

# BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA

Sunday, May 12, 2024 10:30 am

*"In your anger do not sin': Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold".*

*Ephesians 4:26-27*

## Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn Let's Walk Together VT 6

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn We Praise Thee, O God VT 91

## Entering God's Story

Offering

Children's Story

Scripture 1 Kings 21:1-22

Sermon Being Righteous Through Our Anger

## Responding in Faith

Hymn My Soul Cries Out VT 412

ABC Conversations with Trevor Friesen-Stoesz

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Go, My Children VT 830

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

**Music:** ABC Ensemble **Children's Story:** Amanda Wiens

This Sunday we are beginning a worship series about emotions. We'll be reflecting on the emotions of God and exploring our own emotions from a theological perspective. What do our emotions reveal about ourselves? How do we express emotions faithfully? How do our emotions bring us closer to God or farther from God? This sermon series arises from some fruitful conversations about emotions that took place at youth.

May 12: Anger (rage, hatred, frustration, jealousy). Speaker: Mark

May 19: Sorrow (sadness, heartache, grief, hopelessness). Speaker: Mark

May 26 (Communion): Compassion (empathy, mercy, pity, tender-heartedness). Speaker: Virginia

June 2: Fear (worry, uncertainty, apprehension, anxiety). Speaker: Terrell

June 9 (church picnic): Joy (happiness, bliss, delight, wonder)

## FROM THE PASTOR: Terrell Wiebe

In February of 2023 our congregation had a *Why I love our church* board at the back of the sanctuary. At the time, I had only been serving here a month and found it difficult to express anything after such a short period. Instead, I decided to allow myself more time and then share with each of you why I love our church. In addition, a few weeks ago I said in a previous "From the Pastor" that our family has found true belonging at ABC. Below is an expression of what I love about ABC and why we feel like we belong here.

- I love the mix of songs we sing. Older hymns, newer hymns, contemporary worship. It is a musical smorgasbord that reminds Janna and me of the congregations we came to faith in.
- I love our congregation because we are willing to step out into the unknown and try something new. The engagement and response from the blanket exercise last fall was particularly moving.
- I love our youth! They are thoughtful, faithful, compassionate and funny. Best of all, we share the important love language of making fun of each other.
- I love this church because of the intergenerational interaction that is present in places like music groups or even just in the visiting after the service.
- I love the excellent staff of ABC and the team atmosphere that exists.
- I love that our family feels welcome to navigate parenting and family life within this faith community. We have felt only encouragement and love, and no shame or judgement as young families can often feel in church settings.
- I love how many people stay long after the service is done just to visit.
- I love South Wing! I try to say a prayer of thanks every time I walk into that amazing facility.
- I love the desire to share our space with the community. Seeing diverse groups using our building is a reminder to me of how we can bless those around us.

Thanks to each of you for extending welcome and acceptance to our family. May we all strive to continue fostering a place of belonging, that all might feel welcome here.

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE:**

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

Caroline Neufeld- May 14, George Giesbrecht- May 14,

Rudy Martens- May 17

**Hospitalized:** Pete Heinrichs at the Altona Health Centre.

**Lena Hoffman** from our church family passed away May 9. We are invited to join in gratitude for her life and to remember her family in our prayers.

**International Witness:** The genocidal war and hunger crisis in Gaza, along with increased violence in the West Bank, have wrought unprecedented suffering to the people of the region, including our Palestinian Christian siblings in faith. Despite the crisis, MC Canada partner Bethlehem Bible College will host its biennial Christ at the Checkpoint Conference in Bethlehem, May 21-26, bringing people from around the world to consider the theme "Do Justice, Love Mercy: Christian Witness in Contexts of Oppression." Please pray that the peace witness of this conference, and of Palestinian Christians in general, may shine light into dark times.

### **THIS WEEK AT ABC:**

**Sun. May 12, 9:15:** Sunday School for all ages.

**Tue. May 14, 10:30 am:** Coffee with the church staff.

**Wed. May 15, 7- 8:30** Jr Youth. Boys are meeting at the church. Girls are meeting at the home of Stephanie Friesen (6050 Hwy 30 South).

**Thur. May 16, 7- 8:30** Sr. Youth. Board games and nachos!

**Serving at Eastview and Gardens on Tenth this morning:** Virginia Gerbrandt Richert, Joyce Falk, Elfreida Teichbroeb, Verna Heinrichs, and Hilda Klassen.

**Thanks everyone** for your understanding regarding the last minute change to our Brunch Church event. It is much appreciated. David Scott remains in the hospital but is doing better and is still eager to come and speak to our church. We are hoping to have a Brunch Church event with David in the fall. **A huge thank** you to all who attended and gave to the Matheson Island Camp fundraiser this past Sunday. We were blown away by the number of people who came and the \$10,526 that was given in support. This enables us to make some additional purchases this year to help set us up for the future of camp and allows us to work towards camp in future years. Thank you to the youth who served, parent volunteers, and the vital church volunteers who gave graciously

of their time and knowledge. Look for future updates and volunteer opportunities as camp draws closer.

**Rejoice:** If you would like to renew or receive the "Rejoice" magazine, please contact Ang at the office. The deadline for this subscription is June 4. The cost is \$54.72.

**The church contact list** that will be printed for the congregation, is being updated. Any changes can be brought to Ang at the office.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Volunteers needed** at the Care Home: 1) Reading, playing games, helping with activities, or courtyard garden work, 2) Music (individuals or groups) for programs, or to help with devotions. Criminal record checks may be needed. For more details, or to volunteer, call Recreation at Eastview, 204.324.2375.

**MCM:** Activ8 is a brand new 8-month program for young adults that combines participation in a learning community, engagement in a service experience and the freedom to stay at home, work and save for future study. Starts Sept. 2024. Now accepting applicants. Go to [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/activ8](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/activ8) and check it out. This pilot program is a partnership between MCM and Peace& Justice Initiatives.

**CommonWord:** The Anabaptist Community Bible is now available for preorders featuring commentary from 60 Anabaptist scholars, biblical insights from 16th-century Anabaptists, and marginal notes from nearly 600 study groups from Anabaptists around the globe. The Anabaptist Community Bible uses the Common English Bible (CEB) translation.

**Mennonite Church Manitoba weekly congregational profile:** Sterling Mennonite Fellowship exists to be a Christ-centered body in their community of St. Vital. They seek to study and obey the Word of God while being and making disciples of Christ. They express their faithfulness to God by worshiping together, supporting each other in fellowship, and engaging in outreach and service to those in need spiritually and physically. Please pray that God would continue to guide them in decision making and that they would lean on the leading of the Holy Spirit as they discern their future together. Please also pray for all the leaders, volunteers, and kids who will be part of their VBS and Cross Lake programs this July.