

BERGTHALER MENNONITE CHURCH of ALTONA

Sunday, September 29, 2024, 10:30 am

The proverbs of Solomon, King David's son, from Israel: Their purpose is to teach wisdom and discipline, to help one understand wise sayings. They provide insightful instruction, which is righteous, just, and full of integrity.... The fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 1:1-3, 7a

Gathering and Praise

Announcements

Hymn SummoneD By The God Who Made Us VT 1

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn God Who Stretched The Spangled Heaven VT 529

Entering God's Story

Offering

Time with Children

Scripture Proverbs 1:1-7, Hebrews 10:23-25

Sermon Practicing Our Faith

Responding in Faith

Hymn O Little Children, Gather VT 515

Prayer for the Church and the World

Benediction

Hymn Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song VT 581

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Sermon: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

Worship Leading: James Friesen

Music: Flying Free **Children's Story:** Sharon Friesen

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We are in the midst of a 5-week sermon series called, *"Realities for the Church to grapple with"*. This series will help us to name and explore realities that impact the Church and everyone who is part of the Church while calling us to be a community where we all grow together as Jesus' disciples.

Sept. 22 (Communion): People have different spiritual styles or languages. Speaker: Mark

Sept. 29. Faith formation is a lifelong process. Speaker: Virginia

Oct. 6. Church can be a difficult place for men. Speaker: Mark

Oct. 13. 95% of your life is outside church. Speaker: Mark

Oct. 20. We live in a secular age. Speaker: Terrell

Oct. 27. Brunch Church with David Scott

FROM THE YOUTH: Sophia Friesen-Stoesz

What did you get up to this summer?

I went camping and went to camp Assiniboia.

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

I really enjoy swimming.

Why is the church important to you?

I appreciate the people there.

Is there someone you really look up to?

I look up to my parents.

Read any good books lately? Listened to any good music lately?

I like listening to Taylor Swift and enjoy reading the Hunger Games series.

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

I completed the final level of swimming lessons which means I can take bronze medallion next year.

What are your hopes for the world?

I hope for a world where people are kinder to each other.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER AND PRAISE:

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

Marge Loeppky- Sept. 29, Sara Stoesz- Sept. 30, Riana Voth- Oct. 2,
Leah Tiessen-Dyck- Oct. 2, Rachel Wahl- Oct. 4, Elvira Friesen- Oct. 5

Hospitalized: Doreen Sawatzky and Helen (Hugo) Voth at the Altona Health Centre. Sally Funk is at Boundary Trails Health Centre.

At Eastview Personal Care Home: Tina Braun, Katherine Friesen, Alvin Kehler, Clara Kehler, Anne Kehler, Gladys Hildebrand, Hilda Klassen, Katie Krahn, Nettie Neufeld, Carol Sawatzky, Helen Schulz, and Sara Stoesz,

At The Gardens Apartments: Elsie Heide, and Ken Penner.

At Red River Valley in Morris: Mary Sawatsky

At Salem in Winkler: Helen Thiessen

At Lindenwood Terrace in Winnipeg: Gert Kehler

Indigenous Relations: Pray for the participants travelling and gathering in Billings, MT, Oct. 8-11, for a Native Mennonite Ministries Assembly. Pray for Norman Meade, who along with Neill and Edith Von Gunten, will be leading a session on the Seven Sacred Teachings. NMM is working to rebuild bi-national relations after a number of years when NMM had not been meeting, so they can be an encouragement for Indigenous Anabaptist believers.

THIS WEEK AT ABC:

Sun. Sept. 29, 9:15 am: Sunday School for all ages

Sun. Sept. 29, 10:30 am: Worship service

Tue. Oct. 1, 10:30 am: Coffee with the Church staff

Wed. Oct. 2, 7-8:15: Ventures registration and kick-off!

Wed. Oct. 2, 7:00-9:00: Youth (Gr.7-12) We will be collecting goods for the Rhineland food bank around town. Drop off at Church and pick up at YFC. Come dressed to be outdoors. See you there!

Thur. Oct 3, 2pm: Book study, library at Gardens on Tenth

Library: New books have arrived. Come check out the library.

You may have heard that our church was vandalized last weekend as two large windows on the north side of the sanctuary were broken. We have reported the incident to Altona Police Service and begun the process to replace the windows (which will probably involve 6-8 weeks). As some of you noted, we also feel violated by the event, along with a sense of frustration and disappointed, knowing that the funds of the repair which will approach \$4500 could have been put to much better

use in our church and our outreach partners. If you have any questions, please reach out to Elmer, Laurie or Al.

A special thanks to Kristin Falk, who has served on our behalf as ABC board member for MCI for the past 7 years. Earlier this year, Kristin completed her term and attended her last meeting this month. Kristin's term of service included addressing some challenging circumstances, and ABC Council is appreciative of her dedication to private Christian education as our representative. If you share this passion, ABC Council would encourage you to speak with any member of council, or with Kristin. ABC is a founding (and funding) member of MCI, and as such has a position on the MCI Board. Thanks for your consideration.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. On September 30, we pause to acknowledge the harms of the past and present and to declare our hopes for the future as Indigenous and settler peoples together. Take time to participate in an Orange Shirt Day event near you, and let's keep working to strengthen our treaty relationships.

CMU: Xplore – "Wisdom, Tension and Conflict in the Gospel of John", "Dreams and Dreaming", and "Exploring our Relationship with Grief " are some of the fall courses offered through CMU's Xplore extended education program. Classes begin October 1; for course information and to register, visit cmu.ca/xplore. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from the community.

MCM: 75 Years of Song: Camps with Meaning Celebration Banquets. Join Paul Dueck and other camp staff in singing the songs of 1949 - 2024, enjoying a delicious supper, celebrating summer 2024, and supporting kids in coming to camp. Contact the camp office or go online to register your free seat. Nov 2 - Winkler; Nov 3 - Winnipeg. www.campswithmeaning.org/events

Mennonite Church Manitoba – Pray for our congregations: Pray for Our Congregations: Douglas Mennonite Church. Pray for God's Spirit guiding DMC and the interim pastors, Paul Walker and Kara Friesen, as DMC moves through a season of transition into a season of transformation. We hope for open hearts and open hands as we process significant changes within the church community. We ask for eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit has for Douglas.

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER 2024

Rhineland Area Food Bank

Youth will be collecting groceries and cash donations door-to-door on Wednesday, October 2 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. *Double check your items for the expiry date.*

Rhineland Area Food Bank Ten Most Needed

Items

Canned vegetables

Canned meat and fish

Canned soups: vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato

Canned fruit

Canned beans in tomato sauce

Pasta, Kraft dinner, Mr. Noodle and Pasta sauce

Rice (small bags)

Oatmeal and non-sugared Cereals

Peanut Butter

Juice (powdered)

