

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Harv Heinrichs as he is receiving Palliative Care at home! Pray for family, especially for Kathy. Visitors may come for a short time.
- We pray for our pulpit supply minister Harold Peters Fransen, and for Erika Enns Rodine, our future pastor.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Ken & Marianne Braun who are at Eastview; Jean Tarnick who is in her suite at Gardens on Tenth Manor, Sarah Sawatzky at Golden West.
- We pray for those who are grieving.
- We pray for those whose mental health and physical health make employment and daily life a struggle.
- We pray for the family care-givers.
- Prayers for Vic Penner as he returned to palliative care.
- We pray for Anna Penner as she begins her treatment for cancer.

Prayer for Our Community

- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for Doug Klassen (MCCanada's Executive Minister) and for church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for Michael Pahl, our MCManitoba's Executive Minister.

Prayers for the World

- Peace agreement signed in Ethiopia - Meserete Kristos Church invites us to rejoice in the peace agreement signed this week in Ethiopia. President Desalegn asks for prayer that "the peace agreement be rooted deep to transform the broken relationships, that there will be a provision of resources to address the needy community in the nation due to the conflict and other causes and that God would use MKC as tool of sustainable peace and restoration of the True Kingdom Gospel to Ethiopia and beyond."
- Pray for Palestinian olive harvest - Pray for Palestinian brothers and sisters experiencing random and unprovoked attacks from extremist Israeli settlers during the current olive harvest. Pray also for international volunteers accompanying them for their safety. May the settlers see their neighbours as full human beings with the right to live, build and work on the land they have lived on for generations. (For more information on the Palestinian olive industry and fair-trade oil visit: <https://zatoun.com/>.)

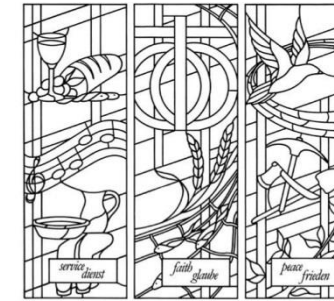
If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact the church office.

We remember loved ones who passed this year:

Anne Loewen, age 83
Tannis Fast Vetter, age 65
Irena Frieda Fast, age 94

And those who remain in our hearts:

Reine Schwartz, age 64 (deceased November 2007)
Harv Kroeker, age 74 (deceased June 2019)
Tim Wiebe, age 59 (deceased March 2019)
David M. Zacharias (deceased 12-Nov-1991)
Katharina Zacharias (deceased 18-Dec-2011).



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Worship Service 11:00 am

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Christ the King / Totensonntag

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship VT #874
Prayer of Invocation
Hymn VT #64 As Long as Jesus' Reign Goes On

LISTENING

Children's Time Harold Peters-Fransen
Hymn VT #672 For All the Saints
Scripture Readings: Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20
Hymn VT #138 Christ, We Do All Adore Thee
Sermon Christ's Kingdom Knows No End

RESPONDING

Remembering our loved ones VT #980

Prayer of the People
Benediction
Hymn VT #840 God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Worship Leader: Norma Thiessen

Speaker: Harold Peters-Fransen

Musicians: Gina Enns

Sound: Kevin Neufeld

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Altona Mennonite Church

Vision

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Purpose

*We seek to know God through Jesus, the center of our faith.
We seek to follow God in community, through worship, fellowship, and interpreting the Scripture from a Christ-centered point of view, in the Anabaptist tradition.
We seek to obey God by working toward peace and reconciliation, in the spirit of Jesus, reconciling all people to God, to each other, and to the world around them.*

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

November 21 7 pm Advent decorating
November 27 10:00 am AMC Kids
11:00 am Worship Service – 1st Advent,
Speaker: Jeff Friesen, MCMAN Co-Director of Leadership Ministries, Communion service is planned
Theme: Watch! The Day is Almost Here *Scripture:* Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44
Worship Leader: Ang Enns *Musicians:* Marilyn Houser Hamm; Nancy Ratzlaff *Technician:* Nathan Loewen
November 30 7:15 pm Worship Committee meeting
December 4 10:00 am AMC Kids
11:00 am Worship service – 2nd Advent
speaker – Harold Peters Fransen
December 6 7:00 pm Leadership Council meeting
December 11 10:00 am AMC Kids
11:00 am Worship Service – 3rd Advent

Birthdays: November 23 – Lil Gerbrandt; November 26 – Karey Hildebrand

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- During this Advent season, our services are built on the theme of "restoration." As we watch and wait for the birth of Christ, the Christmas tree will become the primary visual focus. AMC Kids have already worked hard to "prepare room" by clearing the stage for the tree. Each consecutive Sunday of Advent, AMC kids will create and hang new ornaments for the tree using earth elements. We invite you to watch closely and delight in the unexpected as the Christmas tree is slowly restored to fullness, just as Earth is restored to fullness with the birth of Christ.

