

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, June 27, 2021

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WORSHIP SERVICE

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*“For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become rich.”
~ 2 Corinthians 8: 9*

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **All who are thirsty**

Call to Worship and Prayer

LISTENING

Grad Sharing

Music

Clothe yourself in love

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Sermon

**“An Invitation to the Party;
a Provocation to Generous Love”**

RESPONDING

Music

Together

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and World

SENDING

Benediction

Music

Kindness

Sermon: Josh Janzen **Worship Leader:** Sharon Friesen

Children’s Story: Delores Enns **Scripture Reader:** Andrew Richert

Music: Laurelville M & W Leaders Retreat, Camps with Meaning,
Nathan Grieser and Voices Together Dedication Launch, Steve Bell.

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, Harold Sawatzky at Altona Health Centre; Henry and Helen Thiessen at Morris Hospital.
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** to Ida & Richard Mittelstet, family and extended family, at the accidental passing of their 11-year-old grandson, Laurent Mittelstet of Germany, on June 21.
- ~ **Jake Dueck** of our Church family, passed away June 23. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life and pray for his wife Helen, and family, and the extended family. A private service will be held.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada / Manitoba**
Pray: Please pray for the 28 newly-baptized believers in the Mennonite churches in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, that their faith and witness will continue to grow in life-giving ways. In the words of Siaka Traoré, founding church-planter and pastor of the churches in Bobo, "Thanks be to God who makes the church grow."

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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

- July 4: You shall have no other gods before me.
- July 11: You shall not make an idol.
- July 18: You shall not misuse the name of God.
- July 25: Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy.

- July 4: Speaker Mark Tiessen-Dyck
- July 11: Speaker Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
- July 18: Speaker Mark Tiessen-Dyck
- July 25: Speaker Josh Janzen

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Our GRADUATES for 2021 are:

*Kelsey Driedger
Willow Kehler
Jarett Klassen*

Jr & Sr Youth

Feeling bored during the summer? Need things to do and a safe place to be? Grab some friends and come hang out with Pastor Josh at church! Tue-Fri in the afternoons throughout the summer there will be opportunities for lawn games, frozen treats, and a place to have fun and spend time with your friends!

FROM the PASTOR: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

I have recently been listening to and reading several things by author and scholar Kate Bowler. She is a professor of the history of Christianity, but also a writer and speaker on the topic of suffering and how that relates to our faith. I find her work to be both insightful and challenging.

I wanted to share a prayer she wrote for those of us longing for rest:

Dear God,
I am restless. And I mean that. I am craving rest, but my heart keeps churning and tossing up problems for my mind to solve, but they are too much for me. I keep coming to the end of the thought chain of each problem, and finding myself just tired, but with nothing solved, nothing accomplished, and much time lost.

God, could you give me some pure rest, just rest, with no strings attached? Give me grace to put a blanket over my head and shut out all the detail, all the possible rabbit-trails of possibility. Give me grace to hand over my heavy heart, weighed down with all that I can't handle myself. And settle me into the peace that goes beyond all I can imagine, think, or ask, the peace that you give that is true rest. Prue and simple.

God, keep me here, shielded by your love, until I am ready to see what you want me to see. Feel what You want me to feel. And do what you want me to do. AMEN

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Note:** Next week's bulletin will be printed on Wednesday, June 30. If you have any announcements to submit.... the deadline to do so is Tuesday by noon.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Aug 14 - Eden Foundation's Charity Golf Tournament** at Gretna's Oakview Golf Course. A new twist: play 36, 54, or 72 holes all for the same low price. Free! Here's the twist, we want you to raise some money for mental health care. Due to Covid regulations, the maximum is 36 participants. For information go to <http://edenhealthcare.ca>
- **Eden Foundation** *Visit the Villages Tractor Trek* has been postponed to Oct 2nd.

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

Mennonite Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

- **Nationwide service** for June 27 – comes from St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, St. Jacobs, ON, with worship leader Zac Klassen and pastor Mark Diller Harder as they begin their summer worship theme "Come to the Water." Mark will preach on the theme "A River Runs Through It," naming how themes of water run through both the Scriptures and our lives. What do we learn when we pay closer attention to water? <https://mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>
- **"Ring up the Cash"** Camps with Meaning Covid Relief Campaign. We are expecting a concerning deficit this year. Donate and/or join the campaign. Visit: ringupthecash.causevox.com
- **July 10 - Deep Calls to Deep;** Join MCM Spiritual Director in Residence, Laura Funk, in a 1-day retreat focused on guided meditation. Visit mennochurch.mb.ca/news to learn more and register.
- **MC Canada** invites applications for a Nationwide Youth Gathering Event Coordinator. The Nationwide Youth Gathering will take place July 31- Aug 4, 2022, at Camp Valaqua near Calgary, Alta. This position is a 1-year term/contract beginning Aug 16 2021 at .4 FTE. Applicants from across Canada are invited to apply. Applications will be considered beginning July 6, 2021. Visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/get-involved#youth-coordinator-2022>.
- **Camps with Meaning** invites applications for Head of Maintenance at Camp Assiniboia. This is a full-time, permanent position with potential housing at the camp. Also need a Head Cook for the summer at Camp Assiniboia. [Find job descriptions on the Camps with Meaning website.](#)

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **ABC** students planning to attend CMU in the fall? Check out the **Church Matching Grant** partnership! Churches can contribute to a student's CMU tuition and have CMU match the funds up to \$500/year/student. Details/applications at cmu.ca/future/financial/church-matching.

- **July 7** - Join us for the 20th annual **CMU Golf Classic** fundraiser in support of student athletes and student financial aid at Kingswood Golf & Country Club. Visit www.cmu.ca/golf to register or become a sponsor.
- CMU is looking for long term **renters for furnished 1-bedroom apartments**. The monthly rental rate is \$978.70 per month which includes internet and all utilities. Parking is available for \$35.05 per month. For more information, please contact Kara Klassen by phone at 204-594-0513 or email at rental@cmu.ca

Mennonite Collegiate Institute – info@mciblues.net

- **July 10-18 - The 7th Annual MCI Golf Classic** at the Minnewasta Golf Course. To Register, call MCI at 204-327-5891 by June 30th. (\$150 per player/\$35 donation receipt).

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- Help make a difference by providing peacebuilding skills to vulnerable families. This year, the first \$6,000 raised through GO! 100 will be MATCHED by some amazing community donors. Sponsor a challenger or start your own challenge here or at mccmb.ca/go-100.

Mennonite Disaster Service - mdscanada@mds.org

- The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. Click this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3vwL5Qw>

Eden Health Care Services

- **Save the date:** Dr. Clarence H. Labun Lecture Series (free!) virtual presentation on 'Addiction and Social Media: Hunger for Connection'. The presenters are Dr. Deborah MacNamara from the Neufeld Institute Faculty, and Terry Warburton, Clinical Director of Recovery of Hope (EHSC). The lecture will take place on October 6, 2021.