

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS JULY 31, 2022

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Anne Braun and Ben Dyck at the Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **Condolences** to Susan Dueck (Anton) at the passing of her sister-in-law Helen (Dueck) Matter on July 25. Funeral arrangements are pending.
- ~ **This weekend** 52 youth and sponsors representing 10 MCM churches will be travelling to MC Canada's Amplify! Youth Gathering at Camp Valaqua July 31- August 4. Pray for meaningful worship time and connections with other youth across Canada.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**

Gavin Wiens	July 27
Laurie Enns	July 31
Lena Hoffman	August 1
Alfred Klippenstein	August 2
Lloyd Loewen	August 3
Stephanie Janzen	August 6

WORSHIP CALENDAR

- August 7:** Come to the water: Searching – Josh Janzen
- August 14:** Come to the water: Healing – Mark Tiessen-Dyck
- August 21:** Come to the living water: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

We continue our summer worship series on water called "*Come to the Water.*" This 7-week series will explore the role that water plays in so many biblical stories, not just as a backdrop or context of the story, but as an integral element to its meaning. Each week we will be invited to come to the water of life and drink deeply from its well.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Over the summer, the pastors will be taking vacation time.

During pastor's vacation time they will not be checking emails, responding to messages, or attending to church related matters.

Mark is currently on vacation, back in the office on August 9.

Virginia will be on vacation from August 6 – August 20.

Virginia is out of the office attending Mennonite Church Canada gathering in Edmonton July 28 - August 1.

Josh is out of the office at Mennonite Church Canada youth assembly from July 30 – August 5.

Josh's time at ABC concludes on August 14.

Note: On the weekend of July 30 – August 1, all the pastors will be out of Altona. If there is a crisis or you need to be in touch with a pastor during this time, you may be in touch with Virginia who will respond as best as she is able from the Mennonite Church Canada Gathering in Edmonton.

Pastor Josh's last sermon will be **August 7, with a picnic later at 6 pm that day at Andrew and Stephanie Rempel's backyard** as a farewell event for Josh and the church. Josh's final Sunday will be August 14.

Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, August 5. You may still attend if you have not RSVP'd – it helps with food purchase.

Hot dogs, burgers, farmer sausage provided. Cost by donation.

Please bring a salad and a dessert to share as well as a lawn chair.

ABC goes to camp! Keep your calendars marked for **Sept 10-11** for **Camp Assiniboia**. Several people have already signed up to gather at the camp Saturday afternoon and stay for night. If you are still interested, please let Mark or Virginia know. The cost for overnight stay is \$42 per adult per night and \$25 per child per night with additional costs for meals (if cost is a barrier, arrangements will be made so that you can participate).

Tuesday morning coffee is on! You are welcome to join the church staff in the library on *Tuesday mornings at 10 am.*

ABC is accepting tenders for walkway, sidewalk and entry way snow removal for the winter season. If interested please contact Cheryl.

If you loaned out your fan to ABC during the basement water event, they are available to be picked up.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MCM: Free contemplation time mowing the lawn at Camp

Assiniboia. Actually, there are many volunteer maintenance opportunities, but the grass is enjoying this rain. Contact Facilities Manager Ed Doerksen at camp if you can help out. 204-990-7835

MCC: Looking for meaningful work? MCC Manitoba is hiring a Volunteer & Youth Program Coordinator and MCC Canada has openings in IT, Global Service Learning and Migration & Resettlement. For more information and to apply, visit mccmb.ca/openings.

Nationwide worship service – This Sunday the service will come to you from the MC Canada gathering in Edmonton.

MCI is still looking for a male Dormitory Dean for the upcoming school year. If you know a good young man who would suit the role, please encourage them to apply! Deans provide leadership to the MCI dorm community, fostering students' spiritual, personal, and social growth. The position is full time to begin September 2022. For a full job description, contact the Director of Student Life: kieranreynolds@mciblues.net or visit our website (mciblues.net/job-opportunities). Come and join our MCI team!

Recovery of Hope, along with the support of Eden Foundation, is very excited to be able to host our third annual cycling event in Winnipeg. This is a fundraiser that supports the Sliding Fee Scale Program of Recovery of Hope, making counselling therapy accessible and affordable to all those who are seeking it.

When: Saturday, September 24, 2022, 9:00 am

Where: Bethel Mennonite Church parking lot, between Harrow and Stafford, north of Taylor Ave in Winnipeg. For more information, and to register for the ride, please visit [Ride for Recovery of Hope 2022 - Eden Foundation Inc \(edenhealthcare.ca\)](http://Ride for Recovery of Hope 2022 - Eden Foundation Inc (edenhealthcare.ca))

There will be a double fundraising event for Hijos de Dios Community Centre in Guatemala and Love Well Women's drop-in centre in Altona. For more details see the poster in the lobby.