

**Sunday Morning Video** (check your email on Sunday morning for link): Jeff Friesen will be providing this Sunday's reflection.

**11:00 am – Zoom Gathering.** You are invited to join for a time of sharing and prayer at the link below. (There will be NO in-person gathering at the church.)

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86500893320?pwd=SFB6NWhtc2hlZ0lObER0Q252bUNrQT09>

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**MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA Worship Service, August 22: Rosthern Mennonite Church** shares a service with our nationwide family of faith for this Sunday.

View here: <https://mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>, or on MC Canada's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIacWrD2cD6D6OIzSd486HQ>.

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## CHURCH FAMILY NOTES

### Vaccination Status at CMC

As September, with its return to school and in-person worship life draws nigh, many worries about safety are circulating among us. We have heard informally that the vast majority of CMC's vaccine eligible population has been doubly vaccinated. We are happy about this as we see vaccines as one key tool to ending this pandemic. However, in order to provide the best care for all our members we feel it would be helpful to have a better sense of our actual vaccine numbers. This would allow us to both care for the unvaccinated among us and communicate more confidently that we are gathering together safely.

We can assure you that those involved in our Sunday school program will be doubly vaccinated.

Last week we shared the Covid Response Team's plans for wearing masks. (See re-opening announcement below.) **This week we are strongly encouraging all vaccine-eligible youth and adults to inform the church office or one of the pastors of their vaccination status (via email or phone). Names will be kept confidential.** That way we can have a better sense of our vaccination numbers as we gather. We could even reserve a section of the sanctuary for parents with children if that would be helpful.

*~ Elsie Rempel for the Covid Response Team*

### Charleswood Mennonite Church Re-Opening Plan

After we heard the recent Manitoba government reopening announcements (effective August 7), your COVID-19 Pandemic response team, Linda Claassen, Lisa Enns, Jeff Friesen, Rachel Klassen Huebner and Elsie Rempel met to arrive at a reopening plan for Charleswood Mennonite Church. We decided to continue with our summer worship plans, with some welcome changes for August 29 and September. We can't project further than that at this time.

As of August 29, we will have live-streamed in-house worship services and the ZOOM service will discontinue.

On August 29, the service with Baptism and Communion will be inside. Worshippers will stay masked, except when speaking from the pulpit. We will once more bring our own elements (BYOE), but some juice and cracker packages will be made available. Participation will depend on signing up on Eventbrite, as we expect extra guests of the baptismal candidates, and we currently have a limit of 150 participants indoors. The service will be live-streamed, without congregational singing, but with music led by masked singers.

To participate in our September services we will require all participants aged 8 and up to wear a mask, and recommend that younger children do so as well. Speakers will remove their masks behind the pulpit to improve communication. We hope to be able to hum along for the hymns. Our services will provide a blend of live and pre-recorded elements, especially as we rebuild our music ministry. We hope that transitioning to live worship with some video will be both practical and healthy as we all adjust to a new normal.

Sunday school plans are in development and the recruitment process is underway.

**Lisa Enns** will be away August 22-24.

**Susan Froese** has moved. Her daughter, Ingrid, has informed us that Susan very much welcomes visitors and would love to see old friends. She suffers from some dementia but does remember her friends. Her residence has a nice area outside and visitors can take Susan outside for visiting (sign out is necessary). Susan's new address: The Rosewood, Garden Room 2, 857 Wilkes Ave, Winnipeg MB R3P 2M2. Phone: 204-488-4581 or 204-888-4155.

### **CMC Technology & Website Committee**

Charleswood Mennonite Church Council has recognized a need to leverage technological solutions, where suitable, to better serve the congregation. The Technology and Website Committee was formed to address this need. As the chair, I (Kent Haase) extend to you an invitation to consider joining me in this committee.

Some responsibilities of the committee can include:

- Managing the various accounts (email, Zoom, YouTube).
- Performing the Zoom, audio and live streaming functions for various church activities.
- Recognizing church or congregational needs where a technological solution might be implemented.

Please contact me for further details. [kent.haase@fastmail.net](mailto:kent.haase@fastmail.net)

**Plans for Sunday Seminars 2021-2022:** All are welcome to participate. Watch for announcements with details about each series and about our meeting modes - whether in-person at the church and/or with video conferencing. For more information contact Peter Rempel at [phrempel@gmail.com](mailto:phrempel@gmail.com).

- Sept 12 - Oct 3: *The Many Faces of Worship in Voices Together* with Elsie Rempel
- Oct 10 (Thanksgiving): Open
- Oct 17 – Dec 19: *Germinating Conversations* with Kenton Lobe
- Dec 26 (Boxing Day) and Jan 2: Open
- Jan 9 – Feb 6: *End of Life Issues* with Lisa Enns and Cornel Rempel
- Feb 13 - Apr 24: To be determined. Perhaps focusing on some of the congregational priorities, including engaging young adults.

