

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*

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WORSHIP SERVICE

July 11, 2021

“You shall not make for yourself an idol.”

~ Exodus 20: 4a



Sunday, July 11, 2021

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Come let us sing**

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Moment in Mission

Music **Jesus be the center STS 31**

Children's Story

Scripture Reading **Exodus 20: 4-6; Deuteronomy 4: 15-20**

Sermon **“Worship without limiting God”**

RESPONDING

Music **I'd rather have Jesus**

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **We will walk with God STJ 78**

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

Children's Story: Kristin Falk **Scripture Reader:** Melissa Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Jim & Jean Strathdee, Victor Engbrecht,
Kenneth Nafziger and the Story/Journey Musicians

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

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Waldo Schulz, Helen Schulz, Harold Sawatzky at Altona Health Centre; Henry and Helen Thiessen at Morris Hospital.
- ~ **Thank you** for all your expressions of sympathy through prayers, cards, flowers, and food, at the passing away of husband and father Jake G Dueck. All were very much appreciated. ~ Helen and the Family
- ~ **Iris Billay-Klippenstein** of our Church family passed away July 4. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life and pray for her husband Alfred, family, and extended family. A funeral service was held July 7.
- ~ **Pastor Virginia** will be on vacation from July 12 – 19.
- ~ **Pastor Mark** will be on vacation from July 19 – August 2.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada**
Pray: Military seizes Indigenous land in Philippines. While Lakan and Lakambini Sumulong (Dann and Joji Pantoja), Witness workers in the Philippines, help to coordinate a Peace Memorial for the Bagobo Tagabawa Tribe to celebrate peace made in this formerly violent area, 200 hectares of the tribe's farmland was seized by the military without proper ritual and respect. Please pray for peace and wisdom during this conflict.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

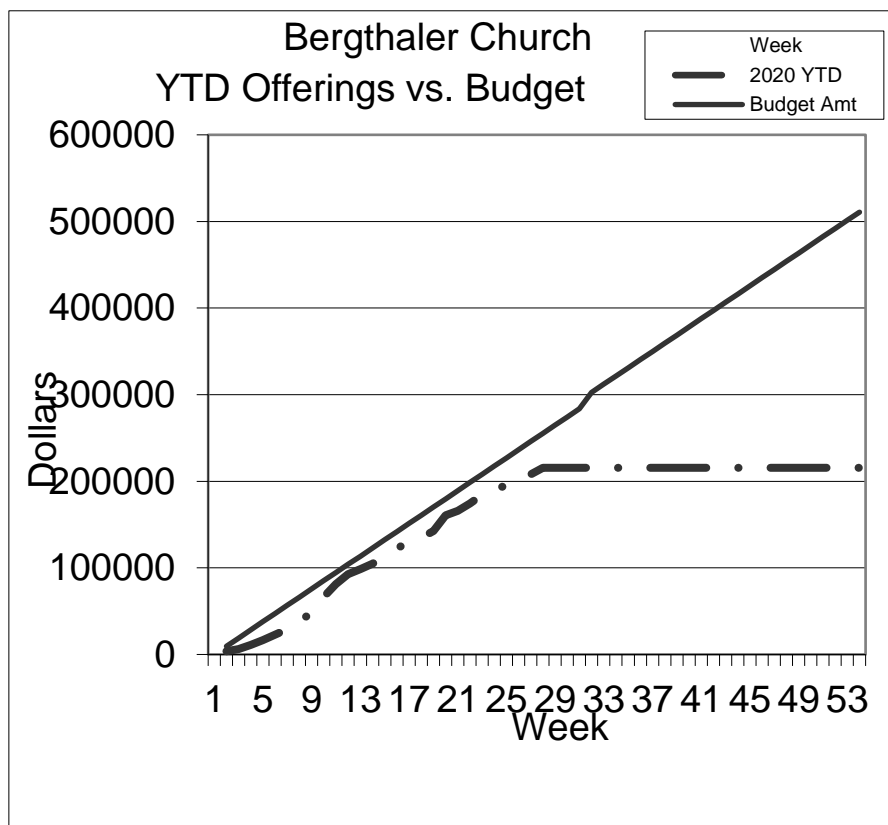
We continue our 10-week worship series exploring the Ten Commandments and how these instructions continue to help us orient our lives to Christ's call.

