

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.
- Pray for Linie Friesen and family as Linie is now in palliative care in the local hospital.

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).
- **Elim Mennonite Church** is located in Grunthal and is a congregation that averages about 60 at worship, and involves over 100 people in its ministry of worship and nurture. Elim hosts the community food bank, and the majority of the Grunthal refugee committee are Elim participants. Our second refugee family is arriving on April 16. Members are also involved in the Grunthal MCC thrift store, and Elim organizes a community group that comes together to sew blankets for MCC and other ministries. Pray for us as we begin a visioning process in the near future.

Our World

- Pray for the Witness workers as they learn more about the Witness Support Team concept from Mennonite Mission Network staff (MC USA) and invite passionate people to participate in their WSTs.
- "We pray that the Lord may have mercy on our brother country and neighbor of Venezuela, so that the Lord may work in a supernatural way and transform the adversity suffered by the Venezuelan people. We know that the Lord is responding." (Prayers of Mennonite Church Colombian leadership for the country of Venezuela.)
- *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.

April 19 (Good Friday): Aslan – No Greater Love. Aslan gives himself as the sacrifice in place of Edmond for his betrayal. John 15:9-17, John 19:17-30

April 21 (Easter): Aslan – The New Beginning. As the prophecy on the Stone Table is fulfilled, Aslan comes back to life. But the battle rages on for control of Narnia. Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-10; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

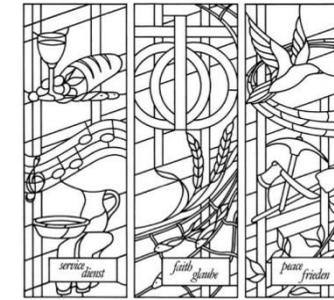
Altona Mennonite Church

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: Aslan – Spring comes to break the spell of winter

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn HWB #237 All glory, laud, and honor

Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn Ride on King Jesus Marilyn Hamm

Listening

Story Time: Aslan is on the move Crystal Kehler

Hymn HWB #299 New earth, heavens new

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Message Signs of a New Reality Dan Kehler

Response

Hymn SS #113 I will stand in the congregation

Reflection for Palm Sunday (written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

Hymn SS #65 Abre mis ojos (Open my eyes)

Prayers of the congregation

Offering

Sending

Hymn HWB #238 Hosanna, loud hosanna

Benediction

Postlude

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Worship Leader: June Schwartz
Song Leader: Marilyn Houser Hamm
Accompanist(s): Sylvia Klassen, Edna Zacharias

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

April 15-17 Red River Valley Festival of the Arts - Piano
April 18 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 19 10:30 am Good Friday Service

Theme and Scripture: Aslan – No greater Love. Aslan gives himself as the sacrifice in place of Edmond for his betrayal. John 15:9-17; John 19:17-30 *Worship and Song Leader* – Lori Hiebert; *Accompanist* – Loren Hiebert; *Sound* – Dale Klassen

April 21 9:30 am Easter Breakfast
11:00 am Worship Service

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-10; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 *Theme:* Aslan – The New Beginning *Worship Leader:* Marilyn/Ray Hamm *Song Leader:* Marilyn Houser Hamm *Accompanist:* Nancy Ratzlaff *Sound:* Perry Batchelor
Coffee: at breakfast

April 25 2:30 pm Book Study, Chap. 13, 14, 15

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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

- **Easter Morning Breakfast** – 9:30 am. Bring hard cooked eggs, paska, fruit. **Set up is Group 1, Clean up is Group 3.**

- **From the treasurer:** The first quarter donations are due, and we will go seriously into our line of credit. This is not uncommon, but still uncomfortable. There have been 3 ways to donate to AMC: Sunday morning offering, online giving if you are Access members (simply add Altona Mennonite Church to your payees and use your 7 digit phone number as your account), and setting up automatic withdrawals. There is now a 4th way to donate: sending an e-transfer. Our email address for this transfer is amchurchdonations@gmail.com and you just keep the security question "what service is provided". So the act of giving has never been easier; the rest is up to you! Thank you.

Birthdays: Apr. 16 – Kareena Loewen; Apr. 19 – Lori Hiebert, Sean Hildebrand

Anniversaries: Apr. 18 – Lloyd & Lorie Wiebe

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **April 14 - Southern Manitoba Choral Society** under the direction of Madeleine Friesen will present a spring concert this afternoon @3:00 pm at Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. An offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome.

- **April 26, 7 pm** - All are welcome to attend the **CMU Spring Choral Concert**, Loewen Athletic Centre, featuring CMU Singers, Men's Chorus, and Women's Chorus. Free admission.

- **April 28 – 7 pm – Eden Health Care Services presents** a concert with the Eastman Male Choir and Winkler Community Male Choir at Winkler Mennonite Church. Donations will be accepted in support of those on a mental health journey.

- **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.

- **#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://cmu.ca/sixpoineteight) The early bird deadline is April 30.

- **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 or David Hogue at 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.

- On March 15, Cyclone Idai destroyed 90 per cent of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and affected nearly 3 million people in its path with widespread flooding up to six metres high.

On April 1, the government of Canada announced it will match dollar-for-dollar every donation up to \$2 million dollars to the Humanitarian Coalition and its members, including MCC through our account with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Your gift will help MCC and our partners provide emergency assistance to those in dire need. You can donate online. Donations can also be made by calling 1-888-

622-6337 or by contacting us at 204-261-6381. **April 14 is the last day to have your donation matched for Cyclone Idai.**

- **#passbillC262 now!** The Indigenous Rights Act is stuck in the Senate. It will harmonize Canada's laws with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, "the framework for reconciliation" (TRC). Please email Opposition Whip, Senator Donn Plett, and ask him to support Bill C-262 and the basic rights of Indigenous Peoples—don.plett@sen.parl.gc.ca.

- CMU presents **Emerging Perspectives on Ministry II, with Diana Butler Bass.** This is a gathering for pastors and ministry leaders from diverse Christian communions for resourcing and relationship building. Diana Butler Bass will present on her latest book, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*. May 7-8 at CMU – including a free public lecture. For details and registration see cmu.ca/events.

- **NAIITS symposium 2019** NAIITS Symposium 2019 on "Land and Place" is June 6 to 8 at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto. MC Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations program wants to sponsor six friends from across the nationwide church to attend. If you are interested, email Steve Heinrichs (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca).

- Mennonite Disaster Service Canada (MDS) has two exciting opportunities to repair or build new homes after disasters in Canada.

Westport, Newfoundland: MDS is building a house for a family of 5 who lost their home in a house fire in Westport, Nfld. The project begins on June 2 and will run till July 27, 2019. Weekly volunteers are invited to serve in up to two week blocks. If serving for two weeks MDS will reimburse the cost of travel. For scheduling call Lucille Toews at 866-261-1274 or email ltoews@mds.mennonite.net.

Grand Forks, BC: On May 10, 2018 a major flood hit Grand Forks, BC with much of the town engulfed in water. Beginning May 5, 2019 MDS will repair houses and possibly build new houses for those that flooded. MDS is scheduling weekly volunteers to serve for 1-3 weeks. Schedule your week(s) [online](http://cmu.ca/sixpoineteight) or call 800-241-8111.

Fundraising Banquets:

- **Tuesday, April 16th, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Annual Palliative Care Soup & Pie Fundraiser at the Altona Bergthaler Church. Bring a friend. All are welcome! All proceeds go towards Palliative Care. Sign up sheet is in the lobby.