

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of
ALTONA

Sunday, March 24, 2024 10:30 am
Sixth Sunday of Lent

"Then he said to them, 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.'"
Matthew 26:38

Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn Come We That Love the Lord VT 31

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn We Are Often Tossed and Driven VT 311

Entering God's Story

Offering Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VT 313

Children's Story

Scripture Matthew 26:36-46

Sermon Grieving Like Jesus

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow VT 318

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Oh How Shall I Receive Thee VT 215

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Sermon: Terrell Wiebe **Worship Leading:** Grace Harms

Music: Glenys Voth and Lorraine Hamm

Children's Story: Josh Neufeld

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FROM THE YOUTH: Dawson Wiens

What is a favourite youth group memory?

The youth retreat to Alberta two summers ago is for sure my favourite. It was my first time in the mountains and I enjoyed the hikes.

Why is the church important to you?

I would say that it gets me thinking about my faith, and what being a Christian means to me.

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

Sports is the first thing that comes to my mind. Hockey and disc golf are things I am really passionate about and spend a lot of time doing.

Read any good books lately?

I'm currently in the process of reading the second book in the Obsidian trilogy. It's a fantasy series by Mercedes Lackey and James Mallory.

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

Last hockey season I lead my team in points. We finished at 1st place in the regular season and went all the way to the championship series.

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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.

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

Speaker Mark

Feb. 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

March 29: 10:30 am. Good Friday worship service with Communion

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer and Praise:

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

Craig Neufeld- March 28, Larry Tryon- March 30, Penny Wahl- March 30

Hospitalized: Pete Heinrichs at the Altona Health Centre.

This week at ABC:

Sun. Mar. 24, No Sunday School for ages 3-grade 12 – enjoy your spring break! **Adult Sunday school,** 9:15-10:15: in the church basement.

Sun. Mar. 24, 3 pm, SMCS concert at ABC

Tue. Mar 26, 10:30: Coffee with the church staff.

Wed. Mar. 27 - Grade 7-12 youth event . More details to come.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Labyrinth on Maundy Thursday (March 28) from 6:30pm-8pm (show up anytime during this time) at The Community Exchange. This is one way that Altona Mennonite Church is commemorating Christ's death and they have invited other churches to participate as well. Walking a Labyrinth is a method of prayer and for this occasion it is a way to enter the story of Christ's passion.

At our recent AGM, we committed that prior to the acceptance of an offer related to the sale of the surplus, the details would be shared at a special congregational meeting. An offer has been presented by our realtor, that we feel confident in bringing forward to you. Based on our current practice of a two week notice for a special congregational meeting, it is our intent to proceed with a congregational meeting for *April 7*, immediately following the morning worship service.

Save the Date: May 5 is Brunch Church. It's now officially a tradition, the first Sunday of May is Brunch Church. Stay tuned for more info.

Ventures during Spring Break: Noah and Joanna Ginter will be hosting a Tamiya Race night for all Ventures Families during spring break on Wednesday March 27th from 7-9. The Tamiya cars built by the kids last week will be available to race and have fun with. **Also, the Ventures kids** will be having a **bookmark sale Sunday, March 31,** at 9:15 (before Easter breakfast) and after the worship service. These bookmarks are being sold to raise money for the MCC school kits. We made a total of 60 kits and Heidi dropped off the kits this week. She was told that a large order came in for kits to be sent to Syria and the Ukraine. The MCC staff were extremely grateful for the large amount of kits we were able to provide.

Camp sponsorship for campers or staff application deadline April 30, 2024.

On Easter Sunday, we will have a potluck breakfast beginning at 9:15. Please bring continental breakfast food to share. Cheese and beverages will be provided. Note: this is not a brunch church. We will have our worship service in the sanctuary at 10:30.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MCM: Light the Fire Launch Party. Your Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign is launching on April 14, 2024, 7 pm, at Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum. Music by Steve Bell, Bucky Driedger, Mike Wiebe and Alisa Wiebe, and more. Appetizers, visiting, news, and of course an invitation to think about how you will light the fire (support the campaign). Sign up for free tickets and more info on the project at www.lightthefire.ca

Southern Manitoba Choral Society: Prairie to Sea Melodies, Sunday, March 24 at 3 pm. at ABC.

MCI: After the success of our Youth Orbit conference in January, we are pleased to offer a single-day event, *Encounter*, on April 6th from 1-8:00 pm at Mennonite Collegiate Institute! This youth conference is for gr. 7-12 students. There will be powerful speakers and worship, games, great food and the best people. All the goodness of Youth Orbit condensed into a single day! Cost is \$35/person (\$30/person for groups of 6 or more!). For more information or to register, visit mciblues.net/youth-orbit/. *MCI also* invites applications for a full-time Principal with a strong record of leadership in educational administration. A 9-12 high school, MCI emphasizes strong academics, offers excellent fine arts and athletics opportunities, and fosters a unique student community through a dormitory program. The successful applicant will demonstrate a passion for renewing and strengthening the mission of MCI, building on the work done by our current interim leadership. For further information, contact Board Chair, Jonathan Regehr at jonathanregehr@mciblues.net or visit <https://mciblues.net>.

Mennonite Church Manitoba Weekly Congregational Profile:

Saint Julian's Table is a new church in Beausejour that started at the beginning of the pandemic. This means they have always been a mixed online and in-person gathering. Their physical gathering recently moved out of an Anglican sanctuary in Beausejour to a gathering space at Ploughshares Community Farm. Saint Julian's Table attracts folks who have deep connections to Christ and the Church, but who have moved to the edges, and even the edges of the edges of the churches we grew up in. Pray for Saint Julian's Table as they seek to be a worshipping, caring community in the Christ we meet on the margins, whose table is wide.