 Be a listener, listen close, when you find a friend in need.
Talk to Jesus, Jesus knows, and He’ll give you comfort and peace.
Chorus

Vs. 3 Be a dreamer, work for peace. Turn your sword into a plow.
With our neighbours, we will seek to make change as God shows us how.
Chorus

Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace VT 719

Chorus: Jesus, help us live in peace, from our blindness set us free.
Fill us with your healing love. Help us live in unity.

Vs. 1 Many times we don’t agree on what’s right or wrong to do.
It’s so hard to really see from the other’s point of view.

Chorus

Vs. 2 How we long for pow’r and fame, seeking every earthly thing.
We forget the one who came as a servant not a king.

Chorus