

## LOOKING AHEAD

Tues., March 7	7:30 pm	Council of Church Ministries Meeting over Zoom
Wed., March 8	10:00 am—Noon	All Ages Social Time at the Church
Thurs., March 9	7:00 pm	Youth at the Church
Sun., March 12	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School Classes - Preschool to adult Worship Service - Pastor Caleb
March 17 - 19	————	Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) Annual Delegate Sessions (ADS) in Pincher Creek
Sun., March 19	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Preschool to adult Worship Service with guest speaker Reynold Friesen
Wed., March 22	10:00 am—Noon	All Ages Social Time at the Church

**Looking Further Ahead:** The Good Friday Service will be held at our church on Friday, April 7th at 10:00 am. On Easter Sunday, April 9th, in addition to the service there will be an Easter Egg hunt at the church beginning at 9:30 am.

### PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

Please be in prayer for Werner & Joanne DeJong, MCA Witness Workers in Ethiopia, as well as everyone they encounter, as they navigate teaching and witnessing in an area experiencing much violence.

From MC Canada: Pray for Jesus followers around the world who a commit to learn and walk together in faithful response to the climate crisis. Pray for open ears and hearts, and for willingness to move as the hands and feet of Christ.

### BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. You can provide a gift by calling: 888-622-6337, by sending a cheque marked for "Syria and Turkey Earthquake" to your local MCC office, or online at:

[mcccanada.ca/earthquake](http://mcccanada.ca/earthquake)

**Volunteer with MCC Thrift!** Whether it's sorting, pricing, or working at the cash register, volunteers are a vital part of MCC Thrift Shops. Become a volunteer in Taber, Edmonton, Lethbridge, or Calgary by filling out an interest form at [www.thrift.mcc.org](http://www.thrift.mcc.org) and you'll

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# CALGARY FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023



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MARCH 5, 2023  
WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

**Gathering**

Hymn of Gathering	I Know God Loves Me (VT #158)
Passing the Peace	
Opening Words	
Call to Worship	
Prayer of Illumination	

**Confessing**

Hymn of Seeking	Begin Again (Insert)
Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	
Words of Forgiveness	

**Proclaiming**

Hymn of Proclamation	Gracious Spirit (VT #367)
Scripture Reading	John 3: 1-17
Message	Pastor Caleb

**Responding**

Hymn of Communion	Come to the Table (VT #461)
Time of Communion	
Sharing Our Joys & Concerns	
Prayers of the People	

**Sending**

Benediction	
Hymn of Sending	Breathe on Me, Breath of God (VT#737)

Worship Leader: Lisa Burgess  
Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ~ 10:00 AM

Preschool - Grade 6	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Grades 7 - 12	TEACHER APPRECIATION
Adult Book Study with Pastor Caleb	TODAY

POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY

You are invited to a Potluck Lunch today, immediately following the Worship Service. The Congregational Engagement Committee will present their plan for setting up Fellowship Groups. Come and learn what it means to be a part of a Fellowship Group.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Adult Sunday School Class Update: Starting next Sunday, March 12th, we will be offering two Adult Sunday School options for the duration of Lent. Pastor Caleb will continue his class with a change in focus to the Devotional Booklet of our Lent program, "Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith". Jenn Ratzlaff will be leading a *Visio Divina* class using the art provided with the Seeking materials. For more information, please contact Pastor Caleb or Jenn Ratzlaff directly.

We are looking for one more usher for the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to serve our church in this way please speak with Karen Janz as soon as possible.

Please join us for all ages social time on March 8 and 22 from 10-noon. This is a Drop-in event, no need to RSVP, and Christine will have activities for any pre-school children who may be there. If you are interested in participating but are unable to attend on Wednesdays please contact Christine so she can include alternate days in the future.

MORE FOR LENT

As part of our Lenten series 'Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith' there are a series of daily devotional cards available. A few sets have been pre-printed and are available in the foyer. If you would like to print your own set at home please email the church office and the file can be sent to you.

Special Children's Bulletins are available for each week based on our Lenten series. Each week the bulletin provides activities for children to do that are focused on the service. The bulletins are available in the foyer, if your child didn't receive one when you came in please see the ushers.

If you have brought an offering this morning please place it into the collection box, located on the sound desk at the back of sanctuary. You may also send your donations electronically to Calgary First Mennonite Church through Interac e-Transfer to: [treasurer@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca](mailto:treasurer@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca)