
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service - First Sunday in Lent
February 14, 2016, No. 7

Worship Leader Ted Janzen
Pianist Kathy Luitjens

Prelude

Gathering

Call to Worship

- Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
People: I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust.
Leader: If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge -
People: Then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.
Leader: They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
People: You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
Leader: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
People: He will call upon me, and I will answer him;
Leader: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him.
People: With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Prayer

Theme Hymn I love to tell the story HWB #398

Welcome and Announcements

Hearing God's Story

Scripture Readings Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Pew Bible p 143
Romans 10:8b-13 Pew Bible p. 802
Luke 4:1-13 Pew Bible p. 727

Children's Story Jay Janzen

Hymn Jesus, tempted in the desert StS #36

Meditation Larry Epp

Responding to the story

Time of Reflection and Journaling

Tithes and Offerings

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Sent Out

Sending Blessing

Sending Song Be thou my vision HWB #545

"Living Ink"--- The story of God has been told in many ways to many people throughout time. Like the table before us, may our lives be built on the Word.
The scrolls represent the Old Testament written in anticipation of the Living Word, Christ; the candle---Christ, Light of the World.
The Hebrew text gives us today's Psalm.

THIS WEEK:

Today - Following the service, all are welcome for coffee and fellowship in the lower auditorium. Adult Sunday School will follow.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Good Samaritans meet in the lower auditorium

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Blanket-making - all are welcome! Come for all or part of the time - bring a lunch, if you wish.

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service, second Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. - Coffee and fellowship time, adult Sunday School

7:00 p.m. - Continuing discussion on same-sex relationships:
Focusing on the New Testament - 36 min. video
Moving Forward - Some Suggested Points of Agreement - 13 min video

Our congregation's discussion on same sex relationships will continue on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. (Please note change of date). The topic will be: On Being the Church - A Garden, A Body, A Table - 31 min video

COMING EVENTS:

Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m. - MCC invites us to Grace Westminister United Church (505-10th St. E., Saskatoon) for an MCCS Relief Sale Fundraising Concert. Matt Pauls will perform selections from the works of Franz Schubert as well as Argentinian and Canadian composers. Tickets, \$20.00, are available at the door.

Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. - Festival of Hymns concert at Saldheim MB Church, with the Canadian Mennonite University Singers - see the poster

Feb. 28, 2:30 p.m. - *Sing Together* concert, with Canadian Mennonite University Singers and Rosthern Junior College Chorale, at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. See the poster.

Mar. 3, 7:30 p.m. - Rosthern District Food Bank Annual General Meeting, at St. Odilon - all interested people are welcome.

Mar. 4 - World Day of Prayer service, at the Mennonite Nursing Home

Mar. 8, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Youth Farm Bible Camp veneniki and sausage Fund-raiser supper, here at RMC - all are welcome, admission by donation.

Mar. 11 & 12 - Mennonite Church Sask Annual Delegate Sessions, at Osler Mennonite Church

Mar. 12 - 20 - Sask Valley Music Festival will be using our sanctuary at various times for Music Festival sessions

Mar. 25, 10:30 a.m. - Community Good Friday service, here at RMC

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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Sing Together

RJC Chorale



A joint concert with:

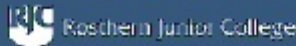
Canadian Mennonite University Singers | Janet Brenneman, conductor
 Rosthern Junior College Chorale | Richard Janzen, conductor
 Also featuring soloist Matt Pauls (Assistant Professor of Music, CMU)

2:30 PM | Sunday, February 28, 2016

Knox United Church

838 Spadina Crescent E, Saskatoon, SK

Free admission. A free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds go to CMU and RJC.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our church will be the site of the 2016 Sask Valley Music Festival, during the week of March 14-18. Volunteers are needed to collect admissions on March 14 & 15 (day and evening sessions) and March 16-18 (daytime sessions only.) Please see the posted sign-up sheet, if you would be able to help.

Scent Free Church: There are many people who have allergies to perfume, colognes and other scents. We remind you not to wear scents within the church building. Thank you!

For the month of February, the Rosthern District Food Bank asks you to consider collecting canned soups, crackers, and cereal. All gifts are greatly appreciated and will extend a helping hand to those in need. *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40)

MCC Connects: Appleby Kids Club works with children between the ages of 3 and 10 every Wednesday from 6 – 8pm to play games, read Bible stories, do crafts and eat together. A volunteer Kid's Club Activities Coordinator is needed to provide leadership for programming. Please contact MCCS Community Engagement Coordinator Kaytee Edwards Buhler at KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca or 306-665-2555 ext. 237 for more information.



You are invited to experience Assembly 2016 (July 6-10 in Saskatoon) through the eyes, hands and feet of a volunteer.

A host of Volunteers are needed to ensure that guests and participants from across Canada will experience our hospitality. To volunteer a day or more, or an hour or more, contact Marianne at mcsask@mcsask.ca or for clarification and information contact Charlotte at cbueckert@sasktel.net

Elections Sask is seeking people to work during the provincial election on April 4. A stipend is paid to workers, and this year a provision has been made that workers may give part or all of their stipend directly to a charity, as a receiptable donation. See the posted information.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
February 7, 2016						
Worship service #6						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 3,683.00	\$ 37.00	\$29,918.00	\$22,098.00	\$ 7,820.00
Coffee/lunch	\$ 87.00					
Church use	\$ 980.00					
Fund interest	\$ 2,767.55					
TOTAL	\$7,554.55	\$ 3,683.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 29,918.00	\$22,098.00	\$ 7,820.00
Attendance last Sunday: 137						

Important Announcement from Shekinah Retreat Centre

While 2015 proved to be an exciting year for Shekinah, with a number of developments, 2016 has started with a major challenge. The economic downturn that the province is experiencing is also affecting Shekinah. We have lost some of our larger bookings and are anticipating some significant revenue losses over the next few months. We have also been behind in our fundraising dollars over the last few years and that is only compounding the situation. We had some exceptional support from our faithful supporters in 2015 with our donations exceeding what we have received in recent times. Unfortunately however, we still find ourselves in a time of crisis. We are facing a potential shortfall that could possibly lead to some very difficult decisions that may need to be made. We are appealing to you, the congregations, the churches and the people that have put so much love and effort into this place, for help. This is not a situation that affects only a few people, but it affects all who belong to the body of Christ that is represented by Mennonite Church Saskatchewan and all who love Shekinah. We are all owners of Shekinah and we all have a vested interest in the future of this beautiful place.

There is a vision at Shekinah that has been inspired by God and that the staff and the board is excited about, we just need your support, we need your help through this challenging time. We are asking for financial assistance and we are asking for the opportunity to discuss with you other ways in which you may help. If you would like to help please speak to one of the board members or contact Nick Parkes, the Executive Director at Shekinah, we would be happy to fill you in with more details and answer any questions that you may have.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12

Thank you and please pray for us.

Shekinah

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Thank you to all of you who worked at home and at the church to make our pancake supper a great church family building experience. *Thank you* to Ted Janzen and Rita MacDonald, who organized and coordinated our efforts. Two hundred fifty-six people enjoyed the meal, and income from the supper (before expenses) was \$5,906!

This year's Lent visuals have been prepared by Bev (wall display) and Denise (weekly symbols.) *Thank you*, Bev and Denise, for helping us to 'see' as well as 'hear' this year's Lent theme.

During the month of February, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for the Living Faith Pentecostal Church, and for the World Day of Prayer, coming up at the beginning of March.