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## Scripture Reading

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### John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to

fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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## **Education**

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**Adult Ed** | April 18: Randy Sawatzky will give a presentation on MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates). April 25: Lukasz Firla, Iraqi Kurdistan Program Support Coordinator for Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) will speak about the work of CPT. May 2, 9, 16, 30: Madeleine Friesen will lead a series introducing the *Voices Together* hymnal. | For more details on these and upcoming sessions, please consult the Adult Ed link on the Bethel website. Contact the church office for the Zoom link.

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## **Bethel Announcements**

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**In-person worship gatherings** | The current provincial government guidelines allow places of worship to hold regular religious services if a service does not exceed 25 per cent of usual capacity or 100 people, whichever is lower. The church council executive and the pastoral team, however, have decided to continue with the suspension of in-person worship gatherings. The rationale for this decision includes the reality that we are in the code red danger zone as a province and that a large portion of the Bethel Family has not yet received the coronavirus vaccine. Looking to the future, in-person worship gatherings will be reinstated at the appropriate time.

**The online worship services will continue** to be held on Sundays at 10:00 am as usual, and all are welcome to join in 'real time' to worship together or to view the service at a more convenient time during the following week. Go to our website: [www.bethelmennonite.ca](http://www.bethelmennonite.ca). Click on the small picture of the sanctuary to join the worship service.

**Usage of masks in the building** | Masks will continue to be mandatory and required of all persons entering the church building. However, as comfort levels allow, the preacher (and perhaps the worship leader as well) will remove the mask when preaching/leading from the pulpit. All musicians and song leaders would continue wearing the mask.

**Volunteer Opportunity** | We are looking at launching a virtual version of our *Harrow Reading Program* this spring. If you are comfortable with technology (Google Meet), can spare a half hour a week, and would be interested in listening to a student from Harrow School practice their reading skills, please contact Pastor Kathy.

The **2021 Virtual Walk with L'Arche** happens on May 1 and we're asking you to consider sponsoring a Bethel member and the Winnipeg L'Arche Community. To donate online, go to [www.larchewinnipeg.org](http://www.larchewinnipeg.org), click on "Community Life/Walk with L'Arche" & then click the "CanadaHelps.org" link. In the message box, indicate the name of the person that you are sponsoring. Thank you.

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## Partners in Ministry

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### **Mennonite Church Canada**

[mennonitechurch.ca](http://mennonitechurch.ca)

**Church leaders in the Holy Land** urge the global church to advocate against the demolition of Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem to expand Israeli settlements, moves that contravene international law and human rights. Go to the links at the [Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network](#) (PIN) web page for information on a letter-writing campaign asking Ottawa to speak out against this injustice.

**We need your help to support Indigenous Rights!** | The [Faith in the Declaration Coalition](#) invites everyone to send a letter to Hon. Pablo Rodriguez (the Government Leader in the House of Commons) calling on him to expedite the passage of Bill C-15 (An Act to Respect UNDRIP), so that it reaches Royal Assent. This is a vital response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

**Susan Reynar joins MC Canada staff** | Susan will be our new executive assistant, beginning May 1.

### **Mennonite Church Manitoba**

[mennochurch.mb.ca](http://mennochurch.mb.ca)

**Campers are registering** for summer camps; this means we also need staff and volunteers! Kitchen and maintenance help, camp pastors and health officers are needed for one-day pop-up camps in various locations and week-long day camps at both camps: [campswithmeaning.org](http://campswithmeaning.org) Summer.

**University students** | *Emmaus House* has openings for summer/fall 2021. It is a place that immediately feels like home and where you'll find good food, friends, and lots of laughter. See: [www.emmaushousewinnipeg.ca](http://www.emmaushousewinnipeg.ca) or call 204-272-9191 and ask for Rod or Susan.

**Living and Thriving on Campus webinar.** | A CMU learning experience is characterized by high quality academics, vibrant campus life and a strong sense of community. CMU's residence program touches all of these areas and offers great advantages for students. Wed., April 21, 4:00 pm. Register at [www.cmu.ca/webinar](http://www.cmu.ca/webinar).

**Virtual Book Launch** | Lori Guenther Reesor talks about her book, *Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peace Blossom Church*. Thurs., Apr. 22, 6:30 pm. Register at [www.commonword.ca/go/2328](http://www.commonword.ca/go/2328).

**One week Spring Intensive Courses** | Available in person and online. More information and registration at: [www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses](http://www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses)

**Westgate Mennonite Collegiate****westgatemennonite.ca**

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**Virtual Spring Bursary Fundraiser** is on May 18. Every year we rely on donations from our generous community to raise funds for the bursaries. We have a number of events planned this year including a virtual program, an online prize raffle, torte raffle, and gourmet pick-up meal. Go to [westgatemennonite.ca](http://westgatemennonite.ca) to learn more about how to make a donation and help support our students and their families!

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**Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters Conference Preview Event** | May 13, at 7:00 pm EDT: Join online for a special video presentation to preview the future Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters Conference. This event sampler includes messages of welcome, and presentations from Indigenous and Mennonite scholars, collaborators, community members and musicians. No registration required. Link will be available here closer to the event at [uwaterloo.ca/indigenous-mennonite-encounters](http://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous-mennonite-encounters).