
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
September 13, 2015, No. 37

Worship Leader Alfred Neufeldt
Pianist Ede Regehr

- Prelude
Call to Worship
Prayer
Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Songs I stand amazed in the presence HWB #528
Teach me, O Lord HWB #487
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Hymn Joys are flowing like a river HWB #301
Tithes and Offerings
Children (preschool to Grade 5) leave for Sunday School
Hymn Teach me thy truth HWB #548
Scripture Reading James 3:1-12 Pew Bible p. 855
Reflections on Teaching - Lorraine Fitzgerald, Jim Epp, Nancy Epp
Sending Blessing
Sending Song When we walk with the Lord HWB #544

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Please pray for our Children's Hour program! We had 49 children at our first session this week! Please pray for the teachers, pianist, and coffeetime hosts.

During the month of September, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for Rosthern Alliance Church, and for students and teachers at Rosthern schools.

THIS WEEK:

Today - Following the service, all are welcome to enjoy for coffee and fellowship in the lower auditorium.

11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School - Alfred Neufeldt will be leading a class using the Adult Bible Study material, "The Spirit Comes," a New Testament survey. All are welcome.

2:30 p.m. - RJC Opening program, in the school auditorium - join the faculty, staff and students to ask God's blessing on a new school year.

Please note: Pastor Craig is away, taking a few days' holiday, this week.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Good Samaritan Club will meet in the common room at Genesis - please note change of location

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Children's Hour - for ages 4 to Grade 5.

Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Youth meet at Youth Farm Bible Camp for games - youth are reminded to arrange their own rides

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Prayer time

10:00 a.m. - Worship service - Jeanette Hanson speaking - Children's Sunday School during the service

11:00 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship time

11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School class

COMING EVENTS:

Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m. - MCC invites anyone who is interested in learning more about the current refugee situation and refugee sponsorship to an information evening at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon

Sept. 25 - 27 - Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat at Shekinah - also for knitters, calligraphers, painters, etc! See posted information.

Sept. 27, 2:30 pm. The RJC Choir and Saskatoon Youth Orchestra Fall Concert at reflecting the work done by both groups during their weekend workshop on campus. Hear each group perform, and combine for a couple of songs together. RJC and the SYO have cooperated for their fall workshop for close to 20 years! Admission is by donation.

Sept. 27, 3:30 p.m. - Grace Mennonite, Prince Albert - installation service of Ryan Siemens as MC Sask Area Church Minister - Congregational & Pastoral Relations. Fellowship lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome!

Oct. 1, 5:30 p.m. - Clothes Basket Volunteer appreciation supper, here at RMC - please sign up at the store if you plan to attend.

Oct. 2 & 3 - RJC Alumni Weekend! Volleyball and Soccer (Saturday only - meet in Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 and bring a white and dark t-shirt). Come join in the fun as a participant or a spectator! A delicious lunch sponsored by Alumni will be served between 11:00 and 1:00 in the Rehearsal Hall. Email Denelda at deneldafast@hotmail.com to register for volleyball by Sept 28 or for information. Alumni and Friends Welcome!

Welcome to:

Rosthern Mennonite Church

Followers of Jesus Christ

Called by God

Empowered by the Spirit

To Grow as a Community of Grace, Joy and Peace

So that God's Healing and Hope Flow through Us to the World

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Office Hours Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

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Oct. 2 - 4 - Singing with the Spirit, a weekend workshop for the congregational voice, led by Marilyn Houser Hamm, will be hosted by Nutana Park Church, Saskatoon - all welcome, see posted information. **Registration is required for the Saturday workshops - see the posted registration forms.**

Oct. 2 - 4 - SMYO Jr. High Retreat, at Youth Farm Bible Camp. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp for more information.

Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m. - Oct. 17, 4:00 p.m. - Sask Women In Mission annual retreat at Shekinah. "Igniting Our Creativity: Looking Back, Moving Forward." Mel Harms, Pauline Steinmann & Sharon Schultz will lead us. ALL women invited. Poster and registration forms in the church foyer.

