

# BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 10:30 am

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30

## Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say VT 536

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn I Am Thine O Lord HWB 505

## Entering God's Story

Offering and Prayer for the Church and the World

Hymn I Am The Bread Of Life VT 480

Time with Children

Scripture Acts 17:22-28, Psalm 63:1-5

Sermon The Uniqueness of Our Spirits and the Faithfulness of God

## Responding in Faith

Hymn In The Quiet Consecration VT 484

Communion

Benediction

Hymn Felix Culpa

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**Sermon:** Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leading:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

**Music:** Glenys Voth and Lorraine Hamm **Children's Story:** Caroline Neufeld

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. Wine is red. Juice is clear.

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Today we begin 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

## FROM THE PASTOR: Terrell Wiebe

The youth year has begun, and it seems a great time to highlight this ministry of our church, what it is I do, and how you can pray for our youth program.

The focus of youth – Based on Colossians 3:12-14, we strive to make youth a community where we "clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience" and "above all else, put on love." If we embody the example of Christ and put on love for each other at youth, then we can also learn to put on love in other areas of our lives when we interact with creation, family, friends, and especially those we find tough to love.

The nuts and bolts of youth – From September to next June we will have over 50 youth events at ABC. We will also likely see 45-50 different teenagers attend our events. There have already been nearly 40 in the first two weeks. That's a lot of hours and a lot of teenagers!

My role – "This is your job?!?" I hear that line often at youth events and I take it as a compliment. If I don't seem like I am doing a job or performing a task when I am with our youth, then I think I am being successful in my role as someone who is investing into the lives of our teens. I do this by building relationships, teaching about faith and life, creating opportunities for fun, challenging them to look beyond themselves or within themselves, creating moments when we can connect with God, and modelling a life of service to Christ.

Connecting with me - Due to the evening hours I work and my ¾ time position, my office hours are more limited. If you would like to connect, I am usually in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-4 and Friday morning.

What you can pray for – That youth events would be an environment of welcome for all. That a sense of community would be created where each person feels they can be their authentic self. That the adult leaders would be given energy, wisdom, and patience. That every youth who comes would feel the presence of God and know the love that Jesus has for them and everyone around them.

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE:**

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

Art Dyck- Sept. 23, Frank Kehler- Sept. 25, Ivan Wiebe- Sept. 25,  
Helen Dueck- Sept. 27, Shirley Funk- Sept. 28

**Hospitalized:** Doreen Sawatzky and Helen (Hugo) Voth at the Altona Health Centre. Sally Funk is at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

**Our love and sympathy** are extended to Vern Friesen and families for the loss of Vern's sister, Norma Neudorf who passed away on Aug. 30 in BC.

**International Witness:** An update from Bible Missionary Church Mennonite, Myanmar. They have asked us to join them in prayer for a resolution to the civil war and for praise to God for communities of faith responding to the crises in their local areas. "Our country is in a deep economic downturn, suffering from inflation and job shortages. About 25 million people are facing food shortages due to skyrocketing commodity prices without daily increases. The civil war is becoming more intense and spreading further. As a result of the civil war, more than 2 million people have left their homes and are now displaced."

### **THIS WEEK AT ABC:**

**Sun. Sept. 22, 9:15 am:** Sunday School for ages 3-18.

**Sun. Sept. 22, 10:30 am:** Worship service

**Tue. Sept. 24, 10:30 am:** Coffee with the Church staff

**Wed. Sept. 25, 6:30 - 9:15 pm:** Youth (gr. 7-12) - We are headed to Meadows Amusements just north of Winkler for bumper boats, go karts, and trampoline bungee! Cost is \$20.

**Sat. Sept. 28, 2 pm:** Church Fall Party at Noah and Joanna's

**Sat. Sept. 28, 5-6:30:** Community Meal at the Exchange

**Adult Sunday school** will resume on September 29. We will be continuing our study of Luke.

**Church Fall Party – Sat. Sept. 28** at Noah and Joanna Ginter's! Gathering begins at 2 pm, Disc golf tee off at 3. Fellowship, fire, lawn games and bouncy castle all afternoon. BBQ supper at 5. All ages welcome! Please bring lawn chairs, lawn games and a salad or dessert for supper. Hot dogs and buns will be provided. Donations welcome to cover costs. Contact Virginia to RSVP and directions.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Exclusive Pre-Release Screening of the documentary**, "Where the Cottonwoods Grow". Step back in time for an unforgettable cinematic journey as we commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Mennonite migration from Imperial Russia to Manitoba. Saturday, October 5th, 7:30pm - Neubergthal at The Krahn Barn. Film followed by live musical entertainment by Paul and Sara and Maxine Penner. Sunday, October 6th, 2:30pm - Neubergthal at the Commons Barn (accessible). Contact Margruite or Paul at mkrahnweb@gmail.com to reserve a ticket. Ticket price: Donation - Pay as you can.

**MCC:** Students – tell us how you're putting your passion for relief, development and peace into action, and [you could receive a \\$1,000 scholarship](#) toward your ongoing studies. Applications close Sept. 30. Visit [mcc.org/Manitoba/scholarship](http://mcc.org/Manitoba/scholarship) for more information and to apply.

**CMU:** CommonWord Book Launch: Blessed are the Undone and Holiness Here – On Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 PM, authors Angela Reitsma Bick and Karen Stiller discuss faith deconstruction and the mystery of holiness. Join in person at Marpeck Commons or watch the livestream at [commonword.ca/go/4054](http://commonword.ca/go/4054).

**Commonword:** Wear an orange shirt and remember the victims and survivors of Residential schools. Multiple styles and various sizes all feature authentic Indigenous designs  
<https://www.commonword.ca/go/orangeshirt>

**Pierre Gilbert** fall lecture series Tuesday evenings at SPMB Church titled: "For he is the Father of lies. A Biblical Theology of the Demonic". There is no cost to attend, or registration required. A freewill offering to help cover expenses will be taken. For more information, please call the Church office at 204-324-5947.

### **Mennonite Church Manitoba – Pray for our congregations:**

Charleswood Mennonite is experiencing good energy but appreciates prayer as we begin, for the first time, using the Narrative Lectionary for this worship year, as we tackle the possibility of implementing a Safe Church Policy, and as we re-ignite the work of our Mission & Service ministry that had been dormant over recent years. We are grateful for strong leadership and a positive sense of community in Christ going into this Fall.