

Welcome to the Bergthaler Mennonite
Church of Altona
Sunday, July 2, 2023
10:30 am

"He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and
naked shall I return there; the LORD gave, and
the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of
the LORD." – Job 1:21, "Your hands fashioned and made
me, and now you turn and destroy me." – Job 10:8

Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Music Great is thy faithfulness HWB 327

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music I know not why God's wondrous HWB 338

Offering Blessed assurance HWB 332

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Job 41:1-8, Job 42:1-6

Sermon Does God cause everything that happens?

Reflections on God's providence from the book of Job

Responding in Trust

Music We walk by faith HWB 570

Prayer of the Church and the World

Benediction

Music When we walk with the Lord HWB 544

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Worship Leading: Melissa Tiessen-Dyck
Music: Glenys Voth and Lorraine Hamm

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

Hospitalized: Helen Voth at the Altona Health Centre.

International Witness: Bai Jerlina Owok, chieftain of Binaton Indigenous Political Structure, has invited Witness worker Dann Pantoja to facilitate dialogue between two factions of the Davao del Sur Bagobo Tagabawa Provincial Indigenous Political Structure. After the first day Dann is encouraged by the good start but says there is much to be decided and resolved, issues big and small. Check Facebook posts for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/646280271/videos/615146994016962/>.

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

Gavin Wahl July 5 Edith Friesen July 7

Joe Wiens July 6 John Kroeker July 7

WORSHIP CALENDAR

We are in the midst of a sermon series called "Living Well, Living Wise" based on the Bible's Wisdom Literature.

July 2. Speaker: Mark. Job: "The search for justice" part 2.

Next up...Philippians! Next Sunday we will begin a four-week sermon series preaching through Paul's letter to the Philippians.

July 9: Thanksgiving. Speaker: Virginia

July 16: The Imitation of Christ. Speaker: Mark

July 23: What Matters. Speaker: Terrell

July 30: Sunflower Festival community worship service.

August 6: Endurance: Virginia

Over the summer months the pastors will be taking some vacation time. During the times when pastors are on vacation they will not be at the church, checking emails, or attending to church matters. There will always be at least one of the pastors around in case you need to be in touch.

Pastors vacation time:

Mark: July 3 – July 10 and July 29 – August 7

Virginia: August 7-13

Terrell: July 10-16, 23-26, August 2-15

For July and August the **administrative office** will be open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

FROM THE PASTOR: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

A couple months back, some pastors in Altona were invited to help out at The Community Exchange. Our goal at TCE was to begin regular drop-in hours three mornings per week. At this time, TCE does not have the personnel to do this and so pastors and other volunteers were asked if they would be open to working at The Community Exchange location some mornings so that TCE could be open. We discussed this with our Personnel Committee and together we agreed that Virginia and I could be available to work at TCE one day every other week. For May and June, every second Wednesday morning either Virginia or myself have been at TCE. By being here, we are open to chatting with people who drop in, sharing a muffin or cup of coffee, or helping in ways that we can. I have met a few people who come to use the computers and printer (which are available for free), participate in a mom's group, or come for a meeting. In truth, things have been very quiet and my mornings at TCE have been spent doing the same things I would have done in my office (like writing this, as I am currently alone here at TCE). We said 'yes' to this request knowing that it is important for pastors and churches to be engaged outside the "walls of the building" and even among people who are not part of the church community. I hope that the drop-in activity at TCE increases as it becomes more known in the community and I trust that God is at work in various ways and that our involvements here will bear fruit.

Some other things to know about TCE: There is a "Community Shop" which has free essentials like soap, toothpaste, diapers, and tampons. Also, if there are leftovers from Community Meal, they are packaged into individual servings, frozen, and then given out to people who require some food assistance. Many groups are using the facility for meetings and event such as an exercise class, Healthy Baby, Altona Area Family Resource Centre, Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services, and the Borderland School Division to name some.

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THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Sunday, July 2, 9:15 am, Discipleship class.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Children's bulletins are back for the summer! Starting this Sunday until after Labour Day there will *not* be a children's story, rather kids are invited to pick up a children's bulletin in the foyer before the service begins. Kids will still be invited to participate in the coin collection offering each Sunday.

ABC goes to camp! September 16-17. We need to start getting a sense of how many people we will be. The cost for overnight and meals is \$86 per adult and \$52 per child. This also includes the use of most of the camp activities and facilities. People can also come out for worship and the day on Sunday. We are asking people to let the church office know your plans by the end of July about overnight, with payment due at the beginning of September. Having a retreat costs money—some people can cover it and it is not a burden, for others it impacts their decision more. We are looking at ways of cost sharing. If you are interested in helping reduce the cost for others, be in touch with one of the pastors.

SPECIAL NOTE: The A.B.C. audio-visual technician team is unable to coordinate livestreaming of Sunday morning worship services during the summer months. This is due to only having 5 members on our team and summer holiday schedules. Since there will only be 1 technician scheduled each Sunday, there will also be no visuals (music and lyrics, slideshows, ...) during the Sunday morning worship service. Throughout the summer, we plan to record the audio and post that onto our YouTube channel during the following week. We apologize for any inconvenience. We also welcome conversations about what we do as audio-visual technicians and how you might be able to join our team as we work to support & share our worship services at A.B.C. - Submitted by Jason Driedger (Mark Penner, Gord Sawatzky, Trevor Friesen-Stoesz,, Andrew Rempel and Ben Dueck).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MCM: The Russländer Mennonites: War, Dislocation, and New Beginnings, a conference July 14–15, 2023, University of Winnipeg. Program, registration, and livestream information at <https://ctms.uwinnipeg.ca/>

MCC: Save the date! Sunday, September 17 for We Are All Treaty People Celebration, 1:00–4:00pm at Forks Centre Field in Winnipeg. Come out for an afternoon of music and dance by Indigenous and non-Indigenous performers, information about Treaties, Indigenous arts and crafts, free food, For more event information visit mccmb.ca/events.