

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
Of Altona*



Sunday, March 5, 2023

*Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona
Worship Service*

March 5, 2023, 10:30 am

“God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”

~2 Corinthians 5:19

Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Music What Is This Place? HWB 1

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music God Is Here Among Us VT 62

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Music Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song STJ 14

Offering

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:13-21

Sermon Representation Not Substitution

Responding in Trust

Music I Know God Loves Me
(vs 1 in German, vs1-4 in English) VT 158

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Music Calm Me, Lord STS 45

Terrell Wiebe and Carol Neufeld are leading the worship services on our behalf at Eastview Place and Gardens on Tenth apartments this morning.

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Worship Leader: Harold Schlegel and Elain Erb
Children’s story: Harold Schlegel
Music: Tena Giesbrecht

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Shirley Toews of our church family** passed away Tuesday, February 28. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life and pray for her family. Her funeral service was held on Saturday March 4 at ABC.
- ~ **Congratulations to new parents** Mike and Nicole Friesen, siblings Atlas and Maverick and grandparents Elmer and Elaine Friesen on the birth of twins Redden Walker and Piper Malia!
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** is extended to Helen Schulz at the passing of her sister in law Mary Schulz who passed away February 28. Funeral services will be held at ABC on March 5.
- ~ **Composting is coming to ABC!** Keep your eyes open for composting containers in work areas near you.
- ~ **International witness:** Thank God for the safety of Fanosie Legesse and Norm Dyck, MCEC mission ministers, and leaders of Meserete Kristos Church, including President Desalegn, as they visited the Tigray region of Ethiopia where violence related to civil war has destroyed lives, churches and homes. Together, they worked to build peace within the Mennonite church and support and encourage pastors in the area.
- ~ **Our church's delegates** for the Mennonite Church Manitoba gathering were Trevor Friesen-Stoesz, Harold Schlegel, Elaine Erb and Grace Harms. The gathering was this weekend, March 3-4 at Douglas Mennonite Church in Winnipeg.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**
 - Delores Enns March 6
 - Bernard Wiebe March 6
 - Helen Schulz March 10

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Our worship series for Lent is called "Why did Jesus die?" We will be exploring the resistance Jesus experienced which led to his crucifixion and theological understandings of the saving significant of Jesus' death.

Feb 26: A service of confession and ashes. Speaker: Virginia

March 5: Exploring the atonement part 1. Penal substitutionary theology. Speaker: Mark

March 12: Exploring the atonement part 2. Moral influence theology. Speaker: Mark

March 19: Exploring the atonement part 3: Christus Victor theology. Speaker: Mark

March 26: Jesus and religious authorities. Speaker: Terrell

April 2: Jesus and Rome. Speaker: Virginia

April 7: Good Friday service with Communion.

April 9 Easter.

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR: Al Friesen:

Thank you for the encouraging and enthusiastic conversation, advice and support at last week's ABC annual general meeting. Those of us who attended heard that despite the reality of fewer volunteers, the church was still able to maintain and introduce new programming in an effort to create relationships for all ages. We also heard how recently arrived Associate Youth Pastor Terrell Wiebe is already developing connections with youth from ABC and the community at large.

Council was also pleased to report of a positive financial year, which allowed us to meet our outreach commitments here at home to as far as Ethiopia, and also finish with a small surplus. If you would like a copy of the annual report book, please contact Ang Loeppky.

We are also appreciative of those who came forward at the meeting to volunteer to assist with the Constitution discussion, and re-establishment of the Personnel Committee. We will follow up with those opportunities and welcome additional suggestions.

There have been many changes over the past few years....invigorating and challenging...and through it all, we are, as pastor Mark noted "grateful that Jesus is always with us as we gather and walk in His name".

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THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Sunday, March 5: Sunday school for ages 3-18 from 9:15-10:15 am in the basement of the education wing, youth are in the south wing.

Monday, March 6: Koinonia ladies' group

Tuesdays lunch sermon discussion time

Wednesday, March 8: Ventures from 7:00-8:15 pm

Wednesday, March 8: 7:00 - 9:00, Youth (Grades 7-12) - We are spending the evening at Noah and Joanna Ginter's place tobogganing, playing outdoor games and having a bonfire. Dress for the weather! Pick up and drop off will be at South Wing.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Virginia will be on holidays March 3-12.

Thank you from Harvest Manitoba for the generous **donation of scarves and toques and mittens**. Our church donated 20 lbs of winter wear.

The A.B.C. tech team are excited to announce an update to our YouTube service for A.B.C.! We will be transitioning to a new YouTube channel beginning this Sunday, February 26th! If you join the service via our A.B.C. website homepage, there won't be any changes for you. However, if you view the service by going to YouTube and then connecting via your "subscription", that will need to be updated. The link below will take you to our new A.B.C. YouTube channel and we'd invite you to subscribe to this new channel. Please contact Jason Driedger for more info!

<https://www.youtube.com/@abchurchcommunity>

Calling all artists: we are need of art for the front cover of our bulletins. During lent we are looking for images of Jesus or the cross. Or other images could be used for a later date. Please do them in black and white (pencil or pen) on plain white paper with nothing on the back. Half of an 8.5x11 works best but other sizes hopefully could be adapted. Be in touch with Ang or Virginia if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MCM Mondays - March 6, 8:00pm online. *Following Up on MCM Gathering 2023*. Join Executive Minister Michael Pahl for some reflections on our Gathering weekend, with opportunity for you to give feedback and your own reflections on our time together at Gathering 2023. How have we re-imagined church together? Find the Zoom link and future topics at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays

Mennonite Church Canada: Pray for deep engagement by the 45+ registrants in Neill and Edith von Gunten's 4-session online study of their book *Walking Together* being presented by MCEC Truth and Reconciliation Working Group.

CMU: John and Margaret Friesen Lectures – "*The Neglected Role of Dutch Mennonite Innovators in the Scientific Revolution and Early Enlightenment*" with Dr. Gary K. Waite, PhD, FRSC; Professor Emeritus, Dept. of History, University of New Brunswick. Watch in person or via livestream on Thursday, March 9 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM CST. Visit cmu.ca/friesenlectures for more information.

A fundraising concert featuring Steve Bell in support of **Turkiye and Syria**. Free general admission with 100% of the proceeds will go to Turkey and Syria relief in partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. **Sunday March 19 at 7 pm at Buhler Hall, Gretna**. Donate at: foodgrainsbank.ca/earthquake.

YFC will be hosting a taco night Wednesday, March 15th. 5:00pm - 8:00pm at the Altona Pioneer Center. Buffet style, dine in or take to go! All donations go to support YFC Altona programs, supporting the youth in our community. Donate any amount and bring your whole family! Additionally there will be a prayer/worship evening Saturday, March 11th starting at 8:00PM. It will take place at The Station. (35 6th ST SE) This is a space to simply come and sit at Jesus' feet, as well as partner with Jesus in intercession. We will spend time in worship as well as praying for Altona and the surrounding community. He is worthy of our praise and he longs to pour out His Spirit, we just need to ask. (Luke 11:13).

Far East Broadcasting's Friendship Dinner on Friday, March 24 at 6:30 pm at South Park Church. Guest speaker: Dan Andrew Cura FEBC Philippines Board Consultant. For reservation call: Anne @ 324.8358 or Irene @ 324.6072.

Minds in Motion is a program designed for people with early to moderate signs of dementia to attend with a family or friend. This weekly program offers 8 session including a gentle chair fitness class followed by engaging activities and conversation. See poster in the lobby for more details.