

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of
ALTONA

Sunday, March 31, 2024 10:30 am
Easter Sunday

"But the angel said to the women, 'Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.'" Matthew 28:5
"Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4

Gathering and Praise

Solo O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing
Call to Worship and Prayer
Hymn Low in the Grave He Lay VT 333
Oh, Que Bueno Es Jesus VT 351

Entering God's Story

Offering
Children's Story
Solo Thanks Be To Thee
Scripture Matthew 28:1-10, Romans 6:1-11
Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today VT 346
Sermon The Crucified One is the Risen One

Affirming Our Faith

Hymn In Christ Alone (vs 1,3,4)
Prayer for the Church and the World
Benediction
Hymn Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain VT 348

Sermon: Mark Tiessen-Dyck **Worship Leading:** Amanda Wiens
Music: Hilda Franz and Andrew Richert
Children's Story: Terrell Wiebe

FROM THE YOUTH: Morley Wahl

What is a favourite youth group memory?

I really enjoyed the lock in.

Why is the church important to you?

It helps me understand the Bible and gives me more knowledge of it.

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

I enjoy making music because it's fun and brings some people joy.

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Over the next few weeks our worship series will explore the question: Christ is Risen, so what? This is an opportunity to delve into what the resurrection of Jesus means for our lives, for the church, and for the world.

April 7. Speaker: Rick Neufeld

April 14. Speaker: Virginia

April 21: Speaker: Mark

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer and Praise:

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

Ed Doell- Mar. 31, Stephanie Friesen- Mar. 31, Maida Richert- Mar. 31,
Rick Neufeld- Apr. 1, Clara Kehler- Apr. 3, Andrew Richert- Apr. 3,
Lori Driedger- Apr. 5

Congratulations to Laurie and James Enns on a momentous 40-year wedding anniversary on March 31!

Hospitalized: Pete Heinrichs at the Altona Health Centre.

We express our sincere thanks for your all who thought of, prayed for and expressed care and kindness to us during Ben's prolonged illness. Each word, gesture and hug was deeply appreciated. Special thanks, in particular, to those who graced Ben's life with calls and visits. It was also a great gift to have you join us for his celebration of life service on Feb. 24. Much appreciation to those who participated in the service in any way. You helped to make it a rich, memorable day, whether it was in the program, sound booth, ushering or food services. THANK YOU! – Hilda Franz.

International Witness: Watch for opportunities to meet MC Canada Witness worker, Tom Poovong together with Thai colleagues, Pastor Khamphan and Pastor Thipphawan in ON MB, SK and AB during the month of April. Pray for the relationships being built and connections made in this travel. Contact your regional church for more details. View greetings from PastorKhamphan:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DjFC7y1UGA7YXB9VC9u80YeAwbOON9Uo/view?usp=sharing>

This week at ABC:

Sun. Mar. 31, No Sunday School.

Sun. Mar. 31, 9:15 am Potluck breakfast. Ventures bookmarks for sale.

Tue. Apr. 2, 10:30 am: Coffee with the church staff.

Tue. Apr. 2, 7-9 pm: Senior Youth - Worship and Art night

Wed. Apr. 3, 7-9 pm: Junior Youth - Game Show Night

The bookmarks made by the Ventures kids will be sold 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.

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.

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

At our recent AGM, we committed that prior to the acceptance of an offer related to the sale of the surplus land, 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MCC: Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen! As you celebrate Jesus' resurrection, know that you are doing so in a global community with MCC and other churches. We are so grateful for you, and all of our precious gifts, the greatest of which being our new life in Christ.

CMU: Germinating Conversations: Sustainable Food Production – CMU invites you to join Dr. Mario Tenuta and three farmer respondents in a conversation on soil, fertilizer, greenhouse gases, and climate change on Fri, Apr. 5 at 7 p, in CMU's Great Hall. Presented by CMU, MCC, Foodgrains Bank, and A Rocha Canada. Visit cmu.ca/events.

MCI: We are pleased to offer a single-day event, *Encounter*, on Apr. 6 from 1-8 pm at MCI! 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 FT Principal with a strong record of leadership in educational administration. 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 <http://mciblues.net>.

Community Orchard Project: Concert in support of the Community Orchard, which will be planted just north of the Community Garden. The event is being held by the Altona Community Action Network (ACAN) from 6-10 p.m. on Sat. April 13 at the Community Exchange. This will be an evening of music & community, featuring local musicians including Paul Bergman, Dejavu, Liam Martin & The Sixagons. There will be refreshments & snacks to keep you smiling all evening long. And it will be a great opportunity for attendees to learn more about the Community Orchard Project.