

Prayers for the World

- **Join Mennonites in Burkina Faso in thanking God for a successful youth camp!** Participants spent 5 days of teaching and reflection on three themes: relying on God, developing an entrepreneurial spirit, and preparing for married life. Josué Coulibaly, national youth pastor, reported that many of the youth were sad to leave each other after this intense time of learning together.

- **On 3 April 2024, Taiwan was struck by its most powerful earthquake in 25 years...** which measured 7.5 in magnitude. Leaders of FOMCIT (the Mennonite church in Taiwan) report that no members were injured. However, at least nine people have been reported killed, more than 900 injured, and property damage is widespread. The Mennonite hospital in Hualien is prepared to receive emergency patients. Let us pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and for the people who are suffering after the earthquake. Pray for the rescuers searching for trapped people in unstable wreckage with the possibility of aftershocks. Pray for medical teams that are helping the victims. (Source: MWC prayers <https://mwc-cmm.org/id/prayers>)

From the Pastor

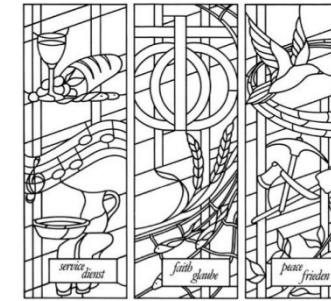
Happy Sunday to you all!

I think I am finally on the mend!! The post-Easter crash hit me hard this year, I must say. I am thankful, though, that the virus was kind enough to wait until after Holy Week to launch its attack... But then it very unkindly turned into a sinus infection. Anyways, thanks for the check-ins and well wishes. I felt the love. And I got really into sinus rinsing.

We're back to the Stories That Shape Us for the next while. We'll take a one-week break from this series on May 5 to support our youth (fundraiser brunch for Matheson Island) and join our "siblings" at Altona Bergthaler to hear from Elder Dave Scott of Swan Lake First Nation. May 5 is also Red Dress Day, a national day of awareness. The following Sunday is Mother's Day, and we'll be back into the Stories, getting closer to entering the Promised Land as we continue to journey with Israel through the wilderness. May 19 is Pentecost, which falls on the long weekend this year. If you plan on going camping, be sure to build a spirited bonfire to celebrate the presence and gifts of the Spirit being visited upon God's people!

Special thanks to Kim Batchelor, Elaine & Ken Loewen, and Imy Rempel for their contributions to the wonderful visual displays at the front of the sanctuary throughout Lent and Holy Week! We also say goodbye to the Orange Bench after today, and are grateful for having had the opportunity to host it here. And if you haven't noticed, church librarian Julia has been busy adding new titles to the library shelves by the stained glass window! If you have any requests for specific topics or writers you're interested in, please let us know!

Lots going on, lots to be excited about! Especially the arrival of Spring greening! Praise God for the sunshine bringing warmth to the earth and to our faces, bringing joy and delight to our hearts and minds!



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Stories That Shape Us – On Mount Sinai

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

VT 80 We Sing to You, O God

Call to Worship

VT 309 Fill Us With Your Feast

Children's Time - Peace Table Story "On Mount Sinai"
Offering

VT 550 God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

Scripture Reading - Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25

HWB 163 Obey My Voice

Message

VT 43 God Be the Love

Sharing & Prayer

VT 23 Come, Walk With Us

Benediction

Postlude

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Birthdays: April 16 – Kareena Loewen; April 19 – Sean Hildebrand, Lori Hiebert

Anniversaries: April 18 – Lloyd & Lorrie Wiebe

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

April 15 – 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal for Memorial service

April 21 – 9:30 am Book Study

- 11:00 am Worship Service - Erika Enns Rodine

Theme: Stories That Shape Us – Strong Sisters *Worship*

Leader: Lori Hiebert *Musicians:* Loren & Lori Hiebert

Technician: Dale Klassen

April 28 – 9:30 am – Book Study

- 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

April 30 – 4:30 pm Leadership Council

May 5 – Joint service at Altona Bergthaler Church – see below

May 12 – 9:30 pm – Book Study

11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Brunch Church – May 5, 9:15 am at Altona Bergthaler Church** - Fundraiser in support of the kid's camp at Matheson Island which the youth from AMC and ABC will be leading this summer. Breakfast will be provided by the youth involved.

