

From the Pastor

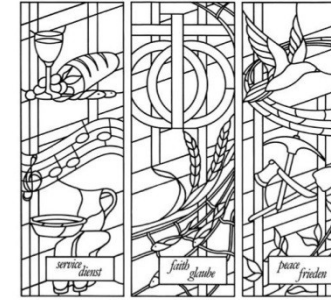
Greetings from Camp Koinonia!

I'm writing this on Thursday evening, so we've got one night left to go! It's been a short, but FULL week here... The campout last night was pretty chilly, with an overnight temp of six degrees - and some of the campers chose to forgo the tents and sleep under the stars!

This morning I went to the dock to welcome the brave paddlers back to camp. It was very cool to see the canoes slowly emerge from the dense mist over the lake. A pair of loons added to the haunting beauty with their calls. And then the walkie talkies started getting noisy, too, because one canoe had gotten stuck in the reeds out at Pelican Point, so the barge had to go rescue them. But there was a snag! The barge couldn't get nearly close enough to the stranded canoe because of all the reeds, and even with rope and a second canoe trying to help out, the winds prevented a speedy rescue. Eventually, Site Manager Paul made his way out and helped everyone get safely back to camp just in time for the end of Bible. Simon happened to be on the ill fated canoe, and was pretty cold upon return. Hot chocolate was delivered to him posthaste!

Just one of many adventures that happened here this week. Tonight we toured the Wonka Factory during the Theme Meal. The kids are currently doing cleaning tasks before the big camper-wide evening game. The lodge is buzzing with chatter and excitement (and hopefully some cleaning is getting done, too). Thank you for your prayers and support throughout the summer!

Erika



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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Prelude

Hymn VT 11 Mountain of God

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn VT 180 This is God's Wondrous World

Matheson Island Video & Sharing

Hymn VT 514 I Saw a Tree

Offering Prayer & Song of Reflection

Bible Memory Verse & Camp Theme Song

- Romans 12:45 // We Are One Body

Camps With Meaning Slide Show

Hymn VT 652 Here by the Water

Camp Sharing

Hymn VT 789 Be a Sower

Congregational Sharing & Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn VT 838 The Peace of the Earth Be with You

Postlude

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Erika Enns Rodine
Musician(s): Marilyn Houser Hamm, Gina Enns
Technician: Loren Braul

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

Aug. 18 – 11:00 am Worship Service
Worship Leader: Lori Hiebert *Musicians:* Loren & Lori Hiebert
Scriptures: Psalm 19 *Technician:* Kevin Neufeld
Aug. 25 – 11:00 am Worship Service – guest Andrea De Avila
Sept. 1 – 11:00 am Coffee on the lawn for the long weekend
Sept. 8 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
Sept. 15 – 11:00 am Worship Service – music morning
Sept. 22 – 11:00 am Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine

Birthdays: August 15 – Nathan Loewen; August 16 – Elliot Rempel

Anniversaries: August 16 – Harv & Kathy Heinrichs

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!

- Erika Enns Rodine is on holidays from Aug 12-Sept 3. During the weeks she is out of the office and you need to reach someone, please contact Lori Hiebert or one of the AMC Deacons (John & Norma Thiessen, Susie Fisher, & Karen Martens).

WIDER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- YFC lunch available on Coop Parking Lot every Wednesday throughout the summer from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

- A **gospel music festival** is planned for the Altona park on August 17th, starting at 12 noon. 8 groups, each approximately 1 hour each. Admission is by donation. All net proceeds will go to Youth for Christ, Altona. There will be food booths.

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Secret Treaty Book Launch and Tour #2** - September 7, hosted by Morden with Truth and Action Working Group. Meet at Westside Community Church, Morden at 1:00pm. Faspa is at 4:30pm. Visit website for more details and to register: www.mennochurch.mb.ca/mcis

- **Explore the Transforming Relationships: Indigenous Art Gallery**, featuring evocative artworks and powerful stories by Indigenous artists, including three from Manitoba. The gallery is part of MCC's ongoing work towards reconciliation between Indigenous and settler peoples. See the gallery online at mcc.org/indigenous-art-gallery

- Save the date and join us at the **We Are All Treaty People celebration on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 1-4 p.m.** at the Forks National Historic Site in Winnipeg. Enjoy performances by Fontine, Duncan Mercredi, Scott Nolan and Island Breeze Manitoba Pacific Islands dance. There will be free food, crafts and family activities. For more information visit mcc.org/wearealltreatypeople

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

Courses begin October 1 and topics include the Gospel of John, grief, and the great oratorios. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from the community. For course information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

- **The Mennonite Heritage Village invites you to join the PEACE TREK 2024.** From the moment Mennonite settlers set foot on Manitoba soil 150 years ago, they faced challenges of many kinds. They were able to navigate a path around marshes, forest, and across the prairie land, to eventually settle into their own villages. Today, we recognize the deep spiritual history of this partnership and this path - the Peace Trail. Get your bicycle ready for the **Peace Trek on August 17th!** Registration is \$40, and our hope is that each participant will set a fundraising goal of \$1000, to support the ongoing co

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Crystal Kehler's father, Jim Gibson had a second heart attack this week. He is at St. Boniface hospital. Crystal's brother Cam has come from BC to be with the family.

- We pray for our pastor and her family as they are on holiday for a few weeks.

- We pray for those who are travelling. May they have a restorative, joyous, and safe time away.

- We pray for the seniors in our congregation:

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

- We pray for all who are living with ongoing health concerns: Jim Dyck in the hospital, Bev Barton at home, and others 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 and the World

- **Prayer requests from the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso** give us a glimpse into their lives and concerns. Pray with them: Praise God for the improved security situation in Orodara and that people are able to leave their homes. Pray for areas of continued violence in the eastern and northern regions. Praise God for cooling rains and a good start to the rainy season. Pray for the students' facing exams. Pray for the list of expectant mothers, for health and safety in childbirth. God, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

- **Pray for young adult headed on year-long internship in Philippines** - Pray for Benedikt Isert Bender from MCEC as he spends a year in internship in Mindanao, Philippines with PeaceBuilders Community. This internship is an intense, hands-on learning of peacebuilding, sustainable development, and social enterprise with a little barista training on the side. Pray that Benedikt's interactions with local indigenous leaders, young "farmpreneurs" and grassroots peace builders will be formative as he seeks to follow Jesus in the way of peace. Thank God for his willingness to learn in this way. Community work of the Mennonite Heritage Village and to fund the continued development of the Peace Trail. Register or donate to a rider at www.mhv.ca/peace-trek