

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 10:30 am

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn What Is This Place VT 22

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Praise, I Will Praise You Lord VT 131

Entering God's Story

Time of Blessing for the Education Workers

Offering Jesus Loves Me VT 516

Time with Children

Scripture Genesis 1:26-28, Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Embracing Men In Church

Responding in Faith

Hymn Help Us To Help Each Other VT 722

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Breathe On Me, Breath Of God VT 737

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Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Worship Leading: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Music: Margaret Klassen **Children's Story:** Lisa Hiebert-Penner

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We are in the midst of a 5-week sermon series called, "Realities for the Church to grapple with". This series will help us to name and explore realities that impact the Church and everyone who is part of the Church while calling us to be a community where we all grow together as Jesus' disciples.

Sept. 22 (Communion): People have different spiritual styles or languages.

Speaker: Mark

Sept. 29. Faith formation is a lifelong process. Speaker: Virginia

Oct. 6. Church can be a difficult place for men. Speaker: Mark

Oct. 13. 95% of your life is outside church. Speaker: Mark

Oct. 20. We live in a secular age. Speaker: Terrell

Oct. 27. Brunch Church with David Scott



SUNDAY SCHOOL

AMANDA WIENS

TAMMY DRIEDGER

JOANNA GINTER

SHARON FRIESEN

ANDREW RICHERT

JULIE NIEMCZAK

VIRGINIA GERBRANDT RICHERT

LISA HIEBERT-PENNER

BYRON LOEPPKY

VENTURES

ANG LOEPPKY

JOANNA GINTER

NOAH GINTER

LISA HIEBERT-PENNER

HEIDI TOEWS

MARK TIESSEN-DYCK

YOUTH

STEPHANIE FRIESEN

COLIN REIMER

LAURA REIMER

TERRELL WIEBE

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS AS THEY
LEAD OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER AND PRAISE:

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

Micah Neufeld- Sept. 29, Dayna Wahl- Oct. 8, Abby Rempel- Oct. 8,
Mark Tiessen-Dyck- Oct. 10, Melvin Klassen- Oct. 12

International Witness: Praise God for 70 years of faithful service by the Fellowship of Mennonites Churches in Taiwan! Tobia and George Veith, former Witness workers, have been invited to represent Mennonite Church Canada at these celebrations and visits at several places in Taiwan, as well as Hong Kong and Macau. Pray for joy in renewed connections and encouragement for the congregations that they visit.

THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Sun. Oct. 6, 9:15 am: Sunday School for all ages

Sun. Oct. 6, 10:30 am: Worship service

Tue. Oct. 8, 10:30 am: Coffee with the Church staff

Tues. Oct. 8, 7-9: Sr. Youth - Spiritual practices: Listening prayer in the park. Games and snack to follow.

Wed. Oct. 8, 7-8:30: Jr. Youth - Finding God at the park. Games and snack to follow.

Wed. Oct 9, 3 pm: Worship and music meeting

Wed. Oct. 8, 7-8:15: Ventures for grades 3-6.

Thur. Oct 10 2 pm: Book study in the Gardens on Tenth multi purpose room

Library: New books have arrived. Come check out the library.

MCI board representative needed: If you are interested in representing our church on the MCI board, please speak with any member of Church council, or with Kristin Falk. ABC is a founding (and funding) member of MCI, and as such has a position on the MCI Board. Thanks for your consideration.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MCC: Join us for Singin' in the Grain, a live choral concert supporting the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank and MCC. Enjoy an evening of inspiring music on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler, or Sunday, Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. at Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Learn more at foodgrainsbank.ca/events/singin-in-the-grain-2024

MCM: As we approach the anniversary of Oct. 7, we recall the horrific acts of terror committed by Hamas one year ago in Israel as well as the horrific response by Israel which has left over 40,000 Gazans dead and nearly 100,000 wounded. We lament the resulting increase in cruelty and hate crimes against Jews and Muslims around the world, including here in Canada. Take some time on this anniversary to pray for a just peace to reign in Gaza and the whole Middle East.

CMU: J.J. Thiessen Lecture Series: CMU invites you to hear Dr. Bruce Hindmarsh from Regent College, on Oct. 22-23 at 11:00 am and 7 pm on both days in the CMU Chapel. The first lectures will focus on the spiritual life of early evangelicals (1700s) and its relevance today. The second day will include a presentation (with film excerpts) and discussion on "Amazing Grace". All events are free and open to all. More information and recordings available at cmu.ca/jjt

Mennonite East and West Reserve Tours: Oct. 10 (East reserve) and Oct. 22 (West reserve). Hosted by historians Conrad Stoesz and Ernie Braun. Visit www.mmhs.org/tour to secure your spot!

YFC: Oct. 29, 5pm-8pm, is the YFC Altona Taco Night Fundraiser. Entry is by donation. Also, YFC is looking to add new board members in 2024/2025. We are looking for volunteer board members who want to assist YFC Altona in reaching the youth in our area for Jesus Christ. You may contact us at www.yfcaltona.com

Blue Sky Opportunities annual fall fundraiser: Thur., Nov. 7, 6 pm at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre. This will be a catered event with entertainment by comedian Big Daddy Tazz and raffle ticket prizes. Tickets are \$40 per person available in person at BSO or call/email 204.324.5401 or admin@blueskyopp.com