July 18: You shall not misuse the name of God. ~ Mark Tiessen-Dyck
July 25: Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy. ~ Josh Janzen

FROM the PASTOR ~ Josh Janzen

Adventure is out there!! I am so excited to share about two Mennonite Church Canada youth events happening in the Summer of 2022 in Alberta! First, there will be a guided Gathering Experience for young leaders in the church (ages 16-20) that will take place in Edmonton alongside the national MC Canada gathering July 28-31. If you see any young leaders in our congregation who would benefit from this event, pass their names on to me. Second is a National Youth Gathering at Camp Valaqua, July 31-August 4 for youth ages 12-18, full of Mennonite youth from all over Canada! There isn't a lot of information out for either of these events, but if this National Youth Gathering is anything like the last one held at Shekinah summer camp in 2019 it might include things like: Bible teaching, small groups, workshops, adventure activities, lots of good food, hanging out and learning experiences with First Nation Peoples.

Back when I was in youth group, conferences and youth gatherings like these were such formative experiences for me. So, if you can't tell, I am super excited for all the fun and formation that will happen when we take our Junior and Senior Youth out to Alberta in the summer of 2022!



We are currently at 85% of our giving budget.
That is a shortfall of \$37,874.00.
Thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **At this time** there are no immediate plans to re-open the church to in person services. The current public health guidelines allow worship services up to 25 people (masked at all times). This limit on the number of people does not allow us to welcome everyone. We will continue to monitor public health guidelines and develop plans in accordance with them and in light of our congregation's situation.
- **Summer Office hours** [July & August] are 8:30am to 12 noon.
- **Tuesday morning Coffee Time – 10am – outside** – bring a mug and a lawn chair. Coffee will be provided.
- **Moment in Mission** - since relevant up-to-date videos can sometimes be hard to find, we will be relying on MCC videos for a few weeks. This week's video will tell the story of an MCC friendship that has spanned over 30 years. [Jack and Rick: An MCC friendship | MCC - YouTube](#)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Camps with Meaning** is opening more spots at the day camps! Many new spots available for grades 1-5, a few for grades 6-9, and lots of room at Youth Week. Our Pop-Up Camps also have room – there is probably one near you! Visit www.campswithmeaning.org

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

Eden Mennonite Church welcomes our nationwide community this Sunday. Mary Barg, an Eden congregant and gifted theological thinker and teacher, will offer a message focused into Psalm 121. We hope you can join us virtually for this service (and if you happen to be in Chilliwack, B.C., we would love for you to join us in-person). Available at mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices.

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **We are OPEN** for individual tours during July and August this summer! Book a personal visit time to tour the CMU campus and meet a few staff and faculty along the way. Four time slots are offered each weekday—evening/weekend times available upon request. Book a time here: enrolment.cmu.ca/portal/personal_visits.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Choose Friendship.** Volunteer with MCC's Migration & Resettlement Program and create meaningful relationships with newcomer youth and adults. MCC will pair participants and facilitate opportunities for sharing, celebration and learning. Sign up [here](#) or at mcccanada.ca/forms/choose-friendship-mcc-manitoba. For more info, contact Simone at 204-261-6381 or SimoneThiessen@mccmb.ca.
- **Sign up** for the 18th Annual MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament now! Join us for a day of golf/prizes/dinner on Sept 9 to support families impacted by the Beirut explosion. Register [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/golf.

Eden Health Care Services – www.edenhealthcare.ca

- **July 25** - Eden Foundation is offering motorcycle riders the opportunity to ride together and explore some southern Manitoba towns. It's a fun-ride with no requirement to raise funds. The *Motorheads for Mental Health* ride will start at Winkler Coop / Outpost Grill truck stop just east of the junction of Hwy #3 & 14. Check-in at 1 pm on July 25th. For more details go to: edenhealthcare.ca/news or call 204-325-5355.
- **Aug 14** – Eden Foundation Charity Golf Tournament at Oakview G.C.
- **Sept 11** – Head for the Hills annual Cycling is going to happen.

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – info@mciblues.net

Mennonite Disaster Service - mdscanada@mds.org