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North Edmonton Ministry:

Donna Entz invites you to a Kickstarter for the Fall Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) Engage the "Other" Series on September 17 at 7:00 pm on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87068867934>. In order to join the discussion, please preview the free documentary, "The Great Disconnect" on Tuesday, September 15, anytime between 5:30 pm and midnight. Registration for the Tuesday documentary is here: <https://xerb.tv/channel/mljff/virtual-events/592>. Program for Zoom Thursday meeting is a discussion of the documentary and brainstorming about the Engage the "Other" series.

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Annual Highway Clean-up Fundraiser: this Saturday, September 19. Eric Hansplant is our coordinator.

Sunday, September 27 is our Mennonite Church Alberta MCA **E3 Celebration and Commitment Service**. All the congregations in Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) will be focusing on the new "E3" theme - which stands for *Encountering, Embracing, and Embodying Christ in Life*.

Sunday, October 4 is our trial service for physically gathering in the church building. It will be a physical service as well as a live streamed service over Zoom. Some Council of Church Ministry members will be meeting to plan out all the details of this service so that we can eliminate as many of the risks as possible.

Sunday, October 11 is **Thanksgiving Sunday**. The Worship Service will be **only live streamed over Zoom**, without a physically gathered service in the church building. We are hoping to fill this Service with congregational stories of thanksgiving. While these last months have been incredibly difficult, are there things for which you are thankful? Do you have a recent story about giving thanks? Would you be willing to share your story with the congregation over Zoom? If you have a story to share, please contact Jenn Ratzlaff or Pastor Caleb.

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

We want to lift up Elise Wiebe and her family as her brother, Ron, passed away from cancer on Tuesday, September 8 in Winkler, Manitoba. Ron's condition had been worsening, but fortunately, Elsie and Jake were able to visit Ron and the family a few weeks ago to say their goodbyes to Ron. They are holding a funeral today, so we want to pray for Elsie and the family as they process, grieve, and begin to move forward.