

**-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2026, 10:30 am**

*The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. Mark 2:1*  
*The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath. Mark 2:28*

Announcements

**Gathering and Praise**

Hymn Praise Him, Praise Him VT 100

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn My Jesus, I Love Thee VT 133

Offering and Prayer Jesus Loves Me This I Know

**Hearing God's Story**

Children's story

Scripture Mark 2:1-12, 23-28

Sermon Who is Jesus?

**Living in Faith**

Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say VT 536

Communion

Benediction

Hymn Go, My Children VT 830

**Sermon:** Terrell Wiebe **Worship Leading:** Greg Costen

**Children's Story:** Tara Funke Friesen

**Music:** Joyce Falk, Mary Costen, Janna Wiebe

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**Worship Calendar:**

**May 17:** Introduction to Mark and how to read a Gospel. Speaker: Mark.

**May 24:** The Identity and Authority of Jesus. (Our worship will include Communion as a Pentecost Celebration). Speaker: Terrell.

**May 31:** The Secret Kingdom of God (teachings and parables).  
Speaker: Mark.

**June 7:** The Victorious Kingdom of God (exorcisms and healings).  
Speaker: Mark.

**June 14.** Church Picnic. Worship led by the Youth Sunday school class.

**June 21.** The Upside-Down Kingdom of God and the Way of the Cross.  
Speaker: Terrell.

**June 28.** Resurrection and Fear: What's the deal with the ending of Mark? Speaker: Mark.

**- THIS WEEK AT ABC -**

**Sun. May 24, 9:15 am:** Sunday school for all ages

**Sun. May 24, 10:30 am:** Worship service.

**Wed. May 27, 7-9 pm:** Combined Youth year end wrap up! Pool party at Kim and Karl Enn's place. Bring a lawn chair and wear your swimsuit.

**Thur. May 28, 7 pm:** Church council meeting

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

**Everyone is welcome to participate in Communion** by sharing the bread and cup. You will be served where you are seated and we invite everyone to hold the bread and cup until everyone has been served so that we may partake in unison. Please raise your hand if you are missed while communion is being served. If you require gluten free bread, it is available in the paper cups on each tray. Each cup contains grape juice.

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**- PRAYER AND PRAISE -**

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

Irene Kehler- May 24, Kathy Dyck- May 27,

Elva Loeppky- May 27, Dawson Wiens- May 28

**Hospitalized:** Hugo Voth at the Altona Hospital. Alfred Klippenstein is at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

**Congratulations** to new grandparents Jason and Tammy Driedger, to great grandma Dora Driedger, and great grandma & grandpa Clarence & Evelyn Friesen on the arrival of Daisy Kay Evangelina Driedger! Daisy was born on May 16 to parents Lucas and Kenna Driedger.

**Freezer meals for Heidi and Lyndon Toews:** If you would like to supply a freezer meal for the family, please bring it to the basement kitchen freezer and include a label that says "Toews family" as well as your own name. There are no dietary restrictions and keep in mind that this will be for a family of around 5 people.

**International Witness:** The South Africa Pilgrimage (October 5- 18, 2026) allows participants to visit historically significant places. "Sites of struggle" visits will allow us to engage with post-apartheid communities that continue to suffer from inadequate access to resources and opportunities, and those working with these communities to bring healing and justice: eg. Constitution Hill courthouse (and former prison),

Kliptown Freedom Charter, Sophia Town, Hillbrow homeless shelter and the MES (Mould, Empower, Service) workers, District Six, The Bo-Kaap.  
Sign up now: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/pilgrimage>

**Camper sponsorship money** is available for upcoming campers this summer. Forms are available through the office. Please provide proof of registration. Deadline June 1.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Serve at Camp this summer:** Health Officer Volunteers Needed! In many cases, First Aid/CPR are all we need. We have a number of key weeks to fill. Visit [www.campswithmeaning.org/staff](http://www.campswithmeaning.org/staff) for open dates, the requirements, and other volunteer positions.

**Young Adults:** Activ8 is an 8-month transformative program of self-discovery within an intentional young adult learning community designed to enrich your faith, foster generative community, and inspire a passion for engaged service. September 2026 - April 2027. Learn more and register: [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/activ8](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/activ8)

**Blood Donor Clinic** taking place at the Pioneer Centre on Thurs, May 28 from 1-7 pm. Contact [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) or call 1-888-236-6283.

**Swing into action in support of MCC relief projects!** Join us for MCC Manitoba's Golf Tournament on Wednesday, July 8 at Bridges Golf Course. Experience our Texas Scramble tournament featuring on-course challenges, complemented by a delicious BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit [mcc.org/Manitoba/Golf](http://mcc.org/Manitoba/Golf) to learn more and secure your spot today!

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## **FROM THE PASTOR – Terrell Wiebe**

What is Youth Ministry for? (Part 1)

What is the purpose of youth ministry? I have been asking myself that question for the past several years and have spent the last few months diving deeper.

I recently read a young youth pastor who said, "Youth ministry is for helping kids not waste their lives." While I have a hard time articulating why, that statement gives me the "ick". We humans seem to be the only animals capable of wasting our lives. We would never say a deer, cat, or ant has wasted their life, but for humans it seems all too possible. In fact, the threat of a wasted life is what keeps many up at night and creates anxiety among our young people about the future. So, in that sense, shouldn't I be happy with a youth ministry program that helps kids not waste their lives?

The fear of a wasted life is one of the main motivating factors in a parent's life today. We want our children to find their "thing" and live a good life. The search for a child's "thing" and the subsequent good life that we think will occur when a young person finds it, is the reason parents today spend so much energy on extra curricular activities. Sports, dance, choir, drama – these all help to build self esteem, teamwork, and plenty of skills for life. Extra curriculars are a way to help mold our young people into those who will not waste their life away.

But if youth ministry is also to help kids not waste their life, then a weekly youth event becomes just one option among a sea of other options for parents (and kids) to choose from. And while I believe youth ministry should have something to say about the good life, it seems unfair to pit it against other activities that offer ways to the good life, particularly activities where there are consequences for missing.

Since I am not willing to think about handing out consequences for missing a weekly youth event (though I have daydreamed about that, 😊) we must move on and continue this search for the purpose of youth ministry. Look for that in part 2.