

Prayers for the World

- **Praise God for the opening of a Bible school in Roi Et, Thailand** - Join Friends of Grace church network and Witness workers in Thailand, Tom and Christine Poovong, in praising God for the opening of a Bible school in Roi Et. Pray for the pastors and teachers that are teaching courses as well as developing and refining curriculum to meet the needs of lay leaders and pastors in the more than one hundred Friends of Grace congregations and house churches.

- **January 21, 2024, is the 499th anniversary of Anabaptism.** Praise God for the rich diversity of our worldwide family of faith.
<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/anabaptist-world-fellowship-sunday>

- **Can you join the cause to preserve sacred land in 2024?** The Turtle Island Solidarity Network of Community Peacemaker Teams and The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery are calling for a far reaching and international voice of conscience and support to save Oak Flat, an Apache sacred site being threatened by copper mining interests. Please consider signing [here](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/i-support-oak-flat)

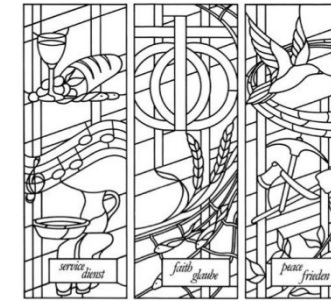
From the Pastor

"God Speaks to Moses From the Burning Bush"

Elizabeth Wang



This week we pray for Whitewater Mennonite Church in Boissevain. May they be nourished in Christ as they walk together in faith. This brings us to the end of our list of MCM congregations!



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Stories That Shape Us – Moses and the Burning Bush

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VT 34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Call to Worship

Prayer

LISTENING

Children's Feature

Scripture Reading Exodus 2:23b-3:6

Hymn VT 440 Ask the Complicated Questions

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:9-14; 4:10-13

Sermon Erika Enns Rodine

RESPONDING

Hymn VT 588 We Walk by Faith

Time of Sharing and Prayer

Offering

Hymn VT 601 Lead Me, Guide Me

Benediction

Postlude

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Elaine Loewen
Musician(s): Loren & Lori Hiebert, Edna Zacharias
Technician: Loren Braul

Birthdays: January 25 – Murray Sawatzky

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

Jan. 28 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
Theme: Stories That Shape Us – Let My People Go *Worship Leader:* Sandra Klassen *Musicians:* Gina Enns, Sylvia Klassen
Technician: Dale Klassen
Feb. 4 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
Feb. 11 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
Lunch provided by Friendship Manor
AMC's AGM following lunch
Feb. 18 – 11:00 am Worship Service

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome Margot Bernadette Fisher, daughter of Susie Fisher and Shaun Dyck to our AMC family. Margot was born Thursday, January 18! Congratulations to all.

- A reminder that the **10:30 am AMC Coffee** sign up sheet is on the wall near the office door. Feel free to volunteer!

- Our AGM is coming up in February. There are two openings for the Worship Committee and two for the Formation Committee. Speak to Loren Braul if you are willing to be part of the leadership committees at AMC.

- **From the Treasurer:** Thank you for your faithful generosity in 2023. Donations were more than \$10,000 higher than the previous year. We were \$5,000 short of meeting our budget, but our expenses were also \$5,000 lower than budgeted, so we ended the year very strong financially. Although the surplus we had from 2022 decreased significantly the first 7-8 months of the year, that trend reversed, and the original surplus remains. Thank you!

Further details will come shortly in the AGM reports.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Community Meal – January 27, 5 – 6:30 pm at the Community Exchange. This is a free event scheduled for the last Saturday of each month, open to all.
- AND this time, the meal is followed by a BANDS NIGHT beginning at 6:45 pm. See the poster on the bulletin board.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MCM Mondays Jan 22, 7:30pm on Zoom.** These sessions are meant for everyone in the congregation who is interested in the topic."Conversation on Homelessness with Al Wiebe". Breaking down myths of homelessness, Al Wiebe will share from his lived experience and help us understand what is needed to help get people off the streets.Hosted by Melanie Neufeld. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcmmondays for more info and the Zoom link.

- **New MCM Winter Retreat for ages 22-30.** Camp Assiniboia Feb 2-4. Finding Your Fit: Rhythm, Relationships and Realities in your 20's. (If cost is a barrier contact Kathy at kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca.) Register by Jan. 26th. This Retreat will feature a relaxed schedule with plenty of time for conversation, outdoor play, and lingering at the lunch table.

- **MCM Youth (All Ages) Winter Retreat.** Camp Assiniboia Feb 23-25. Register at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events

- **Camp Koinonia invites applications for the Camp Manager and Food Services Coordinator positions.** Visit www.campkoino.ca/opportunities for more info.

- **CMU's Xplore** extended education program that investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Join

one or more in-person or online courses beginning February 20. Register as an individual or host a church watch party. For more information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- We pray for Bev Barton who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- We pray for June Schwartz. She is at home recovering from hip surgery. Check in with her.
- We continue to pray for the Mullet family in Thompson. Jon and Abigail are on the mend.
- We pray for Anne Kehler, Dan's mom as she recovers from a broken hip and broken ribs. She is at Eastview Place.
- We pray for our pastor and her family.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation: Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Jean Tarnick who is in her suite at Gardens on Tenth Manor, Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, Marlene Plett at Katherina Courts and others who are not named.
- 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.
- We pray for those in transition/who have moved to a new home.

Prayers for Our Community

- Pray for all teachers and students as they learn and teach.
- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.
- Pray for the church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for MCI.