

**-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-  
Sunday, March 1, 2026, 10:30 am**

*So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God. Luke 12:21*

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Announcements

**Gathering and Praise**

Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee VT 103

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness VT 419

Offering Take My Life, and Let It Be VT 759

**From Vice to Virtue**

Children's story

Scripture Luke 12:13-21, Matthew 6:19-24

Sermon A Generous Imagination

**Confession, Assurance and Sending**

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn Come, Thou Fount VT 563

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Heart with Loving Heart United VT 813

**Sermon:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Children's Story:** Delores Enns

**Worship Leading:** Melissa Tiessen-Dyck

**Music:** Lorraine Hamm and Glenys Voth

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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:**

Sally Funk- Mar. 1, Marv (Joyce) Falk- Mar. 2, Lynda Hiebert- Mar. 3,  
Stephanie Rempel- Mar. 3, Ruth Peters- Mar. 4,  
Delores Enns- Mar. 6, Pablo Vallejos- Mar. 6

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

**Erna Loepky** has moved! You can find her in her new home, #412 Gardens on Tenth.

**- THIS WEEK AT ABC -**

**Sun. Mar. 1, 9:15 am:** Sunday school for ages 3-grade 12 (No adult SS.)

**Sun. Mar. 1, 10:30 am:** Worship service

**Sun. Mar. 1, noon:** Lunch followed by AGM

**Tue. Mar. 3 10:30 am:** Coffee with church staff

**Tue. Mar. 3, 7-9 pm:** Senior Youth - Game Show Night!

**Wed. Wed. 4, 7-8:30 pm:** Junior Youth Talk Night - Life in Junior High: Anxiety and Mental Health - with special guest Erika Enns Rodine.

**Wed. Mar. 4, 7-8:15 pm:** Ventures

**Thur. Mar. 5, 2 pm:** Book study at Gardens on Tenth

**Ventures help needed!** This Wed, Mar. 4, 7-8:15 pm the Ventures kids will continue the tradition of making and compiling MCC school kits! Needed: volunteers with sewing machines to sew, other volunteers to help assist in the evenings tasks. We guarantee that you will have a wonderful evening working for this MCC projects and hanging out with Ventures kids! If you are able to help, please talk to Joanna Ginter or Heidi Toews.

**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 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.

## **Sunday, March 15 at 12 noon - Church Wedding Shower.**

Everyone, which includes men as well, is invited to celebrate Nick Rempel and Vally Krahn as they prepare for their upcoming wedding. We're hosting a potato bar lunch followed by a miscellaneous shower. Church family & friends may choose to share a gift or may contribute cash into the "Box of Blessings" for Nick & Vally. This box is located in the church office and will be at the shower for people to contribute money as a gift to the couple. *(Note: Please bring a salad or dessert to share at the potato bar lunch.)*

## **ABC Auction: Friday, March 20, at 7 pm in the church basement.**

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 have many items dedicated to this auction already and we have room for much more! Please come ready to bid and to have a lot of fun! Contact options: [Loeppkyangela@gmail.com](mailto:Loeppkyangela@gmail.com), [office@abchurch.ca](mailto:office@abchurch.ca) or call/text 204.304.0282.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**MCC: Neuberghal Commons Barn.** Sat, March 14, 7 pm. "Building the Beloved Community in a Time of Division", MCC welcomes Chris Rice who is an MCC alumnus, co-founding director of Duke Divinity School Centre for Reconciliation, writer, and global networker. Join us to hear him share about "Reconciling All Things" RSVP:

<https://mcc.org/events/building-beloved-community-time-division>

**Winkler Bible Camp** registration for summer camp begins on March 1, 1 pm and for the Leadership Development Program on March 2, 6 pm.

**Winkler Bible Camp** presents a fundraising dinner theatre entitled 'Mystery at Crossview Manor' March 20-22 at 6:30 pm. To purchase your tickets, please visit our website or call the office at 204-325-9519.

## **FROM THE PASTOR – Mark Tiessen-Dyck**

As in most churches, our church committees (we officially use the term commission), have functioned on a system of terms and nominations to fill committees and ultimately guide the ministries of the church. Typically, people served for some years on a committee until their term was up and then new people joined and cycle of church work continued. We have become less formalized in our committee structure in recent years due to the difficulties of finding people willing to serve. We also haven't had a nominations committee for the last few years so there is nobody officially tasked with discerning and nominating people to serve on committees.

It's not my role as a pastor to ensure committees are full. However, it is my role to name concerns that impact the health of our congregation. I believe our congregational health will be diminished without new people stepping up to serve on our church committees.

- Our Education Commission has had one member for years.
- Personnel Commission was vacant for an entire year (2022), and since three individuals restarted it in 2023, there have been no new members.
- Finance and Maintenance Commission, Worship and Music Commission, and Home and World Ministries Commission have not had new member in several years.

My concern is not that we want people who are currently serving on committees to leave. Absolutely not! My concern is that we are missing new voices and perspectives to help share the work and keep our perspectives and vision fresh. My hope is for others to join, not replace, those who are currently serving.

Over time, we have come to think of committee positions as "spots to fill". However, this does not do justice to the value of committees. A committee role is an opportunity to exercise influence in the life of the church; to utilize our gifts, energy, and imagination to share in the work God is doing among us. There was even a time when churches held elections for committees because they were honoured roles. And they still are!

When it seems that everything is in good hands, we are reluctant to step up for it appears there is no need; we like the way things are. Perhaps this is why we have not had people joining committees in recent years. Our congregation has certainly benefitted from the people who have faithfully served on committees in recent years and the stability they have provided. However, it is now important that we broaden the collection of individuals who are leading the ministries of our congregation. All of our commissions would welcome new members. I invite you to consider joining a church committee. You have the opportunity to contribute to the health and future of our congregation.

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EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A MISCELLANEOUS  
WEDDING SHOWER IN HONOUR OF ...

*Nick Rempel*

*& Vally Krahn*

MARCH

— SUNDAY — **15** — AT 12 NOON —  
2026

A LUNCH AND PARTY WILL BE HOSTED  
BY YOUR A.B.C. CHURCH FAMILY  
DOWNSTAIRS AFTER THE  
WORSHIP SERVICE.  
(PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT)

