

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for Erika's grandmother Norma Enns. She is currently at Boundary Hospital, awaiting transfer to Altona. She was recently diagnosed with cancer, and it has spread.
- Condolences to Darlene and Ted Klassen and family, as they mourn the passing of Darlene's sister Deanna Sawatzky.
- Bev Barton requests prayer as she waits for her knee replacement surgery. Also, her beloved dog is now receiving palliative care which is very hard.
- Prayer requested for Margaret Rempel as she awaits further testing.
- We pray for the seniors in our congregation:
Jean Tarnick who is in the Altona Hospital awaiting placement;
Marianne Braun 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: Bev Barton at home, those awaiting surgery and others not named.
- We pray for those who are grieving, for those whose mental health and physical health make employment and daily life a struggle, for those in transition/who have moved to a new home.
- We pray for the family care-givers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

- Pray for Camps With Meaning as they lead one more week of camp!
- Pray for the board and members of MCI as they take care of the business of closing the school after 135 years.
- Pray for the political leaders of our world. Pray for wisdom and calm and peace in their interactions with each other.
- **Pray for wisdom and peace in Thailand/Cambodia**
As Thai and Cambodian leaders meet for talks, pray that God will give wisdom and a thirst for peace. Pray for Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Tom and Christine Poovong and their children Joseph and Phim as they live just outside the border evacuation area and are providing hospitality to some of those displaced. May God grant peace and safety.

From the Pastor

I will be away on holidays for the rest of August (except for the one Sunday I will be back for Sunday). If you need spiritual care, please contact John or Norma Thiessen, or Karen Martens.

We are in the season of enjoying the fruits of our gardens, and spending time in creation. I came across this prayer in my Simply in Season cookbook when I was making pickled beans earlier in the week, and thought it was fitting for this time of summer!

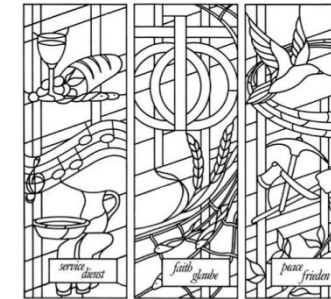
A prayer for growers and eaters

Generous God, Source of all we enjoy around this table,
thank you for the rich flavors, crisp colors, and simple
foods that fill us and please us.

We remember those who have labored long on our behalf.
For farmers near and far, for their households,
their land and their communities,
we ask your sustaining grace.

Give hope, health, and fruitfulness to your people who farm.
Fill us with the Spirit's generosity and joy
so that we may fittingly eat at the table you have set
and serve the world you have made. Amen

- *Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Pasadena, California*



Altona Mennonite Church

Worship Service 11:00 am

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GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship
Prayer
Hymn VT 43 God, Be the Love
SS 65 Open Our Eyes, Lord

LISTENING and LEARNING

Scripture Reading
Hymn VT 590 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous
Scripture Reading
Sermon: Sanctification - Greg Costen

RESPONDING

Hymn VT 653 Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God
Sharing and Prayer
Offering - Music Reflection
Benediction
Hymn SJ 118 Thy Holy Wings
Postlude

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Musicians: Mary Costen, Marilyn Houser Hamm
Technician: Loren Brault

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS AT AMC

August 24 11:00 am – Worship Service – Erika Enns Rodine
Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15 *Theme:*
Shabbat Shalom *Worship Leader:* Andrea Hildebrand
Musician(s): Loren & Lori Hiebert *Technician:* Nathan Loewen
August 31 11:00 am – Coffee on the lawn, no formal service
September 7 11:00 am – Erika Enns Rodine
September 14 11:00 am – Erika Enns Rodine
September 21 11:00 am – Erika Enns Rodine

Birthdays: August 19 – Marianne Braun; August 20 – Kathy Heinrichs, Dara Neufeld

Anniversaries: August 22 – Don & Barb Wiebe, Wayne & Tracy Bergen

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- **Congratulations** to Ann Kroeker who is now engaged to Don Kuhl! The wedding is planned for September! We wish them blessings as they continue life together!

- From the Treasurer:

Please continue to make donations to AMC through etransfer (amchurchdonations@gmail.com), online bill payments through Access Credit Union, and the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary - and thank you for your generous donations in the first half of this year.

There is a locked box in the general office for leaving your cheques and cash if you prefer.

As of August 13th, money that has come in by donations and rentals are \$73,320.00 Our expenses paid out are \$81,738.00. Our expenses are higher than our income at this point.

May we prayerfully consider our giving over the next six months as we as a church pay our staff, our bills, and the commitments we have made to other organizations. Thank you.

- **The grand piano in the sanctuary** is owned by the Red River Valley Festival of the Arts. The festival is now inactive and needs to disperse its assets. The festival committee and other local music teachers would like to see the piano remain at AMC in order for the sanctuary to remain a viable space for future piano recitals and other concerts. If AMC is able to raise the \$5000 price tag, the festival would sell the piano to the church. AMC has no budget line for this, so designated donations to the grand piano "fund" are welcome. Please mark on your donation (or let Marne know) that it is for the piano. These donations are receiptable. You may donate to the fund as you wish, but please continue to give your support to the AMC budget as well. Thanks! - Loren Hiebert

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

COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Support Eden Foundation's 23rd annual Head for the Hills cycling fundraiser!** Saturday, September 13, 2025.

Cripple Creek Music Festival site (from Altona, take the 201 west, then turn north on Rd 27W).

\$40 Adults (before Sep 11), \$25 12-and-under (before Sep 11). Includes 'swag' items, BBQ lunch, and prizes!

Register online at edenhealthcare.ca/h4h or at the office, 309 Main St. Winkler

CONFERENCE or MCC RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Canadian Mennonite** magazine is hiring a half-time correspondent to cover B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Applications are due by September 1. Spread the word. Details at canadianmennonite.org/jobs

- **You are invited to "Practicing Peace with Creation"**

- an online session led by For the Love of Creation with Wendy Janzen and others. Explore practices for the work and ministry of creation care. Wednesday, September 10, 6:00-7:30 pm (EDT). Email splett@mennonitechurch.ca to register and for Zoom link.

- **We are all Treaty People Ride/Walk.** Explore the landscape of Winnipeg through the lens of sites of significance to Indigenous peoples. **Sept 13. 9:30am - 1:30pm.** More info at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events

- **Save the date and join us at the We Are All Treaty People celebration on Sunday, Sept. 14 from 1-4 p.m.** at the Forks National Historic Site in Winnipeg. Enjoy performances by Ila Barker, Jacob Brodovsky, Serious Chill, and more! There will be free food, crafts and family activities. For more information visit mcc.org/we-are-all-treaty-people

- **CMU at 25** – You are invited to a special celebration of CMU's 25th anniversary on Friday, September 19 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons (and live streamed). Visit cmu.ca/25 for more information.

- **Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended education program** investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Consider taking a course on depolarization, Anabaptists at 500, understanding Roman Catholicism, the book of Daniel, the book of Ruth and more. Courses begin September 23rd. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from your community. For course information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

- **Advocate for aid to be allowed into Gaza.** Israel has fully blocked the entry of all humanitarian aid into Gaza since the beginning of March while continuing to carry out land and air strikes on the population. We are asking our new government to act boldly for peace and sustainable and just solutions. Read and sign the letter at mcc.org/campaign/canadas-toolkit-peace-gaza