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Worship Service  
 April 17, 2016, No. 16

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 Worship Leader Lorraine Fitzgerald  
 Pianist Kathy Luitjens  
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Prelude

Call to Worship

**Leader:** O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
**People:** **Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**  
**Leader:** O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
**People:** **Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**  
**Leader:** We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.  
**People:** **The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**  
**All:** **O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.**

Prayer

Gathering Hymn *We sing to you, O God* StJ #1

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *Our Father God, thy name we praise* HWB #32

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn *Your will be done* StJ #57

*Children (age 3 to Gr. 5) dismissed for Sunday School*

Tithes and Offerings

<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Revelation 7:9-17	Pew Bible p. 871
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Jesus shall reign</i>	<b>HWB #319</b>
<b>Meditation</b>	<b>"Crisis of Allegiance"</b>	<b>Craig Neufeld</b>
<b>Sending Blessing</b>		
<b>Sending Song</b>	<i>Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!</i>	<b>StS #110</b>

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 Activity folders for children are available in the foyer. Children are welcome to take colouring pages home; please return the folders to the table after the service.  
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**THIS WEEK:**

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

**2:00 p.m.** - Station Singers presents "In Praise of Spring" concert - works by Dvorak, Haydn, Mendelssohn, with guest artists: Prairie Virtuosi String Quartet

**Monday, 6:30 p.m.** - A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of **Daniel Lopez**, in the lower auditorium. Everyone is welcome. Please call Hilda Lopez at 306-232-5578 to confirm your attendance. See card on the bulletin board.

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

**Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.** - Blanket making - all are welcome.

**3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** - Blanket makers, quilters, and kit makers are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Tea at the MCC Saskatoon office (600 45<sup>th</sup> St. W., corner of Ave. C & 45<sup>th</sup> St.) Please RSVP to Jerry Letkeman at 306.665.2555, ext. 243 or [JerryLetkeman@mccsk.ca](mailto:JerryLetkeman@mccsk.ca) if attending. *Please note: A car will be leaving from RMC around 1:45 p.m., to take anyone interested to this tea. Contact Denise Epp or Linda Bartel for information.*

**Thursday evening** - *Canadian Mennonite* magazine board meeting here at RMC

**Friday** - the Board of *Canadian Mennonite* magazine will be using our sanctuary for board meetings

**Saturday** - Workday at Shekinah - volunteers of all ages are welcome. Call 306-945-4829 if you are interested in helping.

**6:00 p.m.** - The *Canadian Mennonite* magazine invites you to a Fundraising Banquet featuring keynote speaker, **Stuart Murray**, from the UK Anabaptist Network, author of the *Naked Anabaptist: The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith*, and the nationally competitive classical **Caspian (Friesen) Trio**, at **Rosthern Mennonite Church**. Donations above \$20.00 gratefully receipted. Please see poster for more details. Please **RSVP by Apr.12 online at [canadianmennonite.org/banquet](http://canadianmennonite.org/banquet), via email at [brycelm@gmail.com](mailto:brycelm@gmail.com)**, or at 306-363-4750.

**Next Sunday, 10:00 a.m.** - Worship service, children's Sunday School - our guest speaker will be Alexandra Elish, who works with the Anabaptist Network and Mennonite Trust in the UK.

**11:00 a.m.** - Coffee and fellowship time

**2:30 p.m.** - A **Buncha Guys** Spring Concert at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, from any of the Guys, **or at the door**. An offering will be taken to support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

**For many, many years**, the German Bible verse, now hanging on the front wall of the sanctuary, was on the front wall of the sanctuary of our former church building, which was replaced by this building in 1964.

The German words are, "Selig sind, die Gottes Wort hören und bewahren," and the translation is, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Luke 11:28)

#### **PRAISE AND CONCERNS:**

**Please remember RJC students and staff** in prayer. Their annual ALSO (Alternative Learning and Service Opportunities) trips take place over the next two weeks, with groups leaving on Wednesday for Guatemala and Alabama.

**During the month of April**, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church. We are also asked to remember people around the world who seek refuge.

#### **Prayer request from Mennonite Church Canada:**

The director for Asia and Europe Ministry, is visiting *Witness* workers and church partners in Asia from April 12-30. Pray that his visits and the ongoing ministry of Witness Workers will continue to strengthen good relationships with global church partners in the midst of Mennonite Church Canada transition and restructuring.

**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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## COMING EVENTS:

**Apr. 27, noon** - Wind-up lunch, for everyone who has been involved in blanket-making this year, whether you have come to church to tie blankets, or worked from home, sewing tops or finishing. Soup will be supplied, please bring buns, cheese, or fruit.

**April 29, 7:30 p.m.** - **Mennonite Heritage Museum** annual meeting and board reports, at Eigenheim Mennonite Church. MHM is preparing to move the New Church (first Mennonite Church in Rosthern) to the RJC Campus as an addition to the Mennonite Interpretive Centre being developed. Details of the planning will be given, a budget approved and an audio-visual presentation, coffee and goodies will follow. Opportunity to donate or pledge in support of these exciting developments will be given.

**May 5, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** - May Day Tea, in the Mennonite Nursing Home auditorium, put on by the Youth Farm Complex auxiliary. Proceeds will go towards purchasing a new floor polisher. Everyone is welcome.

**May 13, 7:00 p.m.** - RJC Spring choir concert

**May 28** