

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun and Mike Tarnick who are at Eastview.
- Ken Hamm has returned home. He is doing well.
- Pray for all those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle. The current situation increases anxiety for many.
- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with their care.
- Many of our church family have other people they are concerned about. Pray for healing, strength and calm for all.

Prayer for Our Community

- MCI requests the following prayers: For our students – as they begin end-of-year assignments and tests. We ask especially for prayers for our Graduating Class as they prepare for what life after graduation will bring. Pray for the staff - that we can continue being patient and caring, and for energy, as we near the end of this school year.
- Pray for ALL the teachers, students and staff as they navigate all the regulations and requirements.
- Pray also for the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for Doug Klassen (MCCanada's Executive Minister) and for church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Michael Pahl is the new MCManitoba's Executive Minister.
- Let us remember in prayer our MCM sibling church, Living Word Church in Cross Lake. Cross Lake First Nation has been hit hard by COVID over the past year, with several hundred cases and seven deaths. As the community has been under a stay-at-home order, the church has not met since October and they have not been able to gather virtually. Pray for vaccinations to happen quickly, for the ongoing health and safety of community and church members, and for the future of the church post-COVID.

Prayers for the World

- Maliwan welcomes new believers - The Maliwan Church in Khon Kaen, Thailand, welcomed four baptisms on Easter Sunday. Thank God for this growing group of Jesus followers who share life together in worship, income-generation work, discipleship training and community service. Pray for Witness workers Tom and Christine Poovong as they provide leadership and mentoring to this group.
- Donors raise funds for dehydrator for Coffee for Peace - Praise God for the generosity of Canadian donors which enables Coffee for Peace in Mindanao, Philippines, to purchase a dehydrator to dry surplus vegetables grown by their coffee producers, and to make cascara tea out of coffee pulp waste.

- Witness worker Lakambini Mapayapa (Joji Pantoja) gives leadership to this social enterprise that supports the work of PeaceBuilders Community, Inc., in several areas of the Philippines.

- **Rising virus cases in Ethiopia** - Rising COVID-19 cases in the midst of complicated ethnic division in Ethiopia are affecting the ministry of Meserete Kristos Church. We pray for God's peace to reign and unity within the church to be strengthened.

If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact the church office.

We have been given permissions to use the logo from the MCManitoba AGM on our bulletin for the next weeks.



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***Seventh Sunday of Easter
Rooted in Christ... Reaching out in Love***

Entering Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn VT #514 I Saw a Tree by the Riverside

Call to Worship (Psalm 1, John 17)

I tell you this:

It is a wonderful thing when members of the family
live together in love and peace.

They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one,
that Christ may be glorified in us.

**They shall yield good fruit in its season,
and their leaf shall never wither.**

The grace, mercy and peace, of the Lord Jesus,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of Praise

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Hymn VT#549 Be Thou My Vision

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: John 17:6-17, Act 1:15-17, 21-26,
1 John 5:9-13

Hymn VT #732 Open My Eyes, Lord
Message Telling the Truth from a Lie Dan Kehler

Responding

Hymn VT #716 God of Grace and God of Glory
Prayer

Hymn VT#715 Longing for Light, st. 1,2,4
Benediction

Postlude

Worship leader: Andrea Hildebrand

Musicians: Marilyn Houser Hamm, Marlene Wiebe

Recording Technician: Kevin Neufeld

Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise resources from Bruce
Prewer <http://www.bruceprewer.com/it>

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

May 16 – 23 Passing Kindness to each Other

May 23 Worship Service

Theme: Pentecost *Scripture:* Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,
35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 *Speaker(s):*

Dan Kehler *Worship Leader:* Dave Regehr *Musicians:* Dave
Regehr, Hildie Regehr *Sound:* Henry Rempel

May 30 Worship Service

June 2 7:30 pm Leadership Meeting

June 6 Worship Service

Birthdays: May 20 – Harv Heinrichs; May 21 – Dorothy
Tonna; May 22 – Liam Geirnaert

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dan & Crystal Kehler are pleased to announce the
engagement of their son Matthew Kehler to Jolene Kozak.

