

-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-
Sunday, March 22, 2026, 10:30 am

But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matthew 5:28

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Announcements

Gathering and Praise

Hymn Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing VT 7

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Holy Spirit, Come with Power VT 57

Offering 10,000 Reasons VT 111

From Vice to Virtue

Children's story

Scripture 2 Samuel 11: 2-4; 12:1-10, Matthew 5:27-30

Sermon From Rules to Embodied Virtue:
Combating Lust and other Vices

Confession, Assurance and Sending

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn God Who Touches Earth with Beauty VT 550

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn There's a Wild Hope in the Wind VT 828

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Children's Story: Jacob Friesen-Stoesz

Worship Leading: Janna Wiebe **Music:** ABC Ensemble

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

April 3. Good Friday, 10:30am. The Last Words of Jesus, including Communion

April 5. Easter Sunday. Speaker Mark

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAYER AND PRAISE -

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

Hannah Tiessen-Dyck- March 22

Hospitalized: Ann Enns is in the Altona Health Centre.

International Witness: Praise God for a joyous and moving celebration at the Malipayon Peace Hub, Mindanao, Philippines on March 11, 2026. Representatives from the Bangsamoro Muslim community, Philippines Council of Evangelical Churches, the Bagawa Tagabawa Indigenous community, and Mennonite Church Canada gathered to tell stories of the ministry of Dann and Joji Pantoja and to wish them well in the transition to different forms of service. They also welcomed the new leadership of PeaceBuilders Community and committed to continue to work together to continue efforts at building peace in the Philippines. Watch for more details in reports at www.mennonitechurch.ca

- THIS WEEK AT ABC -

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

Sun. Mar. 22, 10:30 am: Worship service

Tue. Mar. 24 10:30 am: Coffee with the church staff.

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

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

The pastors would like to welcome conversation with anyone who is considering being baptized. Baptism is for those who confess their sins, accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and commit to follow Christ as a member of his body, the church. If you are interested in pursuing baptism or simply have questions, please reach out to either pastor Mark or pastor Terrell.

Hospital visitors and designated visitors are invited for a gathering on Wednesday April 8 at 4 pm at the church with guest Joel Klassen. This is a reflection and resourcing event for people who do visits on behalf of the church. Talk to Irene Kehler for more information and to RSVP.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CAMPS WITH MEANING: WAYS TO PARTICIPATE!

A note for volunteers: We say this all the time, but we could not run camp without you. Our summer camp programming, which includes personal growth for young people, faith exploration, confidence-building, capacity for new things and community living skills –are all possible because we are supported by our wider community. With such joy and gratitude –we say thank you!

Camp Health Officers. 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! *If you have Standard First Aid and CPR, you are eligible to be the designated Health Officer at Camp Assiniboia.* *NOTE: A week at camp can provide you with 37.5 practice hours.

Kitchen Helpers/Workers: 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.

Camp Pastors: We welcome pastors and other individuals with spiritual training to walk alongside and support these youth and young adults. You are invited to come for one week (or more!) to guide the staff with a daily devotion, presence and mentorship, and prayer support. You can also be involved in the program wherever you have skills and energy to do so.

Maintenance Workers: These physical parts of camp need care: pruning, painting, cleaning, replacing...and there are always various projects to take part in. Supervision and tools are provided.

Gardens on Tenth Soup and Pie fundraiser: Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 26, from 5-7 pm.

Flatlands Theatre Company Kids presents "The Snow Queen", Mar. 27 and 28 at the PW Enns concert hall. Tickets available at the door.

SMCS winter concert, Sun. Mar. 29, 3 pm at ABC.

Light the Fire Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign: Apr. 19, 7 pm at the Caboto Centre in Winnipeg. Comedian Matt Falk with guest musicians. Free tickets at www.lighthtefire.ca.

FROM THE PASTOR – Terrell Wiebe

As a congregation we are exploring the idea of a Mennonite Disaster Service trip in 2027.

What does MDS do?

"MDS recruits, organizes and empowers volunteers to repair and rebuild the homes of those impacted by disasters in the United States and Canada. As we respond with Christian love to serve people who would not otherwise have the means to recover, our goal is to restore hope and bring people home."

What would a trip look like?

We would travel as a group to a location in Canada or the US where we would serve for approximately a week. We will help rebuild and repair homes damaged by disasters and get to know a new community at the same time.

Who can take part?

- Regardless of your construction skill level, there's a place for you.
- Minors must be age 15 or older or have completed grade nine at the time of service.
- MDS only allows a maximum group size of 15.

When would we go?

Option 1: Spring Break (March 29 - April 4, 2027)

We would head somewhere in the US. Positives would be warmer weather and the opportunity for more people to join due to spring break. Negatives would be potentially missing Easter (March 28) and the unknown of crossing the border and volunteering in the US. We would also need to have commitments by September in order to give us first crack at booking this highly sought after week.

Option 2: Late May or June (2027)

We would head somewhere in the US or Canada. Positives would be potentially avoiding the unknown of a border crossing and having more freedom to choose the week we would like as well as less competition in booking the dates. Negatives would be that high school aged kids would be less likely to participate, and this is a busier time of year for our farmers.

Next steps

If you are you interested in learning more about this opportunity, please speak with Terrell in the coming weeks. We will get to hear more about Mennonite Disaster Service on April 12th when Moses Falco, Operations Manager for MDS Canada, joins us for our worship service.