

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH OF ALTONA

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 9:15 am

Brunch Church with Altona Mennonite Church

A tentative schedule:

9:15 – Brunch is served.

9:15-10:15 – Visiting, eating, and drinking coffee.

10:15 – Update on Matheson Island summer camp.

10:30 – Worship.

10:45 – Sharing by David Scott.

Closing prayer and blessing.

Our brunch is a fundraiser for the children's Bible camp that our youth group will be leading at Matheson Island. Cheques can be made out to the church. E-transfers can be sent to treasurer@abchurch.ca. Cheques and e-transfers should be designated "Matheson Island".

We extend our welcome and gratitude to David Scott for joining our Brunch Church and sharing his knowledge and wisdom with us!



Art: Jonathan Dyck from "The Secret Treaty" by David Scott

There is no live streaming available for this service, however a recording of the service will be made available later.

Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Altona

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FROM THE YOUTH: Shelby Penner

What is a favourite youth group memory?

My favourite youth group memory has to be either the lock-in or making soda stream pancakes a few years ago.

Why is the church important to you?

Church is important to me because it gives me the opportunity to connect with people I would never otherwise and also, it's a place to worship and learn more about God, which I love.

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

This may sound ridiculous to some, but I really enjoy doing chores and working outside. I enjoy spending time in creation but also a lot of the time I'm alone, so it gives me a chance to get away from whatever's going on that day.

Is there someone you really look up to?

I really look up to my dad.

Read any good books lately?

I just finished reading the soul surfer book for the second time which is really good, and I've been really enjoying Brandon Lake recently.

Next 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: 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)

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER AND PRAISE:

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

Ben Rempel- May 5, Wilf Hiebert- May 7, Jake Sawatzky- May 7,
Ann Enns- May 8, Nick Rempel- May 8,
Anne Giesbrecht- May 10, Lydia Klassen- May 11

Hospitalized: Pete Heinrichs and Jake Sawatzky at the Altona Health Centre.

Our love and sympathy goes to Imy and Larry Rempel at the passing of Imy's mom, Marlene Plett, who died on May 2.

International Witness: Thai pastors Khamphan and Thippawan will return home April 29 after travelling in Canada with colleague, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker, Tom Poovong. Praise God for the rich time of sharing with Canadian pastors and congregations arranged by regional churches. Pray that relationships built will draw people together as they follow Jesus in Canada and in Thailand.

THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Sun. May 5, 9:15: Brunch Church. *No Sunday School.*

Tue. May 7, 10:30 am: Coffee with the church staff.

Wed. May 8, 7-9, Combined youth (gr. 7-12). We will be collecting goods for the Rhineland Area Foodbank. Drop off at church. Pick up at YFC.

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

Hockey Lunch with the pastor: Since you can't invite me for Jets games anymore, I'm open to other types of invites. Lunch would be great – Mark TD.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The "Altona Palliative Volunteer Team" is a team of trained volunteers whose goal is to assist Individuals and families who are experiencing end-of-life issues in our community. Funds to support this volunteer team come solely from community donations. The team will be fundraising for donations in the Altona mall May 6 and 10, during "National Palliative Care Week". The donation assistance is appreciated!

MCC: Spend a day on the green in support of MCC's international disaster relief! Join us for MCC Manitoba's golf tournament on Thursday, July 4 at Bridges Golf Course. Enjoy our Texas Scramble tournament with on-course challenges, with a BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Register at mcc.org/Manitoba/golf

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 and check it out. This pilot program is a partnership between MCM and Peace& Justice Initiatives.

Camps with Meaning: Leadership Training is starting at camp this weekend... we still need: Volunteer health officers, kitchen staff, and maintenance Summer 2024. Consider giving a week or more to make a difference with our camping ministry. www.campswithmeaning.org/staff

CommonWord: The Anabaptist Community Bible is now available for preorders. Celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism with the Anabaptist Community Bible. This study Bible features 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.

Spring Food Drive: Wednesday May 8, 7-8:30 for the Rhineland Area Food Bank. Youth groups will be picking up non-perishable food items in Altona, Gretna and surrounding areas. Please have all items placed outside your front door.

Mennonite Church Manitoba weekly congregational profile: Whitewater Mennonite Church is committed to loving and serving each other and the wider community of Boissevain. Many members are involved with local projects including the food pantry, the refugee resettlement committee, [Prairie Partners](#), and the Boissevain youth group. Whitewater is also very passionate about Camps with Meaning and Camp Koinonia. A highlight for the church is sharing summer worship services with Koinonia summer staff. With a yearning to connect on deeper levels, the congregation has been focusing on fellowship times together, including dedicated Sunday morning coffee times, as well as bowling and pizza parties outside of the Sunday morning worship. This once full church is now a smaller congregation, and they would appreciate prayers of peace and wisdom as they discuss who they are now and where God is leading them.