**Sharing during Worship:** If you have items that you want to have shared verbally with the congregation at either in-person or Zoom gatherings, **please send items to Jeff or Lisa** (email, call or text – contact info at bottom of this bulletin) before Sunday morning.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **NEXT SUNDAY, 11:00 am – In-Person Gathering at church. Baptism & Communion:** The baptism candidates are Alayna Smith, Josh Fast, Seth Dyck, and Sofia Bogoya Enns.  
**Attendance details:** Masks will be required. Attendance must be registered on Eventbrite (link will be emailed next week). We are allowed up to 150 people in the church building. There will be no seating plan. Please bring your own elements for communion (juice/wine, bread/crackers).

## CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE

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| Income budgeted end of July         | \$203,249        |
| <u>Actual income to end of July</u> | <u>\$166,268</u> |
| Difference                          | \$36,981         |
| Actual income to end of July 2020   | \$186,341        |

- Ways to donate:**
1. Cheque: Mail to 699 Haney St, Winnipeg MB R3R 0Y7
  2. Account transfer at Crosstown Credit Union
  3. Canada Helps website: [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org)
  4. E-transfer: Send to [donations@charleswoodmennonite.ca](mailto:donations@charleswoodmennonite.ca)

## MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA/CANADA

\* **UPDATED: Worship Gatherings in support for Water Protectors: Sun., Aug. 22, 2:00 pm.** *Pray, Learn, Support, Resist.* Join Hope Mennonite's Justice Team in one of three simultaneous services as we give gratitude to Water Protectors who are defending waters and wild rice beds in Minnesota from the Line 3 pipeline expansion. Each service includes prayers, songs, a scripture reading, and actions. You are invited to RSVP to one of the following virtual or in-person gatherings: (You may contact Jeff Friesen for more information)

- 1) **At TD Bank** (648 Notre Dame Ave) to connect with those funding fossil fuel expansion in the midst of a climate crisis. Contact [allegra.friesenepp@gmail.com](mailto:allegra.friesenepp@gmail.com) or [sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca). Visit <https://m.facebook.com/events/800119470661240>, including details about the nonviolent direct action involved
- 2) **The Enbridge Line 3 Pumping Station** at Gretna Manitoba, our own Manitoba part of Line 3, where we will plant seeds of change. Contact [regehrcc@gmail.com](mailto:regehrcc@gmail.com). Visit <https://m.facebook.com/events/2952161125041516>.
- 3) **Zoom.** Join the Zoom Service to show your gratitude for – and support of – those protecting water and wild rice beds. Contact [freedkirsten@gmail.com](mailto:freedkirsten@gmail.com) or [lisa@hopemennonite.ca](mailto:lisa@hopemennonite.ca). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81194547358?pwd=dVpKRzVHYnptWVUyNGxkc09Vd0hYZz09>. Visit <https://m.facebook.com/events/1857663891060099>.

\* **Lindenwood Villa Suite available:** 2 bed/ 2 bath, 1173 sq. ft. east facing unit. Open houses: Aug. 23 & Aug. 24, 4-6 pm; Aug. 29, 2-4 pm; Aug. 30, 4-6 pm. For more information please call Dave Watson 204-782-1535.

\* The August edition of the Mennonite Disaster Service newsletter, *On the Level*, is now available. In our current issue: MDS volunteers help to renovate and upgrade a 100-year-old office building recently purchased by MCC, bridges are constructed in collaboration with Engineers in Action and MDS, and MDS actively monitors the wildfire situation in the western and central US and British Columbia. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3ggsJhU>

\* Do you know a university student who is still deciding where to live in Winnipeg this fall? **Emmaus House has two openings for the 2021/22 Academic year.** It is a place that immediately feels like home and where you'll find good food, friends, and lots of laughter. Great walking access to U of W and bussing to U of M. [www.emmaushousewinnipeg.ca](http://www.emmaushousewinnipeg.ca) or call 204-272-9191 and ask for Rod or Susan.

\* Recovery of Hope together with Eden Foundation are offering our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Ride for Recovery of Hope** on Sat., Sept. 25. This fund-raising ride takes place in Winnipeg along dedicated walking/cycling paths. Go to: <http://edenhealthcare.ca/> for more information, to register or to support a cyclist.

