

-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-
Sunday, March 2, 2025, 10:30 am

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14

Gathering

Hymn Come Christians Join to Sing VT 28
Opening and Prayer
Hymn All Who Are Thirsty VT 49
Offering This Little Light of Mine VT 762

Listening

Children's Story
Scripture John 15:18-21, John 17:13-19,
Colossians 1:13-14
Sermon part 1 Two Kingdoms or One Kingdom?
Understanding the Anabaptist Idea of Separation
Excerpts from the Schleithem Confession
Sermon part 2

Responding

Hymn True Evangelical Faith
Prayer with the Anabaptists
Benediction
Music There's a Wild Hope VT 828

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leading: Jolene and Sophia Friesen-Stoesz

Music: ABC Ensemble **Children's Story:** Trevor Friesen-Stoesz

Today we conclude our worship series on Anabaptism at 500. See previous bulletins for a list of topics we covered. Next Sunday we begin our Lent series. The theme is **Christ Collides**. Each week we will explore how the content and style of Jesus' teachings collides with us and our world.

March 9 Lent 1 Our Bias: Speaker Virginia

March 16 Lent 2 Our Condemnation: Speaker Mark

March 23 Lent 3 Our Priorities: Speaker Virginia

March 31 Lent 4 Our Selfishness: Speaker Mark

April 6 Lent 5 Our Blinders: Speaker Virginia

April 13 Lent 6 Our Expectations: Speaker Mark

April 20 Easter: Speaker Terrell

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAYER AND PRAISE -

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

Marvin (Joyce) Falk- March 2, Lynda Hiebert- March 3,
Stephanie Rempel- March 3, Ruth Peters- March 4,
Delores Enns- March 6, Pablo Vallejos- March 6

Hospitalized: Henry Klassen, Pete Hildebrand are in the Altona Health Centre

International Witness: Please keep the Mennonite churches, and the entire population, in the city of Goma, D.R. of Congo in your prayers. The security situation remains precarious, many people are not able to access supplies, and prices have risen dramatically for goods such as food and other daily necessities. Our global companions in the regions are working together to respond to this humanitarian crisis. More info and donation request here

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/AIMM>

- THIS WEEK AT ABC -

Sun. Mar. 2, 9:15-10:15 am: Sunday school for all ages.

Sun. Mar. 2, 10:30 am: Worship service followed by potluck and AGM

Tues. Mar. 4, 10:30 am: Coffee with the Church staff

Tues, Mar 4, 7- 9 pm: Sr. Youth. Ask Terrell Anything night.

Wed. Mar 5, 7- 8:30 pm: Jr. Youth. Life's big questions.

Wed. Mar. 5, 7-8:15 pm: Ventures

Thur. Mar. 6, 2 pm: Book study at Gardens on Tenth

AGM: Following the church service you are invited for a potluck lunch, followed by our annual general meeting.

This weekend Mennonite Church Manitoba held their annual gathering in Steinbach. Four people attended on our behalf: Mary Anne Loepky, Rose Tryon, Virginia Gerbrandt Richert and Mark Tiessen-Dyck.

Have kids going to Bible camp? ABC is offering a campership of \$100/camper. Contact Ang in the office for more details. The deadline is May 1.

Serving Groups: If you would like a copy of the funeral serving groups or the church serving groups, contact Ang at the office.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Camps with Meaning: Apply now for all staff positions. Counselors, Leadership, Health Officers, Kitchen Help, Maintenance. Help create the best summer ever for a young camper.

www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

Summer Camp 2025, at Camps with Meaning. Registration is open. Some weeks are filling up already.

www.campswithmeaning.org/registration

Canadian Mennonite magazine invites you to do a digital detox experiment this Lent. Starting March 5, cut screens back in some way and fill the gap with something holy. Then be in touch. If intrigued, see canadianmennonite.org/detox.

Winkler Bible Camp will be opening registration for Summer Camp on March 2nd at 1:00 p.m. and for the Leadership Development Program on March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. To see our 2025 dates and rates or to register, please visit our website! There will also be a Fundraising Dinner Theatre entitled 'Robynn's Hood and Her Merry Maidens in Leggings' March 14-16 at 6:30 p.m. To purchase your tickets, please visit our website or call the office at 204-325-9519.

CommonWord Book Launch: The Word Fulfilled: Reading the Bible with Jesus – On Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 PM, Michael Pahl and guests Janessa Nayler-Giesbrecht and Phil Campbell-Enns will discuss how Jesus read His Bible and what that means for how we should read ours. Join in person or via livestream at commonword.ca/go/3820.

Rhineland C.A.R.E Inc. provides essential services to support our senior community, including transportation, meal delivery, home and yard maintenance, and emergency preparedness. We also welcome volunteers who would like to serve by driving the Handi-Van, escorting clients during their rides or delivering meals. Your time and care make a big difference! If you or a loved one could benefit from these services, or if you're interested in volunteering, please contact us at 204.324.1528.

FROM THE PASTOR – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

There is something extremely enriching about experiencing other cultures, peoples, and places. This truth was reaffirmed during my time in Thailand. Even though it can be challenging to find yourself in a different culture, the Holy Spirit works in us through such encounters, similar to the story of Pentecost. Food is part of this too! I didn't enjoy everything I tried in Thailand but it's exciting and joyful to eat new foods. Since I didn't get a chance last Sunday to talk about all the different foods I tried, I'll share some of my food highlights here:

Spice. Some of the food challenged my tolerance. But I loved to see some of the locals' faces start sweating, reaching for Kleenex, gasping for air. I wasn't the only one challenging myself! One day at breakfast I was breaking up a chili pepper on my plate, and Pastor Mun and Pastor Sinai told me the correct way was to put the whole pepper on my spoon and eat it with my rice and chicken. That burned.

Passion fruit smoothy. I love the flavour of passion fruit, but it's high maintenance to eat. Putting it in a smoothy solves the problem. Sublime.

Roasted quail eggs: a standard at any street market.

Mango sticky rice. Is it a meal or a dessert? The sweet coconut cream and mango are dessert-ish. But it sure fills you up.

Congi. A hearty breakfast if there ever was one. Pork, rice, and veggies in a meaty broth.

Fried chicken. Grilled pork. Sausages. Varieties of sea food. At a street food market you can try it all.

Bite sized bananas. So much better than the export bananas we eat.

Noodles: I tried Thai noodles and Vietnamese noodles. The flavours are different, but both have noodles, pork, meatballs, green onions, and other fixings in a rich broth.

"Beef Fondue." This is what Tom called a traditional Isan meal that I experienced at a local hotspot. We used chopsticks to cook pieces of beef in a herb-filled broth. It also including tripe with a side of sticky rice.

At markets and food stands you can sometimes watch your food being made. Pad Thai or curries are mixed up and fried in minutes.

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