

**-BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA-**  
**Sunday, May 31, 2026, 10:30 am**

*Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown. Mark 4:20*

Announcements

**Gathering and Praise**

Hymn Living Hope

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn We come VT 225

Offering and Prayer Blessed Be Your Name VT 637

**Hearing God's Story**

Children's story

Scripture Mark 4:9-34

Sermon What's the Secret?

**Living in Faith**

Hymn Build Your Kingdom Here

ABC Conversation with the Ventures program

Benediction

Hymn In Jesus Name

**Sermon:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leading:** Terrell Wiebe

**Children's Story:** Josef Voth

**Music:** Josh and Alyssa Neufeld and Amy Penner

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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. 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.

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**- PRAYER AND PRAISE -**

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

Erna Doell- May 31, Al Friesen- June 1, Henry Klassen-June 1,  
Hugo Voth- June 2, Lyndon Toews- June 3, Rod Heinrichs- June 6.

**Hospitalized:** Hugo Voth and Alfred Klippenstein are at the Altona hospital.

**Congratulations** to Nick Rempel and Vally Krahn who were married on Saturday!

**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.

**Indigenous Relations:** Prayers for renewal, learning and relationship building! From June 4-6, MC Canada participants from Manitoba, BC and Eastern Canada will be joining the Indigenous Pathways/North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies Community for their annual symposium, on the theme of 'Being a Good Ancestor'. "Across Indigenous cultures, we hear variations of the Seven Generations Principle. For some, it's a reminder to think of how our actions will impact the next seven generations. For some, it's being mindful of the generations both before and after us. For all of us, it's an invitation to ask the question: What does it look like to be a good ancestor?" Prayers for open hearts and minds to receive the teachings that NAIITS Indigenous Biblical Scholars will be bringing to the gathering.

**- THIS WEEK AT ABC -**

**Sun. May 31, 9:15 am:** Sunday school for all ages

**Sun. May 31, 10:30 am:** Worship service.

**Tue. June 2, 10:30 am:** Coffee with Church staff

**Time to renew/sign up for your yearly Rejoice subscription.** The Rejoice magazine comes to you 4x/year. The cost is \$58.25. Please let Ang at the office know, as well as your payment by Tuesday, June 16.

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

**Here's an update on the progress of the Personnel Policy Review.** As you may recall, a commitment was made at the AGM to form a working committee to review the current ABC Personnel Policy. That Committee, which consists of Bonnie Friesen, Colin Reimer, Trevor Friesen-Stoesz (representing Personnel) and Al Friesen (Church Council Chair) ultimately determined to adapt the Pastoral Review and Personnel Policy created by Mennonite Church Canada. We've held monthly meetings, and engaged in meaningful dialogue with our pastoral staff and Mennonite Church Manitoba. We've progressed to the point where a working draft has been completed. We have also determined that we do not want to rush this process. We will resume deliberations following a summer break with the intent of sharing this policy with you this fall. Thanks for your support, and please reach out to any of our committee members if you have questions. - Trevor, Colin, Bonnie and Al

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**55+ Day Away at Camp Assiniboia.** June 29. 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Enjoy lunch and a day of walking, fireplace conversations, music, games and more. \$20. Call Elisabeth at 204-895-2267 by June 23 noon to reserve a spot.

**Serve at Camp this summer:** Health Officer volunteer needed in both Camps with Meaning and Winkler Bible Camp. In many cases, First Aid/CPR are all we need. See websites for more info.

**Save the Date! Imagine Together 2026:** A Church for All Ages November 11, 2026. 1:00-4:00pm on Zoom. An MCM resourcing day with Meredith Anne Miller. How can we create a church culture where intergenerational relationships, worship, faith formation, and ministry can thrive? [Visit the event page for more info.](#)

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### **FROM THE PASTOR – Mark Tiessen Dyck**

#### **A Spiritual Advisory Committee update:**

The Spiritual Advisory Committee has welcomed two new members: Josh Neufeld and Sarah Dueck. As per our constitution, members of SPA are recommended by the pastors to the Church Council who holds the ultimate authority to call and affirm members of SPA. We have followed this process and are grateful that Josh and Sarah accepted the invitation to serve the church in this capacity.

This year Byron Loeppky and Irene Kehler completed their time on SPA after seven years, hence the search for new members. Josh and Sarah join Jason Driedger, Rose Tryon, Amanda Wiens, Terrell Wiebe, and myself to form our seven person group. The SPA is a vital body for our congregation; it is our responsibility to provide overall guidance to the spiritual matters of our church. We do this by being a “sounding board” for pastors, giving input on preaching themes, and discerning important matters that impact the life and health of our congregation.

This week, we met for the first time since our last AGM. Our primary agenda was exploring the findings of our church survey which we conducted a year ago. In particular, we discussed our worship life, relationships, and how to bring these conversations to the whole church. In order to do this, we are going to plan a Brunch Church event for the fall in which we share findings from our church survey with everyone. This will be an opportunity to talk together as a community, discern where God is calling us, and make commitments as a community and individuals so that we can become an even healthier church!

#### **An Update from Brunch Church:**

At our recent Brunch Church, there was an opportunity to sign a letter for the Prime Minister asking for bolder action toward a just peace in the Middle East, particularly in light of the injustices experienced by Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. We have mailed the letter to the PM, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the other party leaders, and our Member of Parliament. On a trip to Winkler for other reasons, I also dropped off a copy of the letter at Branden Leslie's (our MP) constituency office. I received a call from a staff member the following day and set up a meeting for July 7. It would be great if there were a few people who would join me for this meeting with Branden Leslie. Let me know if you are interested.

## **LIVING HOPE**

**(vs)** How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation, I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory. To wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

### **Chorus**

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me. You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**(vs)** Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion. Declared the grave has no claim on me. Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion. Declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

## **WE COME VT 225**

**(vs. 1)** Our hearts are empty without you; barren and cold, but for the bold hope that you yourself planted within.

**Chorus:** In the mighty name of God, in the saving name of Jesus, in the strong name of the Spirit,

We come, we cry, we watch, we wait, we look, we long for you. 2x

**(vs. 2)** Sometimes we long for the morning, for a refrain from etchings I pain, yet our loneliness draws us to you.

## **BLESSED BE YOUR NAME VT 637**

**(vs. 1)** Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name. Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

**Chorus:** Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the storm clouds gather in, Lord, still I will say. "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be your glorious name."

**(vs. 2)** Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name. Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

## **BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE**

Come, set Your rule and reign In our hearts again, Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made. Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope

Like wildfire in our very souls. Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your church. We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives. For You're our joy and prize

To see the captive hearts released. The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace

We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church. We pray: revive this earth

Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back

Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here. We pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power. Reaching the near and far

No force of hell can stop. Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this. Awake the kingdom seed in us

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

## **IN JESUS NAME (GOD OF POSSIBLE)**

**(vs. 1)** I speak the name of Jesus over you. In your hurting, in your sorrow, I will ask my God to move. I speak the name cause it's all that I can do. In desperation I'll seek heaven and pray this for you.

**Chorus:** I pray for your healing, that circumstances would change. I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus name. I pray that a breakthrough would happen today. I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name. In Jesus name.

**(vs. 2)** I speak the name of all authority. Declaring blessings, every promise he is faithful to keep. I speak the name no grave could ever hold. He is greater, He is stronger. He's the God of possible.

**(Bridge)** Come believe it, come receive it. Oh, the power of His spirit is now forever yours. Come believe it, come receive it. In the mighty name of Jesus, all things are possible.

**(Ending)** I pray for revival, for restoration of faith. I pray that the dead will come alive in Jesus name.