

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, October 24, 2021

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 24, 2021 10:30 A.M.

*“Jesus said to them, come and see”
John 1: 39a*

GATHERING and PRAISE

Welcome and Announcements

Music **Come and see** HWB 20

Call to Worship and Prayer

Music **Ev'ry good gift**

LISTENING

Music **Lord, listen to your children** HWB 353

Children's Story

Scripture **Isaiah 43:18-21**

Sermon **“Come and See”**

RESPONDING

Music **God of the Bible** STJ 27

Prayer for the Offering, the Church and the World

SENDING

Benediction

Music **Open my eyes** VT 732

* Welcome to George & Tobia Veith, MC Canada Witness

Sermon: George & Tobia Veith **Worship Leader:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
Children's Story: George & Tobia Veith **Scripture:** Julia Wiens **Music:** Choir

Our worship service will be live-streamed Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and is available on the church website at [abchurchcommunity.ca]. If using a handheld device [phone or tablet] you may get a message that says “*video unavailable*”, but if you click on the line “watch this video on YouTube”, it will reload and play for you.

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Harold Sawatzky and Helen Schulz at Altona Health Centre. Helen [Ed] Voth at BTHC.
- ~ **Henry Thiessen** of our church family passed away Oct 14. We are invited to join in gratitude for his life and pray for his wife Helen, family, and extended family. A private family funeral service was held.
- ~ **Nora Hildebrant** of our church family passed away Oct 18. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life and pray for the family and extended family. A funeral service was held here this past Friday.
- ~ **Our love and sympathy** to Marge & Edgar Loeppky, family and extended family, at the passing away of Marge's sister, Anne Kehler of Morden.
- ~ **Congratulations** to Ed & Sara Stoesz on their 70th wedding anniversary on October 20th.
- ~ **Mennonite Church Canada Pray** - Please continue to pray for people in Myanmar who experience violence and displacement. Chin Mennonite church leaders in Canada report increasing unrest and violence in many of their home areas, including deaths in their families. May we as their Canadian family reach out in love and support at this very difficult time.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Our current sermon series is about love. We're taking a deep dive into what love is and why the "greatest of these is love". In addition to a sermon, each week we will share an exercise which we expect everyone to do as a way to help train our 'love muscles.'

Oct 31 ~ Being vulnerable and transparent. Speaker: Virginia

Nov 7 ~ From boredom to laughter. Speaker: Mark

Sr Youth

- **Oct 26 [Tues] 7-9pm – True Story Bible Study - week 4.**

Jr Youth

- **Oct 27 [Wed], 7-9pm – True Story Bible Study - week 4.**

Ventures: [Wednesdays]

- **Girls Ventures 7-8:15pm** - Pumpkin carving.
- **Boys Ventures 7-8:15pm** – Pumpkin carving.

FROM the PASTOR - Josh Janzen

Never trust a plastic hippo! These are the wise words from Veggie Tales that some of the Junior High Youth received at 5:30 in the morning during our lock-in last weekend. Whether or not they remember this quote because they were so tired is another question! The Junior High lock-in was a blast with nearly 20 kids spending the night in the church running around in the dark playing hide-and-seek, eating gross foods and spicy chicken nuggets, playing Wii sports, and for a few, doing everything in their power to stay awake. It was such a joy to hear and to see these kids just have fun being with each other. After staying up all night, I was quite exhausted, but in the end, I think it was absolutely worth it. We have a lot of awesome kids in our Youth Group and it is such a blessing to walk alongside them.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Singers** of all ages join an impromptu choir on **Sunday, Oct 24. Rehearsal** at 9:15am - sing with the congregation in our worship service at 10:30am. The songs will be: Come and See HWB 282, Ev'ry Good Gift (by Phil Campbell Enns), God of the Bible STJ 27, Open my Eyes VT 732. Contact Laurie Enns with questions.
- **Oct 28, 4, 4-6pm – Fundraising Soup & Dessert 'drive-thru'** at the Altona Bergthaler Church. **By donation** – make cheques payable to Altona Bergthaler Church with 'Soup & Dessert' in the memo line. Delivery available to those in need of having it delivered; please call the church office before 3pm on Wednesday, Oct 27, for delivery service.
- **We request** that people wear masks for entering, exiting, moving about the church building, and singing. Thanks for doing your part to ensure that our worship services are safer and consistent with public health guidelines.
- **Tuesday morning Coffee Time**, 10am, indoors. Coffee provided.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Disaster Service

- The October edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: MDS Canada launches their 2nd round of funding to help support congregations and organizations respond, volunteers respond with a servant heart at West Bank Bible camp and the sight of volunteers and doves are a sign of hope for a homeowner in Ontario.

Church Canada – office@mennonitechurchcanada.ca

- Today [Oct. 24] is International Witness Sunday. Please prayerfully consider giving generously. Giving for International Witness has been slower this year and your help is greatly appreciated. Designate your gift to a specific program or where most needed. The focus this year is on experiencing God's call, drawing inspiration from the MC Canada denominational "Vision: Healing and Hope" statement. For more info, visit, mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday.

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

- **Oct 27, 8pm - Woven** (Mennonite Women MB) is kicking off another Woven Wednesday Series, **Knowing Circle**, hosted by Tina Fehr Kehler and our guest, Lilli Williams, will introduce us to and engage us in the use of Mandalas as a spiritual practice. Join us and have your pencil crayons/crayons/pastels and some 8 1/2"x 11" paper ready for your participation. Link to Zoom Room on Woven Facebook Page or email kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca
- **Oct 30, 9am - Camp Koinonia Annual Woodcutters Retreat.** Lunch will be provided. More info: call or text Matthew Heide 204-534-8268.

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba – manitoba@mccmb.ca

- **Pack a Bucket of Thanks** with MCC this fall, with essential relief supplies, and help support vulnerable families impacted by emergency and disaster. Learn more at mccmb.ca/buckets-thanks.
- **Are you** a recent high school grad? In January, MCC will be offering a 6-month discipleship program for 18–20-year-olds. Based in Bethlehem, the *Seek* program will help you discover the beauty and brokenness of the world, while living in community and ministering to others. Apply by Oct 31 at mccmb.ca/seek. Questions? Contact Simone Thiessen at simonethiessen@mccmb.ca or 204-261-6381.

Canadian Mennonite University – cmu.ca

- **Oct 28, 7pm - Book Launch** with Robert J. (Jack) Suderman (The Baby and the Bathwater) at Marpeck Commons. Join Jack as he shares a biblical vision of the church, God's instrument of restoration and justice. Jack is the former General Secretary of MC Canada. Visit commonword.ca/go/2320 for registration or live-stream details.



Fundraising Soup & Dessert Drive-thru



Thursday, October 28, 2021

from 4:00pm – 6:00pm

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117 2nd St NW, Altona, MB

Cost: by donation

***Directions: use north parking lot with pickup
under the canopy.***

Proceeds to Missions:

- * **M.C.C. – Urgent Relief Fund**
- * **Eden Foundation**
- * **Camps with Meaning – Mennonite Church MB**