

Check the bulletin board for more info on these...

- Newsletters / updates
- xPlore – Keep Thinking – enrichment courses for 55+
- Westminster Organ Series concert – Feb. 19
- Synagogues in Germany – MHC Gallery Jan. 29-Mar. 4 with detailed schedule of tours and lectures.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- After a good time of honest reflection and discussion about AMC's present situation at the AGM the Church Council has much work to attend to. Let us remember to pray for our congregational leaders and deacons as we process and move forward.

Our Community

- MC Manitoba Executive Director – Ken Warkentin
- Pray for Canada General Secretary – Willard Metzger
- Eden Health Care Services is looking for a new CEO as James Friesen has retired. Pray for this search.
- Water is essential to life. For Indigenous peoples, that makes water sacred. Pray that the Holy Spirit will stir our communities to discern what the protection of sacred waters and defence of Indigenous land rights means to all of us. Pray for those seeking to protect water sources along the path of the Dakota pipeline at Standing Rock in North Dakota. For a deeper understanding of these issues, see the latest issue of *Intotemak, Yours, Mine, Ours: Unravelling the Doctrine of Discovery* (<http://www.commonword.ca/go/974>).

Our World

On Feb. 25, MCBC leaders and delegates meet for their annual gathering. Pray for an overwhelming sense of God's presence as they discuss area church matters and engage in a final review of Future Directions proposals to re-organize national and area church bodies. Pray for MCA, MC Sask, and MCM as they prepare for their annual meetings in March, and for MCEC as they prepare for their meeting in April.
- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*

From the Pastor

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Born in Spain, Teresa entered a Carmelite convent when she was eighteen, and later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer, and writer who experienced divine visions. She founded a convent, and wrote the book *The Way of Perfection* for her nuns.

Altona Mennonite Church

Vision

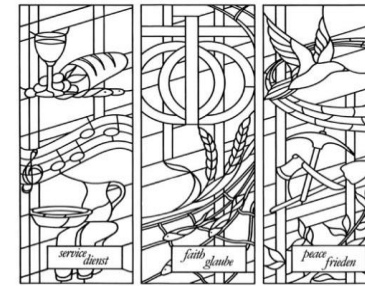
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Purpose

We seek to know God through Jesus, the center of our faith.

We seek to follow God in community, through worship, fellowship, and interpreting the Scripture from a Christ-centered point of view, in the Anabaptist tradition.

We seek to obey God by working toward peace and reconciliation, in the spirit of Jesus, reconciling all people to God, to each other, and to the world around them.



Altona Mennonite Church

Sunday School – Adults & Children: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

VOLUME LVI No. 8

February 19, 2017

Please: Stretcher Bearers

Prelude Exaltation Medley arr. Lyndell Leatherman
We Will Glorify ~ Alleluia to the King ~ Be Exalted, O God

Gathering hymn HWB #648 Morning has broken
Welcoming and sharing information

Call to Worship - Psalm 145:1- 7
Hymn HWB #26 Holy Spirit come with power

Scripture readings: Psalm 145:8-21; 2 Corinthians 1:1-4

Children's Time
Hymn STJ #94 Blest are they
Gospel Reading: Mark 2: 1-12

Hymn HWB #570 We walk by faith
Message Intercession: A bridge between the needs of others and God's Love Dan Kehler

Prayer

Offering Lord I Want to Be a Christian In-A My Heart
Arr. Jim Lucas

Hymn STJ #14 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song
Benediction repeat v 1

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Worship Leader: Ray Hamm
Song Leader: Kevin Neufeld
Accompanist(s): Nancy Ratzlaff, Edna Zacharias

Please...

Today I carry a burden for...

(Name a person or group for whom you feel compassion.)

Please supply what they need, Lord...

(Name what you are aware they need.)

I join you in your great compassion so that...

(Express your desired outcome.)

