

## **-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026, 10:30 am**

*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23*

### **First Sunday of Lent**

Announcements

#### **Gathering and Praise**

Hymn Come Away From Rush and Hurry VT 9

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say VT 536

Offering Guide My Feet VT 816

#### **From Vice to Virtue**

Children's story

Scripture Proverbs 4:23, Jeremiah 17:9, Mark 7:20–23

Sermon The Seven Deadly Sins: An Introduction

Hymn Just As I Am, Without One Plea STJ 92

#### **Confession, Assurance and Sending**

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn May the Mind of Christ My Saviour

**Sermon:** Greg Costen **Children's Story:** Sharon Friesen

**Worship Leading:** Jolene Friesen-Stoesz

**Music:** Hilda Franz and Mary Costen

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#### **From Vice to Virtue**

**Feb 22.** The Seven Deadly Sins: An Introduction. Speaker: Greg Costen

**March 1.** Envy, Greed, Contentment, and Generosity. Speaker: Mark

**March 8.** Gluttony and Temperance. Speaker: Terrell

**March 15.** Sloth and Faithfulness. Speaker: Mark

**March 22.** Lust and Chastity. Speaker: Mark

**March 29.** Wrath and Love: Speaker Terrell

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **- PRAYER AND PRAISE -**

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

Ryan Wahl- Feb. 22, Redden Friesen- Feb. 23, Piper Friesen- Feb. 23

**Hospitalized:** Ann Enns is in the Altona Health Centre.

**This weekend,** Terrell Wiebe, Colin and Laura Reimer, and ten youth are at the Mennonite Church Manitoba winter youth retreat *The Race of Faith: Mennolympics!* With an amazing 100+ youth coming to Camp Assiniboia from around the province, it is sure to be an exciting weekend. We welcome prayers for safety, for new relationships to be made, for the Holy Spirit to be active as we learn about fixing our eyes on Jesus as we run the race of faith, and for Terrell who is directing the retreat alongside Erika Enns Rodine.

#### **- THIS WEEK AT ABC -**

**Sun. Feb. 22, 9:15 am:** Sunday school for all ages

**Sun. Feb. 22, 10:30 am:** Worship service

**Tue. Feb. 24, 10:30 am:** Coffee with church staff

**Wed. Feb. 25, 7-9 pm:** Combined Youth - Tobogganing and Broomball at Buffalo Creek. Plus, lots of hot chocolate to warm up afterwards!

**Wed. Feb. 25, 7-8:15 pm:** Ventures

**Thur. Feb. 26, 2 pm:** Book study at Gardens on Tenth

**Sat. Feb. 28, 5-6:30 pm:** Community Meal at the Exchange

**Pastor Mark** will be on vacation from February 7-23.

**In keeping with our church policy,** we will be conducting a review of Pastor Terrell's ministry upon the completion of three years of service among us. The review will be available beginning today, Feb 22, in the foyer and will also be emailed. Paper copies will be available in the office. The deadline to return the review is March 8. Please return completed reviews to the bin in the foyer or to the church office. We encourage everyone to participate in this important process by providing honest and thoughtful feedback.

**ABC Auction update: Friday, March 20, at 7 pm in the church basement.** It would be helpful (but not necessary) to let Byron or Ang Loepky know what items you are planning to bring. Items may be brought to the church basement starting on *Monday, March 16 for storing.* If you need help with transporting an object to the church, please let us know as well and we will arrange this. We welcome auction

items in good shape. Please note there will not be tax receipts available for auction purchases or donations. Donations are set to go to the ABC camp ministry. **Items already designated for auction include:** Assortment of food, quilts, household items, lawn care, golf, brunch, snowblower, cross bike (there will be a minimum bid for snowblower and cross bike). **Contact options:** [Loeppkyangela@gmail.com](mailto:Loeppkyangela@gmail.com), [office@abchurch.ca](mailto:office@abchurch.ca) or call/text 204.304.0282.

**AGM meeting.** The AGM books as well as the financial books are available in the foyer as well as online. *In preparation for the AGM we are reaching out* to you at this year's annual meeting for some direction on how we should proceed during this year of staffing transition. We've appreciated how church members have temporarily stepped in to fill the need for Sunday School administration to assist with leadership, communication, and administrative tasks, along with other areas of family ministry. And we stress, although the need is ongoing, the current solution is a stop gap measure. We are also sensitive that there are other outreach areas of ministry which may be lacking attention. We are committed to listening to your suggestions and observations before determining how we might proceed making careful use of limited financial resources. To that end, we will set aside time during the upcoming AGM for some roundtable discussions which will give direction to our Personnel and Church Council. *Please come to the AGM on March 1st with your suggestions.*

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Come and See/Come and Listen:** Esther Epp-Tiessen and Jan McIntyre will share stories from their November solidarity pilgrimage to Palestine. Tuesday, Feb 24th 7:00 pm at CMU Heritage Gallery, 610 Shaftesbury Blvd. Includes Q and A, and the current exhibit, "The Land Remembers--Palestine: Courage, Resilience, Resistance."

**The Love Well Women's Drop-In Centre fundraiser,** Worship Around the World, March 21, from 11am-8:30 pm at the MEC.

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

On Monday we had the long-awaited Matheson Island Camp reunion bowling event in Selkirk. We have been seeking ways to grow the relationship with our partner community of Matheson Island, and this seemed like the perfect mid winter opportunity. Selkirk was chosen as many of the teens from the island already live there to go to high school.

The excitement was high in Selkirk as old relationships were renewed and new relationships made. I loved seeing our youth counsellors greet campers they remembered from previous years. It was a treat to experience the excitement of our communities being together and to know that this will only serve to make our summer camp experience at Matheson Island even stronger. We are already looking forward to camp again this July!

By the numbers:

- 3 hours of fun!
- 40 attendees (22 from Matheson Island & Selkirk, and 18 from Altona)
- Ages 7-77 and everything in between
- 109 games of bowling!
- 1 singing of Johnny Apple Seed
- 96 slices of pizza
- 6 fruit and veggie trays
- 16 litres of pop and juice
- Countless memories!

