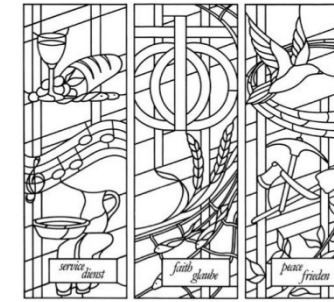


Prayers for the World

- **Significant suffering for our Palestinian Christian siblings in faith.** - The genocidal war and hunger crisis in Gaza, along with increased violence in the West Bank, have wrought unprecedented suffering to the people of the region, including our Palestinian Christian siblings in faith. Despite the crisis, MC Canada partner Bethlehem Bible College will host its biennial Christ at the Checkpoint Conference in Bethlehem, May 21-26, bringing people from around the world to consider the theme "Do Justice, Love Mercy: Christian Witness in Contexts of Oppression." Please pray that the peace witness of this conference, and of Palestinian Christians in general, may shine light into dark times.

From the Pastor

Happy Pentecost Sunday, AMC!



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Pentecost

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live

Prelude

Welcome/announcements

Hymn VT 129 O Worship Our God

Call to Worship with Psalm 104:24-34;35b

Leader: The Spirit has gathered us from down the road and across the community.

People: We are not quite ready to settle in and worship.

Leader: The Spirit has arrived to strengthen us.

People: We come with questions and heavy hearts, along with gratitude.

Leader: The Spirit is ready to kindle a flame of hope in our hearts.

People: We will open ourselves to receive and hear again God's deeds of power.

All: We invite the Spirit to renew us today.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn VT 57 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

Children's time

Offering 'Come, Holy Spirit' arr. Fred Bock

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Scripture reading – Ezekiel 37:1-6, excerpts from Acts 2

Message Erika Enns-Rodine

Hymn VT 152 God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle

Sharing & Prayer

Hymn VT 827 Move in Our Midst (vs 4 after Benediction)

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader: Ang Enns

Musician(s): Edna Zacharias

Technician: Loren Brault

Birthdays: May 20 – Harv Heinrichs; May 23 – Henry Rempel

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

May 26 9:30 am - Book Study – chapters 9/10

11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Theme: Stories That Shape Us – Hannah’s Prayer *Worship*

Leader: Elaine Loewen *Musicians:* Paul & Margruite Krahn,

Leo Dyck, Elliot Rempel *Technician:* Kevin Neufeld

June 2 - Church Picnic – details below

June 9 – 11:00 am Worship Service, guest Kirby Nelson will speak on Anishnaabe Teachings

June 16 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Dave Regehr

June 23 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

June 30 – 11:00 am - coffee on yard for the long weekend

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!

- **AMC Picnic** - Please join us on **June 2nd in Ash Park**, Altona, located at the south end of 2nd St. SE, between Spruce Crescent and Ash St.

We encourage you to walk, cycle, or car pool to Ash Park for a time of worship and play.

10:00 am gathering 10:30 worship followed by a shared lunch. Please bring lawn chairs, finger food to share (veggies, fruit, chips etc) and dessert. Also bring your own dishes & cutlery. Hotdogs & pop will be provided. There will be helpers to assist with carrying things. Hope to see you there.

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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

- **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.

- Discover a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of refugees. **MCC Manitoba is hosting Welcome the Stranger: A New, Cost-Supported Refugee Sponsorship Info Session** at Covenant Mennonite Church, Winkler on Thursday, **May 30 at 7 p.m.** Learn how you can provide support and hope to individuals and families in vulnerable circumstances who are seeking refuge through the Blended Visa Office-Referral (BVOR) program. Join us in person or online. RSVP required. mcc.org/events/welcome-stranger

- 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

- **Camps with Meaning is 75.** Come out to Camp Assiniboia June 21-23 to celebrate. Events for all ages. www.campswithmeaning.org/75

- 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!

- **Cycle for a cause** – support MCC’s food projects around the world with Cycle Clear Lake! Join us on **Saturday, July 6** for a 34 km trail ride in Riding Mountain National Park. Come for the day or camp for the weekend. Check out mcc.org/manitoba/cycleclearlake for full event and registration information.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for the family of Marlene Plett, as they continue their journey without her. They (and we) will miss her.

- We pray for our pastor and her family.

- We pray for recovering health for Ken Hamm, Mary Costen.

- We pray for the seniors in our congregation:

Jean Tarnick who is back at The Manor; Marianne Braun who is at Eastview; Bill Loewen at The Gardens, Harry & Susan Klassen at Golden West, Hilda Elias at Centre Courts and others who are not named.

- We pray for all who are living with ongoing health concerns.

- 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.