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Feb. 21 2:00 pm Book Study, ready Chapters 14 & 15

Feb. 26 9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Noon **Lunch at church, and tobogganing**

Scripture: Psalm 131, 1 John 4:7-21 *Theme:* Contemplation

and Rest *Worship Leader:* Andrea Hildebrand *Song Leader:*

Gina Enns *Accompanist(s):* Marilyn Houser Hamm *Sound:*

Henry Rempel *Coffee:* Mick & Marne Mierau-Friesen

Feb. 28 2:00 pm Book Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS! to Loren Brault and Lori Dueck. Simon has a baby sister named Rosetta Lynn Brault, born February 13 at 5:09 pm, weighing 7lbs 11oz and is 19.4 inches "tall".

- The Rejoice! books for March – May are here. *The cost of each book is \$10. If you regularly use this devotional, consider making a donation to help the Education budget!*

- **Pop up small group – an experiment.** Book Study group is reading *Naked Spirituality: A life with God in 12 simple words* by Brian McLaren. We meet at 2:00 PM at the church. Read Chapters 14 & 15 for Tuesday.

Sunday February 26 - Lunch together and tobogganing at the nature park in the afternoon. Please bring sandwiches, veggies and desserts to share. Looking for volunteers to make pots of soup. Contact Andrea Hildebrand.

AMC Auxiliary Members - please consider making a designated donation to auxiliary for our MCC Global Family commitment. Thank you.

Anniversaries: Feb. 22 – Elaine Loewen, Bev Barton

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Camps with Meaning** is looking for a volunteer nurse for the ADV Winter Retreat at Camp Assiniboia February 20-22. If you or someone you know can help please call 896-1616 ext. 254 or email sklassenkoop@mennochurch.mb.ca

- Lowe Farm Bergthaler Church invites you to take part in a Mission Fest weekend February 24-26. Speakers for Friday evening at 7:30 pm, are Henry and Gerald Neufeld. Saturday afternoon from 3 pm -5 pm, Steve Heinrichs will be leading the proceedings which will be followed by a soup and bread supper at 5:30 pm with an evening concert at 7 pm with Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter Barg. Sunday morning church begins at 10:40 am with another message by Steve Heinrichs concluding with a potluck lunch. Please bring something for the potluck if you plan on attending. We hope to see you there.

- **MCM Annual Delegate Gathering** - Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler. Worship open to all: March 3, 2017, 7:00pm-9:00pm. Business sessions: March 4, 2017, 8:30am-4:00pm. Schedule and Part 1 of the Report Book is available at www.mennochurch.mb.ca/events

- **Xplore: Keep Thinking:** enrol in CMU's 55-Plus Enrichment Program, offered Wednesday mornings at CMU from March 8 – April 12. Courses include **Disorientation and Delight: Biblical Wisdom and the Presence of God** with Gordon Matties (*Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies & Theology*). For information and to enrol go to cmu.ca/explore.

- MCI presents the musical production "Seussical" March 9, 10 & 11 at 7:30 pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:00 pm. If you are a student in Grade 5-11, you may be eligible for a free ticket! To purchase tickets visit our website at www.mciblues.net or to inquire about a free ticket call us at (204)327-5891.

- Rosemary Siemens in concert with Ray St. Germain, March 18, 7 pm in Buhler Hall hosted by Mennonite Collegiate Institute. Visit www.mciblues.net to purchase your ticket or call MCI at (204)327-5891.

- **Camps with Meaning** registration is now open for all three locations! For details visit www.campswithmeaning.org

- Save the date! The Camps with Meaning "Raise the Roof" Song-a-thon will be March 18th from 1-9 PM!

- **Consider volunteering at camp** this summer. Camps with Meaning staff and volunteer applications are now available at www.campswithmeaning.org/summer/camp-staff

- **Mennonite Collegiate Institute, located in Gretna, Manitoba, is searching for a principal** to start in August 2017. Please visit www.mciblues.net to find out more about this exciting position. Applications close March 31st, 2017.

- The General Board of Mennonite Church Canada has set the date for a final review of Future Directions proposals to re-organize national and area church bodies. Mennonite Church Canada delegates are invited to a special assembly Oct. 13-15 in Winnipeg, Man. The event will begin with a dinner on Friday and conclude with worship on Sunday. The venue, costs, and other details are pending.

- New documents outlining the re-vitalization of Mennonite Church Canada and Area Churches as a result of our Future Directions process have been posted at futuredirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal.