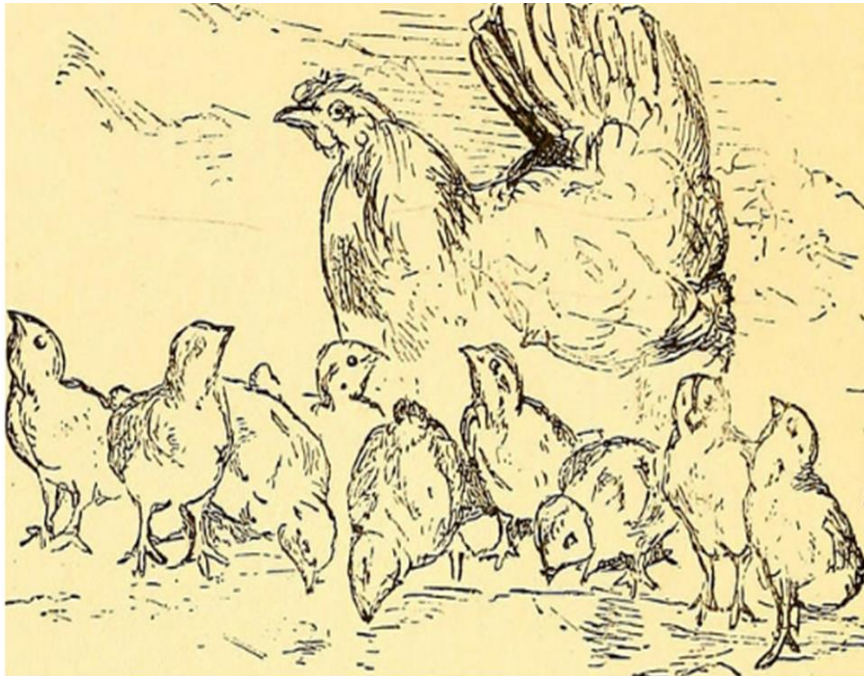


*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, January 31, 2021

Worship Service

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

January 31, 2021

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you. How often I wanted to gather your people together, just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn’t want that.” ~ Matthew 23:37

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Holy Lord**

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Music **God is my Shepherd**

Children’s Story

Scripture **Matthew 23: 37 - 39**

Sermon **“A Ferocious Love”**

RESPONDING

Music **The love of God**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church, and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Hold on a little longer**

Sermon: Josh Janzen

Worship Leader: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Children’s Story: Andrew & Stephanie Rempel

Music: Recorded Artists: Steve Bell, Camps With Meaning,
Oasis Choral, Jean and Jim Strathdee

Our worship service will be available on the church website
Sunday morning [abchurchcommunity.ca] at 10:30 a.m.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Braun, Elizabeth Doell, Helen Schulz, Waldo Schulz at Altona Health Centre; Anne Kehler at Notre Dame de Lourdes Hospital. Doreen Sawatzky at Health Science Centre.

~ **Mennonite Church Canada**

Iglesia Evangélica Menonita de Bolivia (IEMB) community daycare program for vulnerable and marginalized children in Santa Cruz has been forced to close due to COVID-19 numbers in the area. Pray for the families affected by this closure. Pray they can find ways to work while taking care of their children. Pray for the staff of the daycare program who have been without work for many months due to the closure.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Consider the Birds of the Air a sermon series on birds of the Bible. We will dive deeper and fly higher into the meaning and symbolism behind several images/stories of birds included in our scriptures.

Feb 7 - On Eagles Wings. Isaiah 40: 28-31, Rev 4-5

Feb 14 - Baptism / Livestream at 10:30 a.m.

Donations for the church can be dropped off at Don and Grace Fehr's home at **85 Martin Crescent**. Place your donation in the designated box. PLEASE NOTE THEIR NEW ADDRESS, and don't leave your donation at Don and Grace's former residence.

2020 Donation Receipts will be mailed.

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FROM the PASTOR: Josh Janzen

This week I want to offer a Youth Ministry update!

The Junior and Senior Youth groups continue to meet regularly by Zoom for games, Bible studies, and conversations. Just this past week, the Junior and Senior Youth had talent shows on Zoom. The talents shared ranged were serious, silly, and weird in the best ways possible. We saw awesome paintings and drawings, motor-powered Lego creations, eating spicy Takis (a chip snack) among other things. The talent shows were an opportunity to praise God for all our unique gifts that God has given us.

