

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of  
ALTONA

SUNDAY, February 4, 2024 10:30 am

*"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—  
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down  
my life for the sheep." John 10:14-15*

Welcome & Announcements

**Praising God**

Hymn Come, Now is the Time to Worship VT 29

Call to worship and Prayer

Hymn Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us VT 718

**Seeking the Imagination of Christ**

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Luke 15:1-7, John 10:11-15

Sermon Reimagining Emmanuel: Jesus as the Good Shepherd

Music and Art My Love Colours Outside the Lines VT 582

**Living in Faith**

ABC Conversation with Andrew and Stephanie Rempel

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn The Lord Lift You Up VT 832

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**Sermon:** Janna Wiebe **Worship Leading:** Josh Neufeld

**Music:** ABC Ensemble **Children's Story:** Janna Wiebe

**Artist:** Jolene Friesen-Stoesz

*Check out the earlier sermons from our "Jesus and our imagination"  
series on the church website.*

February 4: Speaker: Janna Wiebe. Imagining God as a shepherd.

February 11: We will welcome Ron Falk and Jayme Giesbrecht from  
Eden Health Care services. Ron will share the message and Jayme will  
share the music.

**FROM THE YOUTH: Nicholas Funk.**

This week we are continuing to get to know the youth of our  
congregation. Members of the youth council have been asked to be  
the first ones to answer some questions about themselves. We  
continue this week by getting to know Nicholas Funk.

**What is a favourite youth group memory?**

I always enjoy the Lock-ins, especially the last one where we had a  
nerf battle throughout the church. One time we blended a Subway  
meal, chips, drink and all. It did not taste good. It's fun to be with  
friends, and close to the end of the night it is crazy because everyone  
is tired.

**Tell us about one thing that you really enjoy doing, and why?**

I really enjoy reading. As I read I can picture what's happening in my  
head as if I'm actually there watching the events. When I read, I feel  
at peace. If I've had a bad day, I read. If my sister is being annoying, I  
read.

**Read any good books lately?**

I'm reading a series called The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan.  
Currently on book 5 out of 10, called *The Fires of Heaven*. A great  
read for fantasy and adventure lovers.

**What is something you have accomplished that you are proud  
of?**

This week I was very proud of my final marks as well as the exams  
themselves. My hockey team fought and played hard to get a spot  
for Provincials, and after two games, we made it. I'm glad and proud  
that we get to go.

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Prayer and Praise:**

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

Hannah Loepky – Feb. 4, Wayne Loepky- Feb. 5,  
Nicole Friesen- Feb. 5, Edna Stoesz- Feb. 6, Elmer Heinrichs- Feb. 7, Noah  
Ginter- Feb. 7

**Hospitalized:** Pete Heinrichs at the Altona Hospital.

**Rey Schellenberg** has moved to Heritage Life Personal Care Home in Niverville. He is awaiting a place at Blueridge here in Altona. Please pray for Rey and Shirley during this time of transition.

**International Witness:** As many areas of the country become too dangerous for travel, regional church leaders are restricting visits to congregations. Pray for these leaders and Witness workers Joanne and Werner De Jong as they support and encourage pastors and seminary students in their message of hope and peace in the midst of violence.

### **This week at ABC:**

**Sun. Feb. 4** 9:15-10:15: Sunday School for age 3-grade 12.

**Tue. Feb. 6**, 10:30: Coffee with the church staff.

**Wed, Feb. 7**, Senior and Junior youth, 6:30 - 9:30: Movie night hosted by MCI at Buhler Hall. The movie is free but there will be the option to purchase some snacks. Pick up and drop off at the church.

**Wed. Feb. 7:** No Ventures this week.

**Thur. Feb. 8**, 2 pm: Book study.

**Invitation to those using hearing aids that are connected to their mobile phones.** Please visit the AV Tech desk at 10 am on Sunday morning or after the worship service and we'll be excited to help you connect to our AudioFetch sound system. The AudioFetch system will provide live sound during the service to your device and you can adjust the volume!

**Pastor** Mark is on vacation until February 13. Pastor Terrell is available if you need to be in touch with a pastor.

**There will be no adult Sunday school** on February 4 and February 11.

**Save the date:** Our church AGM will be February 25.

**Our church is part of Recovery of Hope's Care program.** This means that anyone from our church can contact Recovery of Hope and receive counselling without cost. The church will cover the cost of up to six sessions each year per person/couple/family. This is one way that we care for each other as a church family. The process is completely confidential (your name is not shared with anybody in the church).

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Many of the community announcements have posters in the lobby for more extensive information.*

### **MCM Mondays - Feb 5 - "Responding to Clergy Misconduct"**

Join Jeff Friesen to talk about how MCM understands clergy misconduct and hear about the work being done to update our clergy misconduct policy and protocols.

[www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays) for more info and the Zoom link.

**Camps with Meaning: Camp Health Officers** Summer camps are always in need of Health Officers to ensure that we are keeping camp safe, as well as to meet insurance and Manitoba Camping Association standards. Camps with Meaning welcomes and invites any Physician, RN, LPN, First Aid Trainer or Paramedic who is licensed to work in Manitoba to come to camp for a week, or two! This position is important as we cannot run the camp without a Health Officer present. New for this year: If you have Standard First Aid and CPR, you are eligible to be the designated Health Officer at Camp Assiniboia, and if you have Wilderness First Aid and CPR, you are eligible at Camp Koinonia. Any Health Officer must be able to make decisions confidently regarding campers' needs and preference will go to Physician, RN, LPN, or Paramedic qualifications, but reach out if you have any of the qualifications listed in the paragraph above! \*NOTE: A week at camp can provide you with 37.5 practice hours. Simply indicate that you need these hours to be verified by us! **Kitchen Helpers/Workers** We strive to make our camp food camper friendly and tasty! Each camp has a qualified Food Services Coordinator and a Head Cook who plan the menu and organize the various kitchen tasks. We welcome and invite kitchen helpers to join in the fun, preparing and serving the food to campers and staff! Bring some friends, family, or camp alumni to fill the kitchen up! **Camp Pastors** We give our youth and young adults a huge task when we commission them to carry out the camp program, and we never want to leave them alone! We welcome pastors and other individuals with spiritual training to walk alongside them and support them. You are invited to come for one week (or more!) to guide the staff with a daily devotion, loving presence, and prayer support. You also get to be involved in the program and help wherever you have skills and energy to do so! **Maintenance Workers** We cannot run camp without adequate facilities! Both our camp sites have beautiful grounds, buildings, and a variety of equipment. These physical parts of camp need care: pruning, painting, cleaning, replacing...and there are always various projects to take part in. People with gifts in these areas are welcomed and invited to come to help us take care of camp! Come and dream about ways to fix camp up! Supervision and tools are provided.