Our speaker will be David Scott, who is an Ojibwe Traditional Knowledge Keeper and Indigenous environmental expert from Swan Lake First Nation. David will be speaking to us about the significance of our land for Indigenous people, the historic relationships between Mennonites and Indigenous people, and how we can take steps toward reconciliation. It is our hope that David's sharing will guide us on the learning journey we began with the blanket exercise at our last brunch church.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Would you consider volunteering at Altona MCC Thrift?** Help is needed in the Clothing Department. Your responsibilities could include sorting, pricing or hanging clothes. Availability on Monday mornings is important. Work is also available on other days and in different departments.

Please contact Dave Rempel in person at the shop for more info or Phone: 204-324-8323; Email: altonamcc@gmail.com

- **Gardens soup and pie** – April 25, 5 – 7 pm by Donation. Poster on bulletin board.

- **Save the date for MCI's Spring Fundraiser Coffee House! Friday, May 3 at 7:30 pm in Buhler Hall foyer.**

Come for a variety of musical performances, including current student groups and local artists/alumni, such as Orlando and Grace Sukkau! There will also be tasty desserts. See you there!

- **YFC Altona Golf Classic at Oakview - June 15th**

More information and registration can be done on our website YFCALTONA.COM

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Light the Fire Launch Party. Your Camps with Meaning Capital Campaign** is launching on April 14, 2024, 7:00pm, at Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum. Music by Steve Bell, Bucky Driedger and Alisa Wiebe, and more. Food, drink, news, and of course an invitation to think about how you will light the fire (support the campaign). Sign up for free tickets and more info on the project at www.lightthefire.ca They are hoping for 10 people per congregation!

- **Voices Together in Worship - a gathering to resource worship planners, leaders, pastors and musicians.** Schedule and preliminary workshop list is now available. May 10/11, 2024. Cost \$65 before May 1, \$80 after. Registration will open April 16. www.mennochurch.mb.ca/worship

- **A great summer of camp is coming!** All registrations are open: campers, staff, volunteers. www.campswithmeaning.org

- **Volunteer health officers, kitchen staff, and maintenance needed for Summer 2024.** Consider giving a week or more to make a difference with our camping ministry. www.campswithmeaning.org/staff or contact the office at 204-895-2267.

- **Let's Get Dirty: The Lowdown on Earth's Fabric in your own Yard** – a Face2Face panel discussion on Tuesday, **April 16** at 7:00 PM at CMU and via livestream. Hear from scientists, researchers, and farmers about the untapped potential that's in your very own yard. Visit cmu.ca/face2face.

- Join the **CMU Festival Players on April 20 at 11AM** for Cantatas, Cambers, Claviers & Coffee in the Great Hall at CMU. Enjoy J.S. Bach's beloved "Coffee Cantata" along with other Bach pieces. Coffee is included in the ticket price, and traditional German baked goods will be available for purchase! Visit winnipegbaroquefestival.com for tickets and information.

- All are invited to **Spring at CMU on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in the Loewen Athletic Centre.** Attend in person or via livestream to hear graduating student presentations and CMU choirs. Reception to follow. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information and for the event livestream.

- **Faith and Life Spring Concerts:**

May 4 – 7 pm at First Mennonite Church in Winnipeg

May 5 – 3 pm at Morden Mennonite Church

See poster on bulletin board.

- **Annual Birding Retreat. May 24-26.** Camp Koinonia. No experience required. Visit the webpage for more information and to register. www.campswithmeaning.org/birding-retreat.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Please hold Ken Hamm in your prayers as he continues to recover.

- 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, Hilda Elias at Centre 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.