- We welcome Harry and Susan Klassen to town! They have moved to Golden West, new address is 302-125 Center Ave. E. Mailing address is **Box 1345**, Altona, ROG 0B0, and phone number is 204-304-9004. (Please note correction on Box #)

- **From the treasurer:** Thank you for your continuing contributions to AMC's budget. You may contribute online if you bank at Access Credit Union (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number), make an e-transfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com, or send a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, MB, ROG 0B0).

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Altona MCC is looking for a Shop Manager. Contact Corny Fehr at 324 8323 or 324 3862.

- **November 20 – Southern Manitoba Choral Society concert** at 2:30 pm, Altona Bergthaler Church. See poster on the bulletin board.

- **Mon. Nov. 21, 7:00 pm - MCI's Annual General Meeting** will be held in the school's chapel. In light of critical realities facing MCI, the board is issuing an urgent call to attend this year's AGM. Receive updates on the school's current realities. Assist in discerning the future for our / your school.

- **A celebration of 50 years.** Join us on **November 22** at 7 pm to celebrate 50 years of MCC Thrift! This special virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network and our many dedicated volunteers. Register to attend at thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50.

- **Cottonwood Community Drama** presents Beverly Hillbillies this year on November 24-26 at 7:30 pm. Tickets available on the MCI website, or by calling the school.

- **Find the perfect locally made gift at Piece it Together's Christmas Craft Sale!** Shop and support MCC's humanitarian relief efforts. Running Saturday, November 26, 9am – 4pm at Bethel Mennonite Church, 465 Stafford St, Winnipeg.

- **Christmas with CMU** is taking place on Saturday, **November 26 at 7:00 PM** (CST) at Bethel Mennonite Church (465 Stafford St., Winnipeg). This year's Christmas program will be in-person and livestreamed featuring Christmas favourites performed by a variety of CMU's music ensembles. Space is limited; free tickets are required (available November 1) by visiting cmu.ca/christmas.

- **Feeding the world?** As inflation and a rising cost of living takes hold around the world, we are told again of a "perfect storm" for those dependent on a globalized food system. What does the emerging global food price crisis mean for ordinary life and efforts to feed one's family? Join Germinating Conversations on November 29, 7 pm, at Canadian Mennonite University (Great Hall, North Campus) for a roundtable dialogue with growers, harvesters and eaters

- **Blood Donor Clinic** - December 1, 2 pm – 7 pm at the Altona Rhineland Pioneer Centre - Main Floor Hall – 227 – 10 Ave NW Please call 1-888-236-6283, or go on-line to book your appointment. **NO WALK INS PLEASE.**

- **CMU Festival Chorus** – J.S. Bach's magnificent Christmas Oratorio, Weihnachtsoratorium BWV 248, is an awe-inspiring masterpiece for choir, soloists, and orchestra. Enjoy the choir's stunning musical rendering of the nativity story in all its rejoicing, gladness, and celebration on December 9, 2022 (in Winnipeg, MB) and **December 10, 2022 (in Gretna, MB)**. Details and tickets available at cmu.ca/festivalchorus.

- **O Come, Emmanuel. A Christmas Carol Sing with the Faith and Life Choirs. December 18, 2022. 3:30pm.** Bethel Mennonite Church, Winnipeg. A freewill offering will be taken for this Mennonite Church Manitoba ministry.

- This Christmas season, choose gifts of comfort and joy! Your gift of school supplies, an eco-stove, chickens or fruit trees will change lives. **Browse MCC's Christmas Giving Guide** at mccmb.ca/Christmas.

- **The Mennonite Church Manitoba Nominating Committee invites our prayers** as they discern nominees for upcoming vacancies. We are especially encouraged to pray for the upcoming open position of MCM Moderator. We are grateful to Gerald Gerbrandt for his exemplary service in this role in recent years, and we trust that God will provide another excellent Moderator for our regional church. If you have suggestions for the committee, please email Trevor Stoesz, Nominating Committee Chair, at tstoesz3@hotmail.com.

- MC Canada invites applications for two positions. Check out our full job descriptions here: www.mennonitechurch.ca/get-involved#careers.

Communications Coordinator (adjusted) This .5 FTE position communicates nationwide programs, events and resources to the regional churches and shares MC Canada programs and developments with partner organizations and the public.

Associate Executive Minister This .5 FTE position gives leadership to nationwide priorities by providing support to regional churches in their formation of healthy pastoral leadership and healthy congregations.