

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

### **Our Church family**

- Pray for those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle.
- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with care.
- Keep Marlene Wiebe and family in your prayers.

### **Our Community**

- Pray for Ken Warkentin (MCM's Executive Minister), and all our church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for Doug Klassen (Mennonite Church Canada's Executive Minister).
- The **Crystal City Mennonite Church** is a part of the Western cluster of MCM congregations. Their earliest history dates back to the 1920's when about twelve original families settled in the region. By 1958 the congregation divided into the Mather group and the Crystal City group with a church building in each location. The Crystal City Church building is located about 5 kms. south of Crystal City. They are part of a two-point charge with Trinity Fellowship Church in Mather, who share one Pastor – Erin Morash. Today, there are about 60-70 people that meet for worship regularly. Pray for continued clarity of vision for the congregation as they seek God's creative spirit for renewal and refocus.

### **Our World**

- Pray for Ukraine's presidential elections scheduled for Mar. 31. With 39 candidates running for president there are no guarantees as to the outcome, although it is expected that there will be a run-off election on April 21.
- Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park invite prayer for a national peace event on April 27 that they trust will bring peace to the Korean peninsula. April 27 will be the first anniversary of the meeting between the two Korean leaders last year. Bock Ki says: "We hope ... for 500,000 people [to gather in the ] De-Militarized Zone on April 27. My heart is beating vigorously as I meet people these days. [...] Because I taught and talked about peace theology for the last five years, I naturally move toward this peace event."
- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*

### **From the Pastor:**

This Lenten Season, we will be exploring C.S. Lewis' world of Narnia. Dr. Roan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury commends those who would enter Narnia during Lent. He says that C.S. Lewis does a wonderful job of helping us look at the images of God - both the familiar, and the uncomfortable ones - in his stories of Narnia. He says that when Lewis was a young man, he gave up believing that God existed at all and at the same time was angry at God for not existing. Lewis would later come to realize that the God he no longer believed in was the God of his making and not the God of the cosmos.

Each week, we will enter Narnia through Lewis' *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The themes we explore are taken from the story so if you want the fullest experience of Lewis in Lent, I encourage you to read or reread the book.

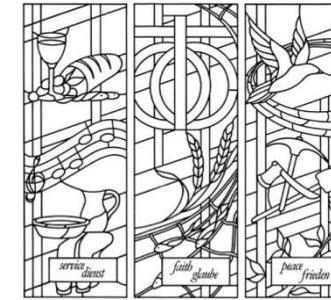
March 31 – Edmond - When Kingdoms clash  
Edmond is seduced by the lies of the Queen/Witch with Turkish Delight and fails to see the danger he and his siblings are in by siding with her. Matthew 13:22, Matthew 13:24-30

### **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

Christian Formation & Education - all ages: 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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### ***Lent: Narnia – Found on a rather rainy day.***

Prelude

### **GATHERING**

Gathering Hymn HWB #26 Holy Spirit, come with power  
Welcome, Announcements  
Instrumental Pause  
Call to Worship Psalm 63:1-8  
Prayer of Invocation  
Hymn of praise HWB #87 Great is the Lord

### **LISTENING**

Finding the Wardrobe  
Scripture Readings: I Thessalonians 4: 9-12, Ecclesiastes 4:6  
Message Extraordinary Greg Costen

### **RESPONDING**

Hymn HWB #506 I sought the Lord  
Congregational Sharing  
Prayer of Intercession  
Offering

### **SENDING**

Hymn STS #114 God has chosen me vs. 1-2  
Blessing/Benediction  
Hymn v. 3  
Postlude

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*Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.*

Worship Leader: Dan Kehler  
Song Leader & Accompanist: Gina Enns

### **WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC**

March 28 2:30 pm Book Study – chapters 7, 8 & 9

March 31 9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

*Scripture:* Matthew 13:22, 24-30 *Theme:* Edmond – When Kingdoms clash  
*Worship Leader:* Elaine Loewen *Song Leader:* Loren Braul  
*Accompanist:* Sylvia Klassen *Sound:* Kevin Neufeld  
*Coffee:* Ken & Carol Penner

April 1 7:30 pm AMC Women's Evening at the Batchelors

April 7 9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Food Bank and Coin Collection Sunday

### **AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **April 1, 7:30 pm** - The next AMC Ladies night will be held at the Batchelor residence (107 Redwood Bay). We will watch the movie "Wonder", first released in 2017. It is the story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters the fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. Julia Roberts is the mother. Please mark this on your calendars – hope to see you there.

- Dave and Hildie Regehr are in Ukraine. They update their blog regularly. To read what they are doing during their seven week stay, check out the blog at [regehrsukraine.blogspot.com](http://regehrsukraine.blogspot.com)

- Congratulations to Rebekah Krahn and Travis Hare on their engagement. The wedding is planned for August 17, 2019 in Wolfeville, Nova Scotia.

