
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
September 27, 2015, No. 39

Worship Leader Jim Epp
Pianist Brenda Epp

- Prelude
Call to Worship
Prayer
Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Song I sing the mighty power of God HWB #46
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Hymn Savior, like a shepherd lead us HWB #355
Tithes and Offerings
Children (preschool to Grade 5) leave for Sunday School
Scripture Reading Psalm 121 Pew Bible p. 440
James 5:13-20 Pew Bible p. 856
Hymn Somebody prayed for me StS #120
Message "The Community that Prays Together ..." Craig Neufeld
Sending Blessing
Sending Song Help us to help each other (V. 1-3) HWB #362

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

The Gals along with some others, will present a service at Goodwill Manor this afternoon. Please pray for this ministry of our church - the Home is very appreciative of these services.
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 for coffee and fellowship in the lower auditorium.

11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, with Adult Bible Study material, "The Spirit Comes," a New Testament survey. All are welcome. Alfred says that he has enough books to allow more people to participate!

2:30 p.m. - The RJC Choir and Saskatoon Youth Orchestra present a Fall Concert, 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.

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!

Please note: Rosthern Rascals Childcare has arranged to use our lower auditorium from 6:45 - 8:45 a.m., and from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m., on school days, for before-and-after-school childcare. Regular weekday activities will still happen here as usual. Questions? Please call the church office.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - Pastoral committee meeting

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - Coffee hour, sponsored by the Pastoral committee - all are welcome, invite a friend!

5:30 p.m. - Youth meet at the church to go to Saskatoon for a concert
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Children's Literacy program
7:00 p.m. - Children's Hour - for ages 4 to Grade 5.

Thursday, Noon - Brown bag lunch at the MCC Sask office, with Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, restorative justice coordinator for MCC US. All are welcome!

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

Thursday - Saturday - Restorative Justice: Building a Culture of Hope conference at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon. Free public lectures, all welcome. See posted information.

Friday - Saturday - RJC Alumni Weekend of Volleyball and Soccer. Come as a participant or a spectator! A delicious lunch sponsored by Alumni will be served from 11:00 to 1:00 in the Rehearsal Hall. For info or to register, email Denelda at deneldafast@hotmail.com. Alumni + friends welcome!

Friday - Sunday - Singing with the Spirit, a weekend workshop for the congregational voice, led by Marilyn Houser Hamm, at Nutana Park Church, Saskatoon - all welcome, see posted information. Registration is required for Saturday workshops - see posted registration forms.

Friday - Sunday - SMYO Jr. High Retreat, at Youth Farm Bible Camp. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp for more information.

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service

- Children's Sunday School during the service

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

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

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - The family of Menno & Agnes Dueck invites you to a come-and-go tea, here at RMC, to celebrate their 60th anniversary!

Ride for Thailand 2015 – Saturday, Oct. 3 at 2:00pm, at this year's Jr. High Retreat, MC Sask youth and sponsors, together with MC Canada Exec Director Willard Metzger, will be participating in a Ride for Refuge to help raise awareness and funds for MC Canada Mission Workers Tom and Christine Poovong in Thailand. We will be cycling from the Youth Farm Bible Camp to Rosthern Junior College, and invite your support in one of the following ways: come and bike with us; donate a bike for the day; support our SMYO cycle team and donate (click on the link at www.mcsask.ca). For more information, please contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp in the MC Sask office (306-249-4844, youthminister@mcsask.ca), or check the MC Canada website.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanksgiving Display – Asking for pumpkins, squash or zucchini. Please bring to the church by September 30 and leave in the room to the right of the stage. Thank you.

We are updating the *Canadian Mennonite* mailing list. All members and attenders of our church are eligible to receive the magazine. If you are not receiving it, and would like to, please call the church office. This also applies to young adults away from home. The magazine is also available in electronic format - if you, or other members of your family, would prefer to receive the magazine via email, please let the church office know.

For the months of September and October, the *Rosthern District Food Bank* is asking for donations of **pasta and pasta sauce**. You may bring your donations to the church, and place them in the basket in the foyer. We will make sure they are delivered!

Rosthern Mennonite Church offers bursaries to students (whose families are members or regular attenders of our church) attending RJC and other church-related colleges. Forms available outside the church office - please have them in to a Finance Committee rep or the church office this week.

MCC Connects: The Government of Canada is now matching donations made from individual Canadians for relief in Syria made between September 12 and December 31st, 2015. MCC is calling for donations to support our work in the region. Call toll-free 1-888-622-6337 or donate online at donate.mcccana.ca/syria

At our last church council meeting it was decided to begin the discussion on homosexuality after harvest is complete. An update for you on this process. With harvest going later than anticipated the timeline has changed. Once harvest is complete a committee made up of a representative from Church Council, Pastoral, a member of our congregation along with Pastor Craig will begin to plan and coordinate our meetings. It is expected that these meetings will begin in late October and early November. Meetings would probably be on a Sunday evening and are intended to be informational. These meetings are seen as a learning opportunity for the entire congregation. While we wait for harvest to complete you are encouraged to read some of the resources that have been made available in the library.

COMING EVENTS:

Oct. 5, 7:00 p.m. - The Micah Mission Annual General Meeting, at their office building (Kinsmen Activity Place), 226 Ave. V S., Saskatoon. Please join us.

Oct. 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Youth Farm Bible Camp Fall Fund-Raiser Supper, with Roast Beef, Turkey, Potatoes, Stuffing, Vegetables, Salads, Pies and more. - all welcome, admission by donation.

Oct. 11, 10:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving service

Following the service, we will have our Thanksgiving dinner - it will be a pot luck meal, and everyone is asked to bring a **casserole** or a **salad**. The Hospitality committee will provide buns and desserts.

Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m. - Oct. 17, 4:00 p.m. - Women's Retreat – Igniting our Creativity: Looking Back, Moving Forward, at Shekinah Retreat Centre Timberlodge. The retreat will consider both human and divine creativity as we gather for a time of joy and spiritual refreshment together. All women are welcome! Cost is \$120 for the weekend, \$70 per day. Poster and registration forms in the foyer. Contact Lois Siemens at pastorlois@sasktel.net for further information.

Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Blanket-making resumes, in the lower auditorium - all are welcome to come for all or part of the day.

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. Theme: *Engaging Anabaptism Today*. Brochures, with information on speakers, themes, cost, etc. are posted in the foyer. All are welcome to attend!

Oct. 24, 5:00 p.m. - RJC Corporation meeting

6:00 p.m. - RJC Homecoming, Appreciation and Fund-Raising Dinner - see posted information. Please reserve by Oct. 16.

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 20, 2015	Worship service # 38					
	Weekly	Weekly	Year to Date			
	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	
Budget	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (2,215.25)	\$131,648.46	\$150,869.50	\$ (19,221.04)
Coffee	\$ 45.00					
Church use	\$ 750.00					
TOTAL	\$ 4,303.55	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (2,215.25)	\$131,648.46	\$150,869.50	\$ (19,221.04)
Attendance last Sunday: 84						