One thing that I have noticed over the last couple of months is that Zoom fatigue is becoming more prevalent. To address this, I've started to bring Youth Ministry into home in a new way! I have started monthly "Youth at Home" kits to bring youth group fun home for the entire youth family. Faith formation happens in the home more than anywhere else. The hope with these "Youth at Home" events is to create intentional time for families to do faith formation together in new and different ways, and to empower parents to lead that faith formation. In December, the kit was a Christmas celebration and included a Christmas devotional and several minute-to-win-it games. In January the kit included materials for a cookie decorating contest and the opportunity to bless someone in their lives with a plate of cookies and a note of encouragement. These kits have been a new way to do Youth Ministry during the pandemic and I am hopeful that they can continue to bring faith formation home.

Jr Youth

- Feb 2, 7pm – Stretch! Bible Study

Sr Youth

- Feb 5, 7pm – Stretch! Bible Study

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **On February 14** we will celebrate the baptism of Kelsey Driedger and Seth Klassen and receive them as members of our congregation! The service will be live-streamed at 10:30am.
- **Daily Bread** devotionals have arrived at the Church Office. Pick up a copy at your convenience during office hours [9am-noon, 1-3pm].
- **CD's to borrow** –The church now owns CD's of songs from the *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story* hymnal supplements as well as from the new hymnal *Voices Together*. We also have a few copies of the new hymnal at church. If you would like to borrow any of these please be in touch with Susan at the church office.
- **Mennonite Church Manitoba Gathering 2021**, will be held via Zoom on March 6, 2021, 9am-12noon. If you wish to be a delegate for the Gathering, please call the Church Office 324-6717, before Feb 12.
- **Tuesday morning coffee** – join us at 10am via ZOOM.
- **The pastors** are still working from home during critical code red. You are welcome to be in touch by phone or email. Susan will be in the office so you are also welcome to call the church. The facility will be closed to visitors during the code red period.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Press Release & Church Community Announcement re; the Resignation of Rudy Franz as Spiritual Care Coordinator for the Altona Memorial Health Centre and Gardens on Tenth - Apartments.

We are saddened to announce that, after just over a month of employment, Rudy Franz has decided not to continue in that role.

Rudy shared, "The main reason for my leaving the position was that I sensed but also grew to know within myself that getting into a full-time job of this nature was not something that I had the energy for and thus was not able to commit myself to the degree that the position required...I needed to let go of the position and trust that God would provide someone to help meet the needs of the people in these places. I am grateful to my supervisors and other staff for being understanding and I am sorry for any misunderstanding that my actions might have caused. I am thankful to all those who wished me well in this position and were confident of my ability to carry out the responsibilities. It was not my intention when I began to vacate it so soon after."

We wish Rudy all the best as he transitions into a new season of life. Southern Health -Sante Sud will immediately initiate a process of reopening the hiring process to fill this important role in our community.

~ The Spiritual Advisory Team (Rhineland Ministerial, Gardens on Tenth and the Altona Memorial Health Centre - Southern Health - Sante Sud.

Mennonite Church Manitoba – mennochurch.mb.ca 204-896-1616

- Camps with Meaning Summer Staff applications are on the CwM website. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org and follow the Summer links.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- This February join the Great Winter Warm-up from home! We're celebrating all things comforters - from the compassionate people who make blankets to the families who receive them. Get involved by creating a comforter at home, sponsoring a warm blanket as a Valentine's gift for a friend, or by sharing your comforter stories with us on social media. Learn more at mccmb.ca/Great-Winter-Warm-up.

Mennonite Disaster Service - ecomunications@mds.mennonite.net

- **Feb 6, 2pm** - Join MDS as we celebrate the work of our many volunteers in 2020 and look ahead to what God has in store for MDS in 2021. Through our theme of Unexpected Opportunities, Unexpected Blessings, we will tell stories of hope and restoration during the pandemic as we helped survivors of natural disasters get back into their homes. Visit <https://mds.mennonite.net/annual-celebration/>.
- **Behind the Hammer** is now available in a digital version. It offers additional content not available in the print version. Access the digital version on your phone, tablet, or laptop. Subscribe to upcoming issues here: <https://mds.mennonite.net/e-mail-and-newsletters/>

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Feb 3, 4pm** - CMU's next **Wednesday Webinar** entitled **Free Money: CMU's Scholarships**. Each year, *over 50%* of CMU students receive scholarship and bursary support. Find out about CMU's financial support of students from academic entrance to leadership scholarships! Learn about every scholarship offered, along with criteria details and how to apply. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.
- **CommonWord Bookstore & Resource Centre** is now **open for in-person shopping**, from 9am–5pm, Mon–Fri. 'Non-essential items' are again available in-store. On arrival, simply call 204-594-0524 and a CommonWord employee will open the doors for you. Online orders are welcome and continue to be processed. Visit www.commonword.ca for an amazing array of resources to buy, borrow, or access online.