Oct. 23 - 25 - Peace it Together Conference: Canadian Mennonite University will host a national youth conference on the theme **A Meeting Place: Hearing God in Indigenous Voices.** To register: cmu.ca/pit.

Oct. 24 - Mennonite Church Sask Equipping Day, at Eigenheim Mennonite Church. Theme: *Engaging Anabaptism Today* Watch for more information.

Oct. 30, 6:30 p.m. - Mennonite Disaster Service Awareness/Fundraising supper, at West Portal MB Church, Saskatoon. All are invited - call 306-342-4344 by Oct. 13 to reserve your place.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
September 6, 2015						
Worship service # 36						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$ 2,470.40	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (1,499.85)	\$125,924.91	\$142,929.00	\$ (17,004.09)
Lunch	\$ 293.15					
TOTAL	\$ 2,763.55	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (1,499.85)	\$125,924.91	\$142,929.00	\$ (17,004.09)

Attendance last Sunday: 80

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please note: Church mailboxes have been re-labelled, and your box may not be in exactly the same place as before - check the labels carefully!

Mennonite Disaster Service is seeking a director for Region V (Canadian) operations. See the posted information.

The Mennonite Heritage Centre is seeking WWII conscientious objectors who performed alternative service, for the production of a documentary, funded by a grant from the Canadian Department of Heritage. If you are or know of a person who performed alternative service and is willing and able to be interviewed, or if you have photos, correspondence, or diaries on this theme, please contact archivist Conrad Stoesz at cstoesz@mennonitechurch.ca. The Mennonite Heritage Centre is a ministry of Mennonite Church Canada.

Mennonite Central Committee has sent the following information about the refugee crisis in the Middle East:

MCC response in the region

- MCC has programmed over \$31 million in response for the Syria crisis in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan since February 2012 and Iraq since June 2014.
- **This is MCC's largest disaster response in our history**
- Since 2012, MCC has sent 52 material resources shipments containing comforters, hygiene and relief kits and school kits to Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.
- The focus of MCC's response to the crisis continues to be on humanitarian assistance (food assistance, household items, clothing and shelter), and psychosocial support and peacebuilding initiatives.
- The Canadian Government Department of Foreign Affairs (DFATD) has contributed \$6.9 million for MCC's humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding in the region.
- MCC supports access to education for IDPs and refugees in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.

Ways to help

Consider refugee sponsorship. If you are interested in learning more about refugee sponsorship, please visit our website at mccsk.ca/refugeeresponse or contact our office at 306-665-2555.

Support MCC's response in the Middle East. We welcome all donations to help us continue this major response. You can donate online at mccsk.ca/syria-iraq or by contacting our office.



An Invitation to Build a Healthier Future

The future success of our community depends on good health for everyone. And some do not have enough food to experience that health.

The Rosthern District Food Bank gives out an average of 159 food hampers each month, providing food for 297 adults and 291 children.

Poverty and injustice are mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible. God clearly cares about the poor, and today we are called on to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Some 25 dedicated volunteers are sharing the good news that those who receive these gifts of food are loved. Reaching out, to people in our neighbourhoods who are in need of help, is one way of sharing the gospel. Jesus's words were, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

How can you help?

We need your help to continue to operate and expand this ministry. Your personal journey can be individual, in a small group, or as a congregation.

We are asking whether you as a church could collect a certain specified food item every two months.

- For **September and October**, we are asking for **pasta and pasta sauce**.
- **In addition to food, we are asking whether you could consider an offering once or twice a year. This would buy a lot of food and be much appreciated!**
- **Please Pray:**
 - for people in poverty to receive relief and health
 - for spiritual renewal
 - for God's Kingdom to come "on earth as it is in heaven"
 - for a heart that feels what God feels for the poor

Thank you!
Rosthern District Food Bank