

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of
ALTONA

Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:30 am
Third Sunday of Lent

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:36-40

Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn I Sing the Mighty Power of God VT 182

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord VT 131

Entering God's Story

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Matthew 22: 15-22

Sermon Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind,
and ... money?

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn My Jesus, I Love Thee VT 133

Prayer of the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Take My Life, and Let It Be VT 759

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Sermon: Terrell Wiebe **Worship Leading:** Al Friesen

Music: Flying Free **Children's Story:** Amanda Wiens

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FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL- Al Friesen:

This past Sunday, our church held its annual general meeting, with many of you in attendance. On behalf of Church Council, thank you for coming, your contribution, and your support as we, as a group, reviewed events of 2023, and also deliberated, reached consensus, and made decisions for 2024 and beyond.

For those who were unable to attend, here are some highlights from Sunday's gathering: The enthusiastic buzz of conversation during lunch and the nutrition break, thoughtful discussion and ultimate unanimous support for the proposed constitution revision, the enthusiastic welcome to the Love Well Drop In Centre official announcement to relocate its outreach of counselling, craft, coffee and conversation to the South Wing for the foreseeable future, with the first day of operation this past Thursday, a detailed update on the Matheson Island initiative, including an opportunity to further support this launched partnership on May 5th, support for the monthly Community Meal program, recognition of, and thankfulness for the many of you who contribute your gifts of time and energy to the operation and health of the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona.

Church Council also thanks you for your suggestions and feedback related to Voices Together song books, offerings, musical instruments, worship highlights, ABC Conversations. Council will review all suggestions and follow up where possible.

Our table topics during the break included the following: What is a highlight from our church life in the last year? What does it feel like to be part of ABC these days? How has the church helped you grow your faith in the last year? What is an opportunity we have? What is a challenge you would like us to address?

We invite you to reach out to your Church Council if you would like to share your thoughts, or email us at office@abchurch.ca

There was also the recognition that although an AGM is an official "look in the rear view mirror", these are opportunities to look forward with gratefulness for how God continues to walk alongside of our ABC family.

Blessings, ABC Church Council

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During Lent we will be taking a magnifying glass to the final week of Jesus' life: What he did, what he taught, the controversies he was involved in, and the questions he was asked. Our hope is that by exploring Jesus' last week we will better understand what hangs in the balance of Jesus' life and death.

Feb. 18: Jesus enters Jerusalem. Receiving ashes. Matthew 21:1-11. Speaker: Mark

Feb. 25: Jesus disrupts the temple. Matthew 21:12-17. Speaker: Mark

March 3: Jesus is questioned. Matthew 22:15-40. Speaker: Terrell

March 10: Bags of gold. Matthew 25:14-30. Speaker: Jason Driedger

March 17: The last supper. Matthew 26:17-30 (John 13:1-20). Speaker: Mark

March 24: Jesus in the garden. Matthew 21:31-56. Speaker: Terrell

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer and Praise:

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

Lynda Hiebert- March 3, Stephanie Rempel- March 3, Ruth Peters- March 4,
Pablo Vallejos- March 6, Delores Enns- March 6

Hospitalized: Pete Heinrichs at the Altona Hospital.

Bill Bergman from our church passed away on Wednesday, February 28. We are invited to remember Carol and their family in our prayers. A funeral service for Bill will be at a later date.

International Witness: *Myanmar.* There have been two days of fighting in the city of Kalay, Myanmar near the Bible Missionary Church (Mennonite) Head Office and two Mennonite congregations. People have been ordered to leave. Mennonite families including the elderly and children have been displaced amid death, grief, and food shortages. The aerial bombardment was unexpected and sudden. It is not known how long the conflict will last. *Ukraine.* Church and Christian leaders of Canada call for peace as war in Ukraine enters its third year. Please join the Canadian Council of Churches in united prayer and action for peace in Ukraine. More info: <https://councilofchurches.ca/news/church-and-christian-leaders-of-canada-call-for-peace-as-war-in-ukraine-enters-its-second-year/>

This week at ABC:

Sun. Mar. 3 9:15-10:15: Sunday School for all ages

Mon. Mar. 4 7-9 Senior Youth - Youth Talk Night: God loves your emotions

Tue. Mar. 5 10:30: Coffee with the church staff.

Wed. Mar. 6 7-9: Junior Youth - Worship night: Art attack.

Wed. Mar. 6 6:30-8:30: Ventures: Tamiya car building and races with Agustin

Rose Tryon, Mary Anne Loeppky, and Mark Tiessen-Dyck are representing our church as delegates at the Mennonite Church Manitoba annual gathering this weekend in Winkler.

Extra AGM books are available in the church office.

Camps with Meaning is compiling contact information of past summer and year round staff and committee members of Camps Assiniboia, Koinonia and Moose Lake. This information will be used to share information about the upcoming Camp Assiniboia 75th Anniversary and the Light the Fire Capital Campaign for Camps Assiniboia and Koinonia. If you would like to be in the loop, please provide your mailing address and/or e mail address to Camp Rep Jason Driedger by March 11. Thank you! For more information: <https://campswithmeaning.org/event/8459-2024-06-21-camp-assiniboia-75th-anniversary-weekend>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MCC: In this season of Lent, walk with pilgrims in Winnipeg and 125 other cities, in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza. Join Winnipeg's walk on Saturday, March 16. beginnings in the Medicine Garden at St. John's Park, 1 Fowler St., at 7:30 a.m. The 42-kilometer pilgrimage consists of seven segments; walk the entire length, or one or more of the segments. For more on the global movement: www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com.

Camps with Meaning: Camps with Meaning. Summer Bible camp for kids finished Gr. 1 - Gr. 12. Two locations: Camp Assiniboia; Camp Koinonia. www.campswithmeaning.org

MCI presents *The Pirates of Penzance* – tickets are on sale now! Join us in Buhler Hall for this entertaining musical on March 7, 8, 9 nightly at 7:30 pm, and for a matinee at 2:00 pm on March 9. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.mciblues.net or by calling the school at (204) 327-5891 during school hours. **Join us for an MCI Open House!** We invite prospective students (gr. 5-8) to register and join us for an open house one hour before show times on March 8 (evening) and 9 (aft.). Prospective students who register will receive a free musical ticket and backstage pass! Call the school or email info@mciblues.net to register!

Prairie Singers invites you to the concert 'Song of the Universal', featuring Post Road Strings – a DKSM orchestra. Two concerts on Sat., March 9th, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm at the Winkler Emmanuel Church. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$5/student. Tickets may be purchased from choristers or at the door prior to the concert. For more information email theprairiesingers@gmail.com

YFC's Miss Mondays will be hosting a paint night with Cheryl Krahn! All girls ages 12 - 20 are welcome to attend. It will be held Monday March 11 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Make sure you let us know you're coming by March 8. You can text or call Kendra at 204-362 -4072, or email kendra.fehr@yfc.ca.

Mennonite Church Manitoba weekly congregational profile:

The Lowe Farm Bergthaler Mennonite Church is a small but vibrant congregation serving Christ in rural southern Manitoba. Through the challenge of the last few years, they have grown in their commitment to be a community of believers and a fellowship of faith. Established in 1905, the church has deep community roots and many members are active serving as volunteers in local initiatives. As a church they enjoy providing worship services at the Red River Valley Lodge in Morris and then having coffee together at Tim Hortons. Please pray that the church would be a place of healing and hope, and that they will be filled with and reflect God's Spirit of love, joy, and peace. Though the season has passed here is their Sunday School Christmas movie for your enjoyment: [Searching for the Messiah](#).