## **CAMPS WITH MEANING** ([www.campswithmeaning.org](http://www.campswithmeaning.org))

- \* Camps with Meaning invites applications for three permanent positions at Camp Assiniboia: **Head of Maintenance, Food Services Coordinator, Custodian/General Assistant**. Find the job description at <http://www.campswithmeaning.org/news/job-opportunities-maintenance-kitchen/>.
- \* **Casual Kitchen Staff required at Camp Assiniboia** starting Sept. 1. For more information contact David Hogue at 204-782-3019 or [assiniboia@campswithmeaning.org](mailto:assiniboia@campswithmeaning.org).

## **MCC – MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MANITOBA/CANADA** (<https://mcccanada.ca/>)

- \* Winnipeg West End MCC Thrift Shop seeks to hire a new **Store Manager for the Sargent Ave Store** (full-time, 5 days/wk between Mon and Sat). The store is actively engaged in receiving and selling used clothing, small housewares, books, toys and collectibles with all proceeds designated to support the relief and development work of MCC, all in a manner that is efficient and fosters Christian respect for customers, staff and volunteers. The manager reports to the Board and will be responsible for the daily operation of the store. Only those candidates who are legally eligible to work in Canada should apply. Résumés and inquiries can be sent to [jimpeters@shaw.ca](mailto:jimpeters@shaw.ca) or can be made by phone at 204-477-4770.
- \* **The people of Haiti need our help**. On Saturday, August 14th, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the country, killing at least 1,300 people and injuring thousands more. Early reports show that many of those who survived lost their homes. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. To donate, visit <https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/haiti-earthquake>.
- \* Sign up for the **18<sup>th</sup> Annual MCC Manitoba Golf Tournament** today! Join us for a day of golf, prizes and dinner on September 9th to support families impacted by the Beirut explosion. Register at <https://mccmb.ca/golf>.
- \* **Looking to gain valuable work experience or fill your free time while helping your community?** Sargent MCC Thrift Shop is looking for shop clerks to work once per week/month from 10am-4pm. You must be 15 years or older and will receive all necessary training. Please call 204-783-8185 or email [mccsargent@shaw.ca](mailto:mccsargent@shaw.ca) to enquire or visit website for more details.

## **CMU – CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY** (<https://www.cmu.ca/>)

- \* **CommonWord is here for you this fall!** As of Aug. 30, we will resume our regular hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm) serving you with trusted congregational resources, Anabaptist and related books, specialty foods, and new Indigenous products. Visit us in-person (and stop by folio café!) by phone (1-877-846-1593), email ([info@commonword.ca](mailto:info@commonword.ca)) or online ([commonword.ca](http://commonword.ca)).
- \* **Join us folio café** for a coffee or lunch! folio is excited to reopen to the public starting Aug 30 (Mon-Fri, 8 am-4 pm). Note: Masks are required except while seated at tables.
- \* Want to do some in-depth Bible study or delve into key theological questions? Consider taking a course through **CMU's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry** for personal enrichment, professional development or for academic credit. For more information and to register, go to <https://cmu.ca/academics/gradstudies/extended>.
- \* **Come work at CMU!** We are currently recruiting for a number of positions, including Writer, Payroll and Benefits Coordinator, and several roles in our finance department. Check out our employment opportunities at <https://cmu.ca/employment>.

### **Charleswood Mennonite Church Affirmation Statement** (Approved June 9, 2019)

Charleswood Mennonite Church is rooted in the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition as a community of faith committed to becoming the body of Christ.

We welcome all persons to worship and participate with us. We acknowledge the image of God in every person including those of every gender identity and sexual orientation. We invite all to participate in our congregation's practices such as baptism, church membership, church leadership, and marriage. We lament the prejudice and discrimination found in society and in the church, and we commit to holding each other accountable to the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate and affirm all persons worshiping with us. Together we seek to be a pilgrim community of mission, service, hospitality, grace, healing, justice, peace, and love.

## MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA

### • INTERNATIONAL WITNESS

- **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 24, 2021, is International Witness Sunday.** Learn more at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday).
- **Turmoil and rising cases in Bethlehem affect Bible College.** Bethlehem Bible College asks us to pray for their new academic year as they prepare for classes and enroll students this summer. Located near the checkpoint and two refugee camps, they are often subjected to tear gas, shootings and turmoil in the street. They are also dealing with rising COVID-19 cases, a slow vaccine roll out and less than 15 per cent of the population vaccinated.
- **Progress made in Siamou translation.** Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission asks us to join them in praising God for progress made by the Siamou Bible translation team. Despite several months lost to public health restrictions, work resumed on the books of Mark, Acts, Galatians, 2 Corinthians and Colossians. Pray that progress will be steady so that the Siamou people will soon have the Bible in their own language.

### CMC CONTACT INFORMATION:

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