

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.

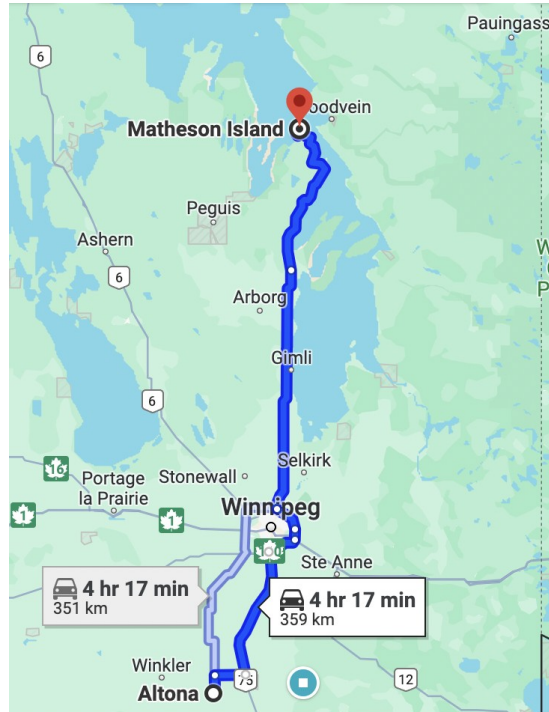
Prayers for the World

- **Five church leaders from Burkina Faso and the DR Congo are equipping themselves with conflict transformation skills.** - They are studying the role of the church in conflict prevention and resolution, African methods of resolution in light of the gospel, socio-historical analysis of conflict, indigenous methods of conflict transformation, and the spirituality of peace. Their masters level program is lodged at the University of the Christian Alliance of Abidjan. Mennonite Church Canada through AIMM is helping to support this study. Pray that their ministries and their churches' witness to the gospel will be strengthened!

- **Thai pastors return home** - Thai pastors Khamphan and Thippawan will return home April 29 after travelling in Canada with colleague, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker, Tom Poovong. Praise God for the rich time of sharing with Canadian pastors and congregations arranged by regional churches. Pray that relationships built will draw people together as they follow Jesus in Canada and in Thailand.

From the Pastor

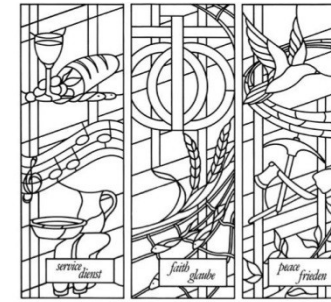
This week I will be spending a few days up in Matheson Island with Terrell Wiebe (youth minister at Altona Bergthaler Church). We will be making plans with church elders in the community for the summer day camp our youth will be helping to lead on the island in July.



Matheson Island is located at the narrows of Lake Winnipeg. The community has a population of around 140. Commercial fishing is the number one source of income for the community and area.

The island and community were called Matheson Island after Daniel Matheson, the man who was the caretaker of the lighthouse from 1891 to 1918 on Black Bear Island, which is just north-east of the island. The Matheson family was originally from Aultbreakachy, Sutherland, Scotland. Daniel Matheson's grandfather arrived in Churchill, Manitoba in 1813, before traveling the next 700 miles to the Red River Settlement by canoe.

Matheson Island School, which is part of the Frontier School Division, serves to educate the community's children. There are a total of 18 students that attend from nursery to grade 9.



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Stories That Shape Us – The Promised Land

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Bish
Hymn VT 57 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

Call to Worship

One: God was with the people of Israel when they left Egypt.
All: God is with us now.
One: God gave the people hope as they traveled through the desert.
All: God gives us the courage to step out in faith.
One: God is with us wherever we go.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn VT 606 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Children's Time – Peace Table Story "The Promised Land"
Joshua 1:1-9; 3-4
Offering *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Held

Scripture Reading Joshua 5: 1-12

Hymn VT 34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer
Message Rev. Erika Enns-Rodine
Hymn STJ 97 The Lord is my light

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Sharing & Prayers of the People
Hymn VT 847 You Shall Go Out with Joy
Postlude

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand
Musician(s): Gina Enns, Nancy Ratzlaff
Technician: Kevin Neufeld

Birthdays: April 28 – Marlene Plett is 90!
May 3 – Jean Tarnick is 95!

Anniversaries: May 3 – Robert & Peggy Martens;
May 4 - Jim & Marlene Dyck

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

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
Theme: Stories That Shape Us – Ruth & Naomi *Worship Leader:* June Schwartz *Musicians:* Loren & Lori Hiebert
Technician: Loren Braul
May 19 – 9:30 am – Book Study
11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
May 26 – 9:30 am – Book Study
11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
June 2 – Church Picnic – details to follow

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

- **MCI is looking to hire a half to full-time cook**, starting immediately. This position could be a term from now to the end of June, or long term, depending on interest. For more information about this position or to apply, visit mciblues.net or email tammypeters@mciblues.net.

- **MCI is accepting applications for teaching positions** for the 2024/2025 school year! These are full-time or part-time positions for the 2024-2025 school year with the potential of permanent status. To learn more about the areas of instruction or to apply, visit mciblues.net.

- Altona Health Care Ladies Auxiliary invites you to a **Taco Buffet Fundraiser, Thursday, May 2** from 4:30 – 6:30, at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre with all the trimmings, beverages, and brownies for dessert. Gluten free option available. Cost: By Donation All proceeds go to purchasing hospital ceiling tracks and specialized wheelchairs. Tax deductible receipts available upon request.

- **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!

- **Restoring Our Relationship to the Land: Indigenous Wisdom and Planting Practices.** This workshop will take place at the Millennium Exhibition Centre in Altona on **Saturday May 4th, 9:00am - 4:00pm.** This will be an exciting opportunity to listen and learn from three important guest speakers about land, planting practices, and Indigenous wisdom surrounding nature and healing.

While onsite registration is an option, we would greatly appreciate it if participants would pre-register for the event, so we can get a sense of how many folks to expect! Please register using our Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/y8mBggPRZQktcW97>.

- **MCI Saengerfest on Sunday, June 2nd** in Buhler Hall!

Join us for a time of worship and a celebration of song, centered on the theme "Joy, Joy, Joy!" The worship service begins at 10:30 am, with lunch (by donation) to follow, and an afternoon concert at 2:00 pm.

- **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

- **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.

- **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

- **Shop at Piece it Together's Spring Quilt & Craft Sale** on **Saturday, May 11**, 9:00am – 4:00pm at Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship (150 Bayridge Ave.). Enjoy the beautiful handicrafts sold in support of MCC's disaster and humanitarian relief work! pieceittogether.ca

- **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.

- **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.

- Do you want to take care of our earth? **MCC Thrift's Zero Waste Challenge** is a great place to start. Join us in learning all about going zero waste and challenge yourself to reduce your waste the **week of June 23**. If this challenge feels daunting, don't worry - even the smallest changes go a long way towards reducing our waste and helping the planet. We'd love for you to join us in making a difference. mccthrift.com/zerowaste

- Join us for **MCC Manitoba's golf tournament on Thursday, July 4** at Bridges Golf Course. Enjoy our Texas Scramble tournament with on-course challenges, with a BBQ lunch and Mennonite-style supper. Visit mcc.org/Manitoba/golf for information and to register today!