

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

Worship Service

Camp Assiniboia

September 11, 2022, 10:30 am

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds”

~Hebrews 10:24

Our service begins at 10:30 in the main lodge at Camp Assiniboia.

There will be praising God through music, a children’s story, a sermon, and a time of sharing and prayer in small groups.

The scripture for the service is Philippians 1:3-6 and Hebrews 10:23-25.

Sermon title: Prayers of encouragement

No livestream available for this service

Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Worship Leader and Children’s story: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Andrew, Stephanie and Nick Rempel

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Katie Krahn at the Altona Health Centre. Ben Dyck and Glen Friesen at Boundary Trails Health Centre.
- ~ **Ed and Wilma Martens** have moved to the Gardens on Tenth apartment #109.
- ~ **International Witness:** Witness workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park recently contracted mild cases of COVID-19 and had to cancel some summer activities while they quarantined. Pray for the return of their health and strength as they begin a busy fall schedule of classes, training and lectures.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God’s blessing to:**

Imy Rempel	Sept. 12	Edna Klippenstein	Sept. 16
Margaret Klassen	Sept. 13	Ben Dueck	Sept. 17
Brian Enns	Sept. 16	Emilee Hamm	Sept. 17
Glenn Friesen	Sept. 16	Troy Voth	Sept. 17

“A THIRD WAY” SERMON SERIES

- September 18:** Exploring fundamentalism: its origins, development and problems. Speaker: Mark
- September 25:** Exploring secularism: its origins, development and problems. Speaker: Mark
- October 2** – A Third Way of understanding traditions and rituals. Speaker: Virginia
- October 9** – A Third Way of reading the Bible: Speaker: Virginia
- October 23** – A Third Way eschatology (last things): heaven, hell, and the end of the world. Speaker: Mark
- October 30** – A Third Way of understanding salvation: Atonement, the death of Jesus, and eternal life. Speaker: Mark
- November 6** – A Third Way politics. Speaker: Mark

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC: The annual We Are All Treaty People Celebration will take place at the Forks on Sunday, September 18. Come out for a family friendly afternoon event with music and performances, food, Indigenous arts, crafts and more!

CMU: Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life – Xplore offers life-long learning courses investigating dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without any assignments or examinations! Join one or more of our six courses in-person or online Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, beginning October 5. For information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – Mark Tiessen-Dyck

The influences of secularism and fundamentalism are strong and continue to have a deep impact on the church. Sometimes these worldviews are presented as the only two options for conceiving the world or conceptualizing our faith; we must choose one or the other. But what if the assumptions that undergird both the secularist and fundamentalist worldviews are misconceived? What if these competing systems are actually long lost siblings? My understanding of God and my hope for the church lead me to conclude that both of these options are flawed and we are not required to choose—in fact, we must not choose—between them. My hope is that our church will be a place that resists the narratives of secularism and fundamentalism and finds ways of living a vibrant faith in Christ that is real, hopeful, and compassionate.

Next Sunday we are starting a new sermon series called “A Third Way”. We will tackle difficult questions, challenge deep assumptions, and begin to articulate what faith and life in Christ might be like beyond the simplified choices that are often before us. This series will not be for the faint of heart!

See “Worship Calendar” for an outline of the series.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

CommonWord Book Launch. *Walking Together: Intercultural Stories of Love and Acceptance* by **Edith and Neill von Gunten**. Join us in person or by livestream on Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 PM (CDT) for intercultural stories of love and acceptance that cover over 50 years of peace and reconciliation work. Guest panelists include Stan McKay, Norman Meade, and Clarence and Barbara Nepinak. Visit commonword.ca/go/2987

Faith and Life Choirs are preparing for a full season of rehearsals, church visits and concerts beginning September 24! If you are interested in joining the choir, contact conductors: Janet Brenneman (Women's Chorus)- jbrenneman@cmu.ca, Ben Pauls (Male Choir)- bp.gerberpauls@gmail.com

Southern MB Choral Society - Southern Manitoba Choral Society invites singers to join us on Tuesdays for a season of singing! First rehearsal is September 13, 6:30 -8:15 pm in the WC Miller Collegiate music room. Vaccination required and masks optional. Fall registration is \$35.

Mennonite Church Canada: Join Community Peacemaker Teams on a delegation to Palestine! Participate in the life and work of the CPT team in Hebron as we monitor checkpoints, build partnerships in the community and accompany families during the olive harvest. Delegates will also visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, South Hebron Hills and other parts of Palestine. For more information, visit <https://cpt.org/delegations>.

Eden Health Care Services invites you to a virtual presentation, “From Unconscious Bias to Conscious Inclusion – identifying one’s own unconscious bias and promoting the conscious inclusion of others” with presenter Priti Shah. Oct. 4 from 1 pm – 4 pm. Register at <https://edenhealthcare.ca/lectureseries>. See poster in lobby.

Regional Connections is starting a weekly drop-in for English Cafe beginning September 26 with orientation September 19 at 7pm at The Community Exchange. We invite volunteers who have an interest in helping newcomers to Altona with learning English through conversation or homework practice, being a language partner and a welcoming friend. Also needed are childcare providers, kids activity volunteers and snack/bakers and coffee hosts. For more information or to pick up a volunteer form, contact Regional Connections - Shepherd Chiwandire- shepherd@regionalconnections.ca or Val Klassen - val@regionalconnections.ca

ASIST suicide intervention skills training with Glenn Schroeder Sept. 27 and 28 from 8:30 – 4:30. Lunch is provided. Cost is \$275. More information at: www.truelistening.ca. Registration at glenn@truelistening.ca

