

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA

Sunday, February 25, 2024 10:30 am
Second Sunday of Lent

"He said to them, 'It's written, My house will be called a house of prayer. But you've made it a hideout for crooks.'" Matthew 21:13

Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn Blessed Be Your Name

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Jesus, Be the Centre

Entering God's Story

Offering Oceans

Children's Story

Scripture Matthew 21:12-22

Sermon Jesus and the Temple; A Complicated Relationship

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn All Who Are Thirsty

Benediction

Hymn God of Wonders

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Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leading:** Melissa Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Worship Team **Children's Story:** Sharon Friesen

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FROM THE YOUTH: Julia Wiens

What is a favourite youth group memory?

Going bowling and mini golfing

Why is the church important to you?

The church has given me lots of opportunities to sing and speak in front of people and I really enjoy that. People have welcomed me into their music groups and have encouraged me to try worship leading and this has given me more confidence to do these things. I'm thankful for a place where I can try these things.

Tell us about one thing that you really enjoy doing, and why?

I really enjoy curling I'm a part of curling club every Monday and have my first competition on Feb. 25. I enjoy it because get to be a part of a team with some of my friends. We have curled together for 2 years and we have gotten better as a team. It's been a lot of fun.

Read any good books lately?

Recently I read The Cruel Prince series by Holly Black. I would definitely recommend it to people who love fantasy. I read a lot and it's always fantasy novels. I love the suspenseful plot points, and all the different creatures and characters in a world where anything can happen.

What is something you have accomplished that you are proud of?

I am in the Parkside play we are doing a version of Romeo and Juliet. I am playing the nurse who has quite a few lines and I'm proud that I got the role.

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During Lent we will be taking a magnifying glass to the final week of Jesus' life: What he did, what he taught, the controversies he was involved in, and the questions he was asked. Our hope is that by exploring Jesus' last week we will better understand what hangs in the balance of Jesus' life and death.

February 18: Jesus enters Jerusalem. Receiving ashes. Matthew 21:1-11.

Speaker: Mark

February 25: Jesus disrupts the temple. Matthew 21:12-17. Speaker: Mark

March 3: Jesus is questioned. Matthew 22:15-40. Speaker: Terrell

March 10: Bags of gold. Matthew 25:14-30. Speaker: Jason Driedger

March 17: The last supper. Matthew 26:17-30 (John 13:1-20). Speaker: Mark

March 24: Jesus in the garden. Matthew 21:31-56. Speaker: Terrell

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer and Praise:

We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:

Matthew Giesbrecht- Feb. 28, Sally Funk- March 1, Marv Falk- March 2

Hospitalized: Pete Heinrichs at the Altona Hospital.

Many of our youth along with leaders Terrell Wiebe and Tara Funke Friesen are away this weekend at the Mennonite Church Manitoba winter youth retreat at Camp Assiniboia. We invite your prayers for safety, fun, friendship, and growth.

This week at ABC:

Sun. Feb. 25 9:15-10:15: Sunday School for all ages

Sun. Feb. 25 lunch immediately after the service, followed by AGM at 12:30

Tue. Feb. 27 10:30: Coffee with the church staff.

Wed. Feb. 28 7:00 - 9:00: Combined youth movie night. Popcorn, drinks, snacks!

Wed. Feb. 28, 2 pm: Visitors tea

Wed. Feb. 28, 7:00-8:15: Ventures – MCC school kits

Thur. Feb. 29: 2 pm: Book study.

You are invited to stay for lunch today following the service. After lunch (around 12:30) we will begin the Annual General Meeting. Childcare will also be provided during the meeting. If you already have a copy, or prefer e-copies, please bring those along. Your Council looks forward to hearing your voice and sharing the exciting plans for 2024.

The church office will be closed on Friday March 1. Ang is away and Mark and Terrell will be taking time for professional development at the Mennonite Church Manitoba Leadership day. The bulletin will be printed on Thursday this week.

From Mark and Terrell: We are excited about baptism conversations. If you are interested in baptism, please be in touch with us so we can start talking. This invitation is for people of all ages and places in our journey with Christ.

Invitation to those using hearing aids that are connected to their mobile phones. Please visit the AV Tech desk at 10 am on Sunday morning or after the worship service and we'll be excited to help you connect to our AudioFetch sound system. The AudioFetch system will provide live sound during the service to your device and you can adjust the volume!

Camps with Meaning is compiling contact information of past summer and year round staff and committee members of Camps Assiniboia, Koinonia and Moose Lake. This information will be used to share information about the upcoming Camp Assiniboia 75th Anniversary and the Light the Fire Capital Campaign for Camps Assiniboia and Koinonia. If you would like to

be in the loop, please provide your mailing address and/or e mail address to Camp Rep Jason Driedger by March 11. Thank you! For more information: <https://campswithmeaning.org/event/8459-2024-06-21-camp-assiniboia-75th-anniversary-weekend>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many of the community announcements have posters in the lobby for more extensive information.

MCI presents *The Pirates of Penzance* – tickets are on sale now! Join us in Buhler Hall for this entertaining musical on March 7, 8, 9 nightly at 7:30 pm, and for a matinee at 2:00 pm on March 9. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.mciblues.net or by calling the school at (204) 327-5891 during school hours. **Join us for an MCI Open House!** We invite prospective students (gr. 5-8) to register and join us for an open house one hour before show times on March 8 (evening) and 9 (aft.). Prospective students who register will receive a free musical ticket and backstage pass! Call the school or email info@mciblues.net to register!

CMU Discover Day – Full- or half-day options available on March 8. Tour the CMU campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, learn about financial aid, ask questions, and have treats on us! cmu.ca/discover-days.

Prairie Singers invites you to the concert 'Song of the Universal', featuring Post Road Strings – a DKSM orchestra. Two concerts on Sat., March 9th, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm at the Winkler Emmanuel Church. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$5/student. Tickets may be purchased from choristers or at the door prior to the concert. For more information email theprairiesingers@gmail.com

YFC's Miss Mondays will be hosting a paint night with Cheryl Krahn! All girls ages 12 - 20 are welcome to attend. It will be held Monday March 11 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Make sure you let us know you're coming by March 8. You can text or call Kendra at 204-362 -4072, or email kendra.fehr@yfc.ca.

Mennonite Church Manitoba weekly congregational profile:

Matheson Island is a small fishing community on the west side of Lake Winnipeg. Mennonites began partnering in ministry with the Matheson Island community in 1948. This hard-working community continues to call us back into relationship and we are grateful for Altona Bergthaler Mennonite and Altona Mennonite's interest in working together to plan a children's day camp there this summer. Matheson folks are eager to help plan and contribute to these activities and we pray for a rebuilding of a transformative partnership. Let's pray for all in the community who are ill and fighting disease, and for the community to come together and have a renewed understanding of who God is in their midst.