- John & Lil Gerbrandt have moved into their new home. You
will find them at 225-5th Ave. SW, Altona, ROG 0B2

- From the treasurer:

Thank you again for supporting the work of the Church. You
may contribute online if you bank at Access (using your 7-digit
phone number as your account number) make an etransfer
to amchurchdonations@gmail.com, or send or bring a cheque
to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, ROG 0B0)
Check the latest minutes and financial statements for more
information.

- **Work on the front stairs and wheelchair ramp** will
begin soon. Because we are adding the ramp right away, costs
are higher. Donations are being asked for to cover the extra
monies needed. Contact Robert Martens or Bill Loewen for
more information

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCI invites you Spring Fundraising Series!** We will be
airing a new episode of "Owen & Jewel @ 7" every Monday
night, from May 10th-31st, at 7 pm. You're in for some laughs,
music, art, and an auction that you won't want to miss! Tune
in on MCI's Youtube Channel or MCIBlues.net. Watch Episode
1 now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZE5bqGmUU&t=1s>

- **MCI Saengerfest** - For decades, MCI's Sangerfest has been
a celebration of the end of another year, the culmination of all
the work put into the year. We've hosted it in tents, the
gymnasium, chapel, and Buhler Hall. This year, we're bringing
it to your living room. Head over to our YouTube channel, and
be sure to set your reminder for June 6th @ 11 am CST.

- **MCI will also be holding a bun drive-thru** on campus on
June 5th from 12-3 pm to add to your Saengerfest fasha at
home. E-mail info@mciblues.net to pre-order your buns.

- Everyone who is a part of a Mennonite Church Manitoba
congregation is invited to **participate in online Gratitude
Groups**. These groups will run every second week for 6-8
sessions of about 40 minutes each in length over Zoom. We
will spend time each session reflecting on what we are grateful
for. For more information and to sign up, click
here: [https://butterflyjourneys.ca/spiritual-director-in-
residence-mcm/gratitude-groups/](https://butterflyjourneys.ca/spiritual-director-in-residence-mcm/gratitude-groups/) These groups will be led by
Laura Funk, Spiritual Director in Residence for MCM.

- The MCC Warehouse in Plum Coulee will remain open after
all. Gord Letkeman has agreed to stay on in the role of
Activities Coordinator and lead volunteer engagement with
MCC's material resources activities.

- Camps with Meaning Summer Staff applications are on the
CwM website. Visit www.campswithmeaning.org and follow
the Summer links.

- **Campers are registering for summer camps and this
means we also need staff and volunteers!** Kitchen and
maintenance help, camp pastors and health officers are
needed for one-day pop-up camps in various locations and
week-long day camps at both camps. Head
to www.campswithmeaning.org

- **Mennonite Disaster Service** is running small project in
the Wolseley area of Winnipeg and we are looking for day
volunteers starting immediately. This project is in partnership
with Home Street Mennonite Church, assisting them in helping
a woman in their community do much needed renovations on
her house. We are looking for 3-4 volunteers per day,
primarily Monday-Friday, but with some Saturday's as well.
COVID protocols will be in place to ensure volunteer safety.
For more information or to sign up please call project
coordinators, Dave & Anna Wiebe at 204-745-8128.

- **20th annual CMU Golf Classic:** Join us at CMU's annual
golf fundraiser in support of student athletes and student
financial aid on **June 15** at Kingswood Golf & Country Club.
Visit www.cmu.ca/golf to register or become a sponsor.

- It is with considerable regret that Eden has accepted the
resignation of our Chief Executive Officer, Kym Kaufmann.
Kym will now become the Deputy Minister in Manitoba's new
ministry, "Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery." Kym leaves
Eden with an excellent staff, strong systems, and expanding
services. Eden has initiated a search, and we seek your
support, particularly in prayer, as we search for Eden's next
leader. Further details and application processes are on
Eden's website [https://edenhealthcare.ca/chief-executive-
officer/](https://edenhealthcare.ca/chief-executive-officer/).