

# BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA

Sunday, May 19, 2024 10:30 am

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

*Matthew 5:4*

## Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn What a Friend we Have in Jesus VT 628

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn My Hope is Built VT 621

Music: Come, Pure Hearts

## Entering God's Story

Offering

Children's Story

Music Turn, Turn, Turn

Scripture Psalm 6

Sermon Feeling Sorrow, Finding Hope

## Responding in Faith

Hymn When Pain or Sorrow VT 612

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn My Life Flows On VT 605

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**Sermon:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck

**Worship Leading:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

**Music:** Hilda Franz and Andrew Richert

**Children's Story:** Sharon Friesen

We are continuing our worship series about emotions. We'll be reflecting on the emotions of God and exploring our own emotions from a theological perspective. What do our emotions reveal about ourselves? How do we express emotions faithfully? How do our emotions bring us closer to God or farther from God? This sermon series arises from some fruitful conversations about emotions that took place at youth.

May 12: Anger (rage, hatred, frustration, jealousy). Speaker: Mark

May 19: Sorrow (sadness, heartache, grief, hopelessness). Speaker: Mark

May 26 (Communion): Compassion (empathy, mercy, pity, tender-heartedness). Speaker: Virginia

June 2: Fear (worry, uncertainty, apprehension, anxiety). Speaker: Terrell

June 9 (church picnic): Joy (happiness, bliss, delight, wonder)

## A FEAST OF SONGS: Andrew Richert

On May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 8 of us from ABC joined others at CMU for MCM's "Song Feast" and Worship Conference. It highlighted many new and well known songs that are in the Voices Together Hymnal. There were workshops that touched on many different topics and areas of worship. And there were great discussions with people from other churches and sharing of ideas on how to be creative in our worship services.

I personally found the Friday evening worship time that was billed as a "Song Feast," to be very meaningful and quite helpful in learning some of the "newer" songs in VT.

I found it so enriching that it led to me to wonder if there would be people here interested in our own "**mini Song Feast.**" An informal gathering to help each other learn songs, discover new ones and take a closer look at the "classics." We could share ideas of how to use different songs, or even how to sing them. I imagine this time to be a sort of "jam session plus discussion."

This would be for song leaders, worship leaders, music groups, youth, children, adults, or anyone else interested in taking a closer look at the Voices Together Hymnal.

As was mentioned at the conference, there are a lot of resources that come with the new hymnal. Online and in print, there is a myriad of different resources for worship leaders, song leaders, music groups, and really anyone interested in the new hymnal. I encourage everyone to take a look at these.

So, anyone interested in a time of "song feasting" please let me know and we can start to figure out a time and place that would work to gather. Perhaps we could gather on a Sunday morning? Should we gather just one time? Or if people are interested this could become something more routine. If people want to bring a guitar, or help play piano, you would be welcome to do so. I will bring several guitars for people to use and I can have instruments on hand for kids to use.

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER AND PRAISE:

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

Henry Peters- May 19, Irene Kehler- May 24

**Hospitalized:** Pete Heinrichs at the Altona Health Centre.

**Thank you** to all of those that helped me down the stairs after last week's service. It was very much appreciated – thank you.

- Mary Dyck.

**Indigenous Relations:** We hold in prayer the people preparing and gathering for the Walk in the Spirit of Reconciliation (in BC's Lower Mainland. A weekend of vigil, walking, teaching, and community activities to remember the Calls to Action of the TRC and our ongoing invitation to engage with the work of Truth-learning and Reconciliation.

<https://www.reconciliationwalk.com/>)

### THIS WEEK AT ABC:

**Sun. May 19, 9:15:** Sunday School for all ages.

**Tue. May 21, 10:30 am:** Coffee with the church staff.

**Thur. May 23, 7 pm:** Church Council meeting

**Fri. - Sat. May 24-25, 7 pm- 8 am.** Youth Lock In! Sleep is optional, fun is guaranteed! Prayers for safety and sanity are appreciated.

**Sat. May 25, 5-6:30:** Community Meal at the Exchange

**Next Sunday, May 26** we will celebrate communion. Everyone will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. We will be doing this in a new configuration, more details will be provided next week.

**Rejoice:** If you would like to renew or receive the "Rejoice" magazine, please contact Ang at the office. The deadline for this subscription is June 4. The cost is \$54.72.

**The church contact list** that will be printed for the congregation, is being updated. Any changes can be brought to Ang at the office.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Eden Foundation's** "Visit the Villages Tractor Trek" fundraising event is back again! Once again, trekkers will drive their vintage tractors to raise money for Eden Foundation. The gathering will be at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Winkler on Saturday, July 13th.

**MCC:** Cycle Clear Lake and pedal with purpose in support of MCC's international food projects. Join us on Saturday, July 6 for a scenic 34 km trail ride through Riding Mountain National Park. Check out [mcc.org/manitoba/cycleclearlake](http://mcc.org/manitoba/cycleclearlake) for full event details and to register.

**MCC:** Discover a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of refugees. MCC Manitoba is hosting *Welcome the Stranger: A New, Cost-Supported Refugee Sponsorship Info Session* at Covenant Mennonite Church, Winkler on Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m. Learn how you can provide support and hope to individuals and families in vulnerable circumstances who are seeking refuge through the Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) program. Join us in person or online. RSVP required. [mcc.org/events/welcome-stranger](http://mcc.org/events/welcome-stranger)

**Winkler Bible Camp:** Visit Winkler Bible Camp on June 1, 2 for camp activities, food, and so much fun for your family and friends! Come for the whole day or just a few hours for \$5.00/person. Every paying guest receives a free hotdog and other food and drinks available for purchase. Special 75th Anniversary Celebration program at 6:30 with kid's songs and story time, historical reflections, and worship! Visit our website for more information.

**Mennonite Church Manitoba weekly congregational profile:** Prairie Mennonite Fellowship began in January 2020 as the coming together of two neighbouring congregations: Trinity Mennonite Fellowship of Mather and Crystal City Mennonite Church of Crystal City. They are a small congregation in a farming community, though their congregation includes farmers, teachers, nurses, businesspeople, and retirees. They have come together in their joys, sorrows, strengths, and weaknesses to try to live their lives as faithful followers of Christ. They worship all together as well as in smaller care groups. They seek to live out their faith by practicing love, forgiveness, hospitality, compassion, honesty, and pursuing paths of peace at home and around the world. Their congregation is involved in service with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, MCC, the local food bank and care home, as well as Camp Koinonia. Pray for them as they are currently searching for a new pastor.