- Build a Village is sponsoring another family coming to Altona from Egypt. It is a family of four adults. AMC is being asked to support this family by providing some household and personal items. The list is in the foyer. Please sign what you would like to supply. There is another list of larger items. If you have any of them and would be willing to offer them for this family, please let me know. Thanks for your generosity. Elaine Loewen

**Birthdays:** March 24 – Ken Loewen, Sarah Sawatzky, John Thiessen; March 30 – Susan Klassen

**Anniversaries:** March 25 – Greg & Lorraine Heinrichs; March 28 – Lori Dueck & Loren Braul

### **COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **March 26 - CMU's Open House** - Drop in anytime between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM at Marpeck Commons, 2299 Grant Ave. Check out Information Booths or join tours, classes, concerts and chapel. Connect with faculty and staff and learn about many opportunities offered at CMU. For more information see [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

- **Manitobans for Bill C-262; Supporting Indigenous Human Rights** - Come show your support for Bill C-262; an act to ensure that Canada's laws are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Join host Steve Bell, Member of Parliament Romeo Saganash, musicians Fred Penner and Ray "Coco" Stevenson and a great group of panelists on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm @ Marpeck Commons, Canadian Mennonite University.

- You're invited to a wonderful evening of celebration and support for CMU! Held on **Thursday, Apr. 4 at 7:00 pm, Spring at CMU** will feature music and stories, the presentation of the 2019 CMU PAX Award to Dr. Rudy Wiebe, along with recognition of the Redekop family from Abbotsford for the significance of their vision and support of CMU's business program. Please contact Julie Derksen by March 25 at [j.derksen@cmu.ca](mailto:j.derksen@cmu.ca) to reserve a seat.

- **Saturday, April 6, 6:30 pm. 48<sup>th</sup> Canadian Mennonite fundraising dinner, at Mennonite Heritage Village.** *Canadian Mennonite* invites you to a dinner with delicious food, entertainment by the Accent Women's Ensemble, and the opportunity to talk to CM staff and board members. Tickets are free, but reservations are required. Donation baskets will be available. To reserve your seat, email [office@canadianmennonite.org](mailto:office@canadianmennonite.org) with "CM April 6 dinner" in the subject line, or call 1-800-378-2524, extension 221. We hope to see you there!

- Please join Mennonite Disaster Service for an Awareness and Fundraising Evening on **Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church (340 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Steinbach, Manitoba). Come fellowship over dinner and hear stories from volunteers. Musical entertainment will be by Travis and Kenton Bergman. Call the MDS office (866-261-1274) before March 22 to reserve your seats.

- Recovery of Hope is looking for additional part-time counselling therapists for locations in Winnipeg, Winkler and Steinbach. Counsellors with a Master's degree and membership in a professional counselling association are welcome to visit our website for more information or email [brad@recoveryofhope.ca](mailto:brad@recoveryofhope.ca).

- You are invited to hear Dr Gordon Neufeld (author of *Hold on to Your Kids*) on Thursday, April 11 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm for a presentation titled "**Raising Children in the Digital Age.**" The presentation will be at Ecole Charleswood School in Winnipeg and tickets are available online at: [edenhealthcare.ca](http://edenhealthcare.ca). Early bird tickets are \$25/person until March 31.

-**Calling all high school students!** MCC Manitoba is excited to co-sponsor sixpoineteight - **a peacebuilding conference at CMU on April 29.** High school students will hear stories of reconciliation, finding refuge in Canada and the reality of poverty and homelessness. Find out more at [cmu.ca/sixpoineteight](http://cmu.ca/sixpoineteight).

### **- #churchtoo manitoba - Online registration is open**

This important conference on dealing with and preventing sexual misconduct in the church is for all pastors and church leaders. It is hosted by MCM, Mennonite Brethren Church Manitoba, CMU and MCC Manitoba. May 31-June 1, 2019 at CMU. [More info and registration on the MCM website.](http://www.mcm.ca)

- **Sign up for the weekly MCM and MC Canada email update.** This is your best place to learn about what's going on with your ministry through MC Manitoba and MC Canada. [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/2019/01/sign-up-for-the-mcm-mc-canada-update/](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/2019/01/sign-up-for-the-mcm-mc-canada-update/)

- **We are in need of Head Cooks** at both Assiniboia and Koinonia for the spring and summer months. Contact Matt Heide at [campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com](mailto:campkoinoniamatt@gmail.com) or David Hogue at [assiniboia@campswithmeaning.org](mailto:assiniboia@campswithmeaning.org) for more information.

- **The camp community is not complete without support staff** to work on site as maintenance and kitchen staff, health officers and camp pastors. If you have time to spend a week at camp this summer, please contact Jesse at 204-895-2267 or [camps@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:camps@mennochurch.mb.ca).