

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA

Sunday, July 7, 2024, 10:30 am

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." Luke 6:21b

Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn How Great Thou Art (words in bulletin)

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn There's No One In This World Like Jesus
Invite the children to join (words in bulletin)

Entering God's Story

Offering

Scripture Jeremiah 1:9-10; 7:1-8, 20; 8:21-22; 33:11

Sermon The Judgement of God and the Tears of the
Blessed

Responding in Faith

Hymn Obey My Voice HWB 163

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Felix Culpa (words in bulletin)

Sermon: Terrell Wiebe **Worship Leading:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Music: ABC Ensemble

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Hymns will not be projected. You can find songs in the hymnbook or the bulletin. *Children's bulletins* are available in the foyer.

We are in the midst of sermon series on the biblical prophets called, "God's Spokespeople". In this series we'll be exploring the message of the prophets in their contexts and seek a prophetic imagination for our present time.

June 16. Micaiah son of Imlah and the role of prophets. Speaker: Virginia

June 23: Amos and the call to justice. Speaker: Mark

June 30: Hosea and the call to fidelity: Speaker: Mark

July 7: Babylon and the announcement of judgement: Speaker: Terrell

July 14: 2nd Isaiah and the announcement of comfort: Speaker: Virginia

July 21: Prophets after exile. Speaker: Mark

FROM THE YOUTH: Abby Rempel

What is a favourite youth group memory?

My favorite youth group memory is definitely the lock in. It's always a lot of fun hanging out with friends and getting to stay up later than normal. With a bunch of snacks and games it's the highlight of the youth year.

Why is the church important to you?

The church is important to me because it's like a big family devoted to loving and serving God. I feel safe asking questions to others, and there are so many people that I can rely on. Learning about God through scripture, sermon or song is why I think that the church is important to me.

What is one thing you really enjoy doing, and why?

I really love playing volleyball, and any sport in general. It makes me feel active and able to have fun. Volleyball is my favorite because most of my friends do it too and it's something that we can bond over. Sometimes I just like playing on my own outside, I don't need others to be around to play with me.

Is there someone you really look up to?

I would say the person or people I look up to most are my parents. They do a lot for me and my family and some that we don't really see. Especially my mom, she cooks, cleans and does so much more. I also look up to her empathy to me and also to others. For my dad I look up to his perseverance and how he keeps trying things.

Read any good books lately?

Well, I don't read lots of books but the one I'm working on now is called Ruler of Wolves. I like the books that were before this one more, but I like the series and characters.

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

I'm proud of my grades in school. Throughout the year I have been able to achieve and maintain grades over 95% which I have worked hard for.

What are your hopes for our church, the world, and for yourself?

My hope for the church is that we can continue to be a safe and inviting place for everyone and that we can make each other feel comfortable. My hope for the world is that we can protect the planet and keep each other safe. My hopes for myself are to go to college but past that I don't know what else I hope for.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER AND PRAISE:

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

Edith Friesen- July 7, John Kroeker- July 7, Erna Loeppky- July 9

Congratulations to *Rick and Carol Neufeld* on their 40-year wedding anniversary on July 7 and to *Ed and Wilma Martens* on their a 60-year wedding anniversary!

Congratulations to grandparents Carol and Ed Rempel! Casey Edwin was born on July 4 to Kevin and Karley Rempel.

Hospitalized: Shirley Shellenberg is at the Altona Health Centre.

International Witness: As Israel's war on Gaza enters its ninth month, Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network urges our continued prayer and solidarity. The PIN has updated its statement on Gaza, reflecting the strong messaging from Christian partners in the region and from the International Court of Justice that the war is genocidal in nature. As we hold our grief, perplexity, and anger before God, let us pray that we can also protest and act in ways consistent with God's vision for a just peace for all in this "holy" land. The PIN statement, along with resources for awareness, prayer, and action are available at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin>

THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Sun. July 7, 10:30: Church service.

Tue. July 9, 10:30 am: Coffee with the church staff.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sun, July 28, 9-10 am: Informal gathering with coffee in the church library (and possibly some sharing about Matheson Island by Mark and Terrell). *Sunflower festival worship service at 10:30 in the park.*

Sun. Sept. 8: Baptism.

Fri-Sat. Sept. 28-29: Church retreat at Camp Assiniboia.

Sun. Oct. 27: Brunch Church with David Scott.

Pastor Mark is on vacation and will return July 16. **Pastor Terrell** will be on vacation from July 8 to July 15.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Camps with meaning: Needs for these dates: ASSINIBOIA: July 21-26 female 18+ counsellor, July 28-Aug 02 Kitchen, Aug 5-9 Camp Pastor, Maintenance, Kitchen, Aug 11-16 Camp Pastor, Kitchen.

KOINONIA: Aug18-23 Maintenance, Lifeguard. Contact the office at 204-895-2267 or visit www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

Anabaptist Community Bible: Watch the making of this bible and what it all contains <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWf3HifsFY>



HOW GREAT THOU ART

(1) O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

(Chorus) Then sings my soul, my saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art!

(2) When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

(3) And when I think that God, His son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin,

(4) When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

THERE'S NO ONE IN THIS WORLD LIKE JESUS

(vs) There's no one in this world like Jesus,
there's no one in this world like him.
There's no one in this world like Jesus,
there's no one there's no one like him.

(Chorus) I'm running, running, searching, searching.
I'm turning, turning, searching, searching.
I'm searching, searching everywhere.
There's no one there's no one like him.

FELIX CULPA

He who watches over you, will never slumber nor sleep. (repeat)
Oh my child, lay your burdens down. Lay them at my feet.
He who watches over you, will never slumber nor sleep.