

- Douglas Mennonite Church, 1517 Rothesay St., is hosting **Faith in Form**, a Christian arts festival, on Oct. 5. Writing, visual art and film, featuring Sarah Klassen and Sally Ito, 12-6pm free. Music: Carlos and the Suspiroes / Jesse Krause, 7:30-9:30 \$15. See faithinformwinnipeg.com or find them on Facebook for more info.

- **Camp Asisinboia Barn Dance and Pie Spectacular Fundraiser.** Come out to the camp to move to the old-timey music, or simply explore, hangout, and win a pie. Also, help raise funds for the camp if you're able. October 5, 2019. 6:30pm. Contact Elizabeth at the camp office if you can donate pies. 204-895-2267 or camps@mennochurch.mb.ca
- **SAVE THE DATE.** MHC Gallery annual fundraiser, Fri. Oct. 18, 7:30pm, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. RSVP to swolfe@cmu.ca.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayer for 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.
- Pray for our elderly members in the hospital and the care home who are lonely and would appreciate visits.

Prayer for 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).
- **Morden Mennonite Church's** motto is, "On a journey with Jesus." Our journey with Jesus this past year has led us through some rocky terrain, but we continue to be committed to walking with Jesus in his way of love toward greater peace and justice. We partner with local churches in youth ministry, refugee support, and reconciliation conversations with area First Nations. We sew blankets for MCC distribution and host fundraisers for Canadian Foodgrains Bank. These ministries and more are fueled by our wonderful times of worship and learning and fellowship together. Pray for a renewed sense of identity as a church and a fresh vision for mission within Morden and beyond.

Prayer for Our World

Development agent working with Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) provided a scholarship for training Alain Bakajika of the Evangelical Mennonite Church

of Congo. His training will see him make his own living through sustainable and innovative agricultural practices; to assist others in learning those practices and increasing incomes through agricultural activity and in so doing, to be a blessing to his church community. See more at: <http://www.aimmintl.org/africa-journal.html>

Prayer: Pray for Alain Bakajika as he develops learning modules in raising crops, animals, and transforming agricultural products for market as development worker for the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo.

If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.

From the Pastor:

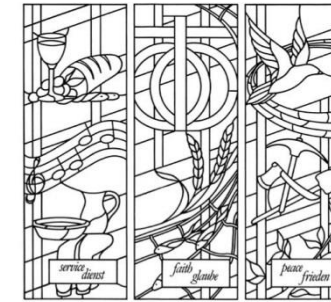
Bread! Most of us take for granted that we will have bread to eat. Even those with allergies or sensitivities can find bread that is suitable to eat. We consume bread almost daily. Many of us have fond memories of making bread at home or buns with Grandma. Perhaps you have a tradition of baking bread with your children or grandchildren.

Bread is common to most cultures. Many have rituals surrounding bread at certain times during the year at festivals, commemorations and celebrations. Who doesn't love eating paska at Easter time?

Bread is also a way to help people who are suffering. The Columbia Mennonite Church in Bogota has a program called "pan de pas" translated "bread for peace." A lunch meal is served to citizens from the rural areas that have been displaced by violence and have come to the city to find safety. They are served a simple meal of bread and soup. They are then offered a chance to share their stories and prayers are said for those who request them.

In John's gospel bread is a sign that points to Abundant Life. It is no surprise that Jesus offers the world his body as the living bread. We would be wise to acquaint ourselves with this complex metaphor in John's Gospel. For it offers us an avenue to further understand how God so loved the world (John 3:16)

Over the next five Sundays we will be exploring the image of bread in John's gospel. There will also be a variety of bread to sample, a different one each Sunday. On October 6th we will gather around the Lord's Table with Christians around the world as we celebrate World Communion Sunday feasting on the bread of life. My hope is that you will find these Sundays with bread to be a slice of Heaven!



Altona Mennonite Church

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

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Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

Jesus is the living bread!

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

Give us the bread of hope

and compassion that we may also feed others.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love.

Amen.

~ written by Nancy C. Townley, www.ministrymatters.com/Prayer

Responsive Scripture Reading Psalm 145:10-19

All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you!

North: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to humankind, your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations, God is faithful in every word, and gracious in every deed.

South: God upholds all who are falling, and raised up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

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Leader: You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing. God is just in all God's ways, and kind in every act.

All: God is near to all who call upon God, to all who call upon God in truth. God fulfills the desire of all who fear God, and hears their cry, and saves them

Hymn STJ #19 I will call upon the Lord

LEARNING & GROWING IN FAITH

Christian Education Leaders Dedication Sandra Klassen

Gr 9 Bible Presentation

Hymn STS #31 Jesus, be the center

Children's time Feeding 5000 Lorraine Heinrichs

SS Giving Project

Offering

LISTENING

Scripture readings: 2 Kings 4: 42-44, John 6:1-15

Message A picnic for 5000 Pastor Dan Kehler

Hymn STJ #14 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

PRAYING

Prayers of the Church

Response during prayer:

Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

SENDING

Announcements

Closing words

Hymn "606" Doxology (HWB #118)

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand

Song Leader: Kevin Neufeld

Accompanist(s): Gina Enns

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **From the treasurer:** At the end of July, which is approximately 58% of the year, we have received about 42% of our budgeted income. This means we are about \$27,000 behind in our budgeted giving. Payments to Conference and affiliates, and the Sabbatical fund have not been made for this quarter. Please consider giving generously. Thank you.

- New email address for Nathan & Kareena Loewen is as follows. natkar2loew@outlook.com

- New email address for Sandra Klassen is Sandra.Klassen1971@gmail.com

- **Our worship theme throughout the fall will be *The Bread of Life*.** We hope to have a different type of bread each Sunday to share in the foyer before we enter the sanctuary. Our hope would be to share many different types of bread, from traditional loaves to pita and so on. If you would like to provide the bread for one Sunday, please contact a member of the worship committee: Lori Dueck, Marilyn Houser Hamm or Marne Mireau Friesen.

Birthdays: Sept. 11 – Ray Mierau; Sept. 12 – Rudy Krahn; Sept. 14 – Patrick Falk

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

Tonight 8:30 pm Centering Prayer Service

Sept. 15 9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Speaker: Dave & Hildie Regehr *Scripture:* John 6:24-35;

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Theme: Bread of Life – Bread that does not perish *Worship*

Leader: Dave Regehr *Song Leader:* Dave Regehr

Accompanist(s): Hildie Regehr *Sound:* Henry Rempel

Coffee: Kevin & Nancy Neufeld

Sept. 22 8:45 am Singing rehearsal for Eastview/Gardens

9:30 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship Service

Sept. 29 Kathleen Rempel-Boschman, Palliative Care

coordinator at Concordia will present the Anabaptist

response to Medical Assistance in Dying

LOCAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Southern Manitoba Choral Society** invites singers to join us on Tuesdays this fall for a season of singing. Christmas concert will be December 14 & 15. First rehearsal is September 10, 7:00-9:00 in the WC Miller Collegiate music room. Registration is \$35.

- The next Community Blood Donor Clinic will be held Thursday **September 19th, 2019** at Rhineland Pioneer Center, 227 - 10th Ave NW, Altona, 3 – 7 pm

- AMC has been asked to help provide items for a family arriving mid-September. There is a list in the foyer for items AMC is being asked to provide and another list for other items that is being distributed to more churches. Elaine Loewen will also accept money in order to purchase the items on the list.

- **October 8 – 8 am, Winkler's Quality Inn.** - Eden's Dr. Clarence H. Labun Lecture Series (1 day workshop) will be exploring the relationship between Addictions and Mental Health. . The registration fee for the day is \$50. Check-in on Tuesday October 8th begins at 8 a.m. with the lectures beginning promptly at 9 a.m. **Lunch is not provided** during the event but sufficient time is allotted in order that attendees can choose from a number of eating establishment in the immediate area. Call 204-325-5355 to register.

- **Wednesdays until the end of September** – The Station (YFC) has a fundraising BBQ, 11:30 – 1:30 pm, across from Canadian Lumber Timber Mart. Combos begin at \$5.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We are ALL treaty people.** Join MCC Manitoba staff at the annual We Are All Treaty People Celebration on Sept. 15. **Come out to build and celebrate relationships and raise awareness around Treaty One!**

For event details visit mccmb.ca/Events.

- **Hutterite History & Art. Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War & Our (Hutterite) Life in Art** OPEN at the MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Sept. 20, 7:30pm, with historian Dora Maendel & Kauffman Museum curator Chuck Regier. PLUS, Oct. 18, 7:30pm, MHC Gallery annual fundraiser featuring Hutterite music, speakers and food, RSVP swolfe@cmu.ca

- **September 26, 2019 – 6 – 9 pm**, 55th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mennonite Central Committee(MCC) Manitoba will be held at the Steinbach Mennonite Brethren Church, 340 2 St, Steinbach, MB R5G 0T7

- **Fall@CMU, Sep. 27-28:** In addition to a Saturday Farmers' Market and Cyclo-cross races for all ages, join us **Friday evening, 7:00 PM, for the Fall@CMU Opening Celebration**, featuring the CMU Singers along with reflections from four Distinguished Alumni – Randy Klassen, Donna Kampen-Entz, Eileen Klassen Hamm and Jeffrey Metcalf. See cmu.ca/fall for details.

- **Ride for Refuge** is on October 5, 2019. Join friends and families across Canada to bike or walk and raise financial support for ministry around the world. Support a Mennonite Church Canada International Witness Worker. For more information, visit <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019>.