

# BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA

Sunday, September 1, 2024, 10:30 am

*But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20*

## Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn Praise The Lord, Sing Hallelujah HWB 50

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Let Justice Flow STJ 65

## Entering God's Story

Offering Take My Life And Let It Be HWB 389

Scripture Philippians 3:17-21

Sermon Citizens of Heaven

## Responding in Faith

Hymn For We Are Strangers No More HWB 322

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn We Will Walk With God STJ 78

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**Sermon:** Terrell Wiebe **Worship Leading:** Janna Wiebe

**Music:** Hilda Franz

*Hymns* will not be projected. You can find songs in the hymnbook or the bulletin. *Children's bulletins* are available in the foyer.

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**We are concluding a 5-week series** called Identity, Purpose, Baptism: Finding Our Place in God's Story. We will explore various call and identity forming passages from the Bible in preparation for our Baptism service on Sept 8.

August 4. Esther 4:1-17. Speaker: Virginia

August 11. Luke 4:1-13. Speaker: Virginia

August 18. 1 Samuel 3. Speaker: Mark

August 25. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. Speaker: Mark

September 1. Philippians 3:17-22. Speaker: Terrell

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER AND PRAISE:

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

Anne Kehler- Sept. 1, Gerald Voth- Sept. 2, Gail Braun- Sept. 5,

Ken Penner- Sept. 5, Irene Friesen- Sept. 6, Larry Friesen- Sept. 7

**Hospitalized:** Mary Dyck is in the Altona Health Centre

### THIS WEEK AT ABC:

**Sun. Sept. 1, 10:30 am:** Worship service

**Tue. Sept. 3, 10:30 am:** Coffee with the Church staff

**Clara Kehler** has moved to Rosewood, room 218 at Eastview Place.

**Congratulations** to Tim and Denise Fast for the arrival of a grandson.

Matthew and Lexie Fast had a baby boy. Dane Michael was born on August 17.

**On Sunday, September 8, we will be celebrating baptism.** We will be baptizing and welcoming into church membership five individuals: Abby Rempel, Esme Ginter, Jacob Friesen-Stoesz, Shelby Penner, and Nick Rempel. We will have a worship service in our sanctuary, followed by baptisms on the church lawn (weather permitting), and a potluck lunch. Please plan to join us for this most holy and joyful day in the life of our church community. **Potluck instructions:** We are expecting lots of visitors and would like our potluck table to be an illustration of the abundance of God's goodness and love. We are encouraging people to bring generous sized casseroles or large salads to share. (Dessert will be provided).

**ABC goes to Camp! September 28-29.** The date has been set for a while, now we need to start making concrete plans and know how many people are coming! The cost for overnight and meals is \$100 for adults and \$60 for children 11 and under (4 and under free). This includes the use of the camp and most activities. People can also come out for worship and the day on Sunday, the cost for Sunday is \$30 and includes lunch. We need to know who is coming for the night and payment by **Fri. Sept 6.** Those just coming for Sunday have an extra week to decide. Having a retreat costs money—for some it is not a burden, for others it impacts their decision more. We have some funds to help those who need it and we are also looking at ways of cost sharing. If you are interested in helping reduce the cost for others, be in touch with one of the pastors.

**Staff Summer Vacations:** Pastor Virginia will be on vacation from Aug. 24-Sept. 1. Pastor Mark will be taking some time off Aug. 29-Sept. 1.