

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA

Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:30 am

"Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come!" - Amos 6:1

Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn Come, We That Love - VT 31

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn God is Here Among Us - VT 62

Entering God's Story

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture Amos 2:6-7, 4:1-5, 5:10-15, 21-24, 7:7-9

Sermon Amos, a Dangerous Guest Preacher

Responding in Faith

Hymn Sing a New World into Being – VT 809

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness - VT 419

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Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leading:** Terrell Wiebe

Music: Tena Giesbrecht

Children's Story: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

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 PASTOR: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

In these summer months when schedules are all over the place, and holidays and trips can take us in different directions I was trying to think of a way of gathering outside of Sunday mornings that would be invitational with minimal preparations. And I thought of the idea of movie and discussion gatherings. I always like talking about recent movies that I have seen and hearing other's perspectives. If it is an interesting movie, it might offer us challenges or things to ponder. And we have had such good discussions in our book study groups, this just offers us a different starting point for the conversation, without having to do any homework or preparations.

I have curated a list of a few movies that I think would be interesting to watch and then discuss. These are movies that cover a range of genres and topics, from the recent award winning movie "Women Talking" to a cartoon about predestination and others. But I would like to know if others are interested in joining me. This is something that could be done at church, in the basement or south wing, or in someone's house if someone wants to host. This would be open to all ages including youth and children if deemed appropriate by parents. This is not meant to be a every week thing, but a few times throughout the summer.

Let me know if you are interested, and if we have a few people, we will plan something and let the rest of the congregation know and anyone would be welcome if the time worked.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER AND PRAISE:

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

Gert Hildebrand- June 25, Edna Martens- June 26,

Phyllis Friesen- June 27, Myra Falk- June 28

Hospitalized: Shirley Shellenberg is at the Altona Health Centre

International Witness: Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers will be meeting with Mennonite Mission Network (MCUSA) workers for a joint retreat in Thailand, July 8-12. This is the first retreat since 2017.

Pray that it will be a time of renewal and revisioning, a time of listening and healing, a time of prayer and recommitment to the paths they walk as they follow Jesus.

THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Sun. June 23, 10:30: Church service

Tue. June 25, 10:30 am: Coffee with the church staff.

Wed. June 26, 6:30 pm: Matheson Island staff orientation meeting

Pastor Virginia is taking the weekend off. She will be back in the off on Tuesday June 25

A **few lawn chairs** were left behind from last week's Church picnic. They are in the sanctuary foyer.

Summer vacations and staff hours: During July and August, *Ang will not be in the office on Wednesdays. Her office hours will be Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am – noon.*

The Pastors have scheduled the following days as vacation time and may take some additional days off throughout the summer:

Mark will be on vacation from July 4-15.

Terrell will be on vacation from July 8-16, July 29 – Aug. 11 and Aug.19 -25

Virginia will be on vacation from August 24-August 31.

Mark and Terrell will be away at Matheson Island from July 22-26.

Save the Date: September 28-29. ABC retreat at Camp Assiniboia.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MCC: Join us in caring for God's Creation – [MCC Thrift's Zero Waste Challenge](#) is a great place to start! Learn all about going zero-waste and **challenge yourself to reduce your waste this week.** Even the smallest change goes a long way towards reducing our waste and helping the planet. mccthrift.com/zerowaste

Mennonite Church Manitoba weekly congregational profile:

Steinbach Mennonite Church has been faithfully following Christ for over 80 years. From building to building they have experienced growth and decline as they developed new programs and endured disappointments. Recently the congregation has moved from their large facility on Loewen Blvd. to a smaller place on Lumber Ave., in the middle of Steinbach, and are presently experiencing a greater sense of togetherness and more vibrant singing. Pray that during this time of settling into their new building and interim pastoral leadership they will continue to meet the needs of the families and seniors that attend.

Camps with Meaning needs you! Specific asks include 17+ yr old lifeguards (July 7-12, July 21-26 and August 18-23 at Koinonia) and Kitchen Help (July 7-12 and July 28-August 2 at Koinonia, June 30-July 4, August 5-9 and August 11-16 at Camp Assiniboia www.campswithmeaning.org/staff. We are grateful to our community for the way you support camping ministry!

Secret Treaty Tour and Book Launch. June 29. Neuberghal Commons. Sharing stories of the West Reserve before Mennonite Settlement and first encounters between Ojibway and latecomers. How do we forge a different way of sharing this land? Info and registration at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcis.