

Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite
Church of Altona



He is Risen!

Sunday, April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona
Worship Service

April 9, 2023, 10:30 am

"There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it." Matthew 28:2

Singing the Resurrection

Music Alleluia, He is Coming
Call to Worship Matthew 28:1-10
Music Alleluia, He is Coming vs 4
Low in the Grave He Lay HWB 273
Affirmation of Faith and prayer
Offering & Music Halle, Halle, Hallelujah SJ 17

Preaching the Resurrection

Children's story
Scripture Romans 6:5-11
Meditation Gratitude
Scripture Colossians 3:1-4
Meditation Adoration
Scripture Revelation 11:15-17
Meditation Celebration

Living the Resurrection

Music In Christ Alone VT 332 vs 1,3,4
Congregational prayer
Benediction
Music Christ the Lord has Risen Today
VT 346

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck
Worship Leader: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
Children's story: Terrell Wiebe
Music: ABC choir

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Marge Loeppky, Linda Braun and Helen Voth at the Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **If you or your family** would like a pastoral visit please let the church office know.
- ~ **Mennonites in Burkina Faso** ask us to pray for them as they discern how best to work for peace and discern how to care for the approx. 1.5 million displaced people in their country. Violence from terrorist groups that have taken over regions of the country has disrupted many lives.
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**

Milly Klassen April 10	Larry Friesen April 13
Shirley Schellenberg April 10	Andrew Rempel April 14
Sarah Dueck April 12	Glenys Voth April 15
Hilda Wiebe April 12	

WORSHIP CALENDAR

In the next weeks we will continue to explore the resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for us.

- April 7:** Good Friday service with Communion.
- April 9:** Easter.
- April 16:** Speaker: Virginia
- April 23:** Speaker: Mark
- April 30:** Speaker: Virginia
- May 6:** Brunch Church

FROM THE PASTOR: Terrell Wiebe

One important factor in the lives of young adults whose faith has stuck with them through their transition from high school into young adulthood is that they have gained an understanding of the gospel that integrates faith into all aspects of life. Let's call this a *whole gospel* understanding. Too often in youth ministry, the gospel is a boiled-down series of abstract statements to be "believed." They are typically colorless statements about God's love, sin, and Jesus' death where youth must accept their truth in order to live a "good life" and go to heaven.

The problem with this gospel is that it narrows our focus to a realm of theories about God and the world that cannot do justice to the complexity of the world that our young people encounter. Statements of belief don't necessarily change young people's actions or address what struggles they are experiencing in their day to day lives.

Whole gospel means that faith actually makes a difference in how we live our lives. Scripture is not an answer book, but a story to participate in and wisdom to receive in community where together we explore through struggle and shared life what it looks like to be the people of God. My hope is that our weekly youth events lean into this *whole gospel* model.

You also have a role to play. Young people whose faith has stuck with them through their transition from high school into young adulthood have seen *whole gospel* living modeled for them by their faith community. Our youth are watching to see if being a follower of Jesus makes a difference in the lives of the people in our churches. How is your life lived differently because of your faith? Would you ever consider sharing your answer to that question with the church or with our youth group?

Furthermore, if you have practical ideas about how our youth can integrate their faith with action right here in Altona, I would love to hear from you. Perhaps you would invite our group to come alongside you in your acts of service?

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah verses 2,3 and 4

Vs. 2 Jesus Christ is risen from the dead – 3x

Vs. 3 Come and Sing his praises, everyone – 3x

Vs. 4 Jesus walk us all the way – 3x

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Sunday, April 9, Sunday school for ages 3-18 from 9:15-10:15 am in the basement of the education wing, youth are in the south wing. We will have an **impromptu Easter choir**. Practice begins at 9:30.

Tuesdays lunch sermon discussion time

Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 pm, Church council meets

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 – 9:00, Youth (grades 7-12) Lets hope for no storm this week. Art night! We will be getting creative by painting the large canvas in Southwing and painting images on the windows.

Thursday, April 13, 2 pm, Anabaptism at 500 bible study at Gardens on Tenth.

Friday – Saturday, April 14 – 15: Terrell and five of our youth will be taking in the Youth Orbit event at MCI.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to Janna Wiebe for this week's bulletin cover.

Thursday April 20 - church Wedding Shower. We want to celebrate and bless those from our congregation that are getting married this year. This is a shower for men and women. Gifts are welcome, but not required. There will be a "Box of Blessing" for people to contribute money to as a gift alternative. It will be in the church office ahead of time and also at the shower itself. See insert for names.

Photographs and stories needed: Anabaptism at 500 invites photographers of all levels to submit inspiring photos and stories capturing Anabaptist Christians living out their faith. Selected photos and stories will be featured in a stunning full-colour photo book. Contributors will receive a complimentary copy. For more details see the poster in the lobby.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MCC: Cycle for a cause – support MCC's health projects around the world through Cycle Clear Lake! Join us on Saturday, July 1 for a 34km trail ride in Riding Mountain National Park by coming for the day or camping for the weekend. Check out mccmb.ca/cycleclearlake for full event and registration information.

Mennonite Church Manitoba: MCM Mondays - April 17, 8:00 pm online. How is food insecurity being addressed in Manitoba? Hear Elim Mennonite's response to food insecurity in their community and how farmers are also stepping into the conversation. Conversation will be guided by Melanie Neufeld, Director of Mission Engagement. Find the Zoom link and future topics at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays

CMU: Canadian School of Peacebuilding: Registration is now open for courses taught by local, national, and international peacebuilders to serve practitioners, professionals, activists, students, non-governmental organizations, and faith-based groups. June 5-9; 12-16. Visit csop.cmu.ca.

Navigating Care Options Expo: Saturday April 15th. Hosted by WSC Services for Seniors, Buhler Active Living Centre and Alzheimer's Society. Learn about the Care Options available in the Pembina Valley as care needs increase for you or your family member. Presentations by Home Care, Salem Home and Silver Lining Care 9am – 12pm Registration required by Thursday April 6th (cost \$10 includes lunch). Information Booths are free to attend from 12 to 2pm. For more information or to register, call Winkler Senior Centre at 204-325-8964.

YFC: Thank you so much to everyone who donated baking to our first breakfast program at W.C. Miller. It was so good to be back at the school and connect with the kids again. This will be an ongoing program, so feel free to keep the baking coming. You are welcome to drop it off during the day (9-4) or in the evening during our drop in hours. Or you can text Kendra at 204 362 4072 to arrange a time. Thank you!



You are invited to a miscellaneous

WEDDING SHOWER

ABC basement on Thursday, April 20, at 7 pm

Couples are:

Josh Driedger and Rebecca Barber

Parents: Jason and Tammy Driedger and
Wendy and Brian Barber

Craig Neufeld and Courtney Gabrielle

Parents: Rick and Caroline Neufeld and
Rick and Wanda Gabrielle

Lucas Driedger and Kenna Traweek

Parents: Jason and Tammy Driedger and
Tim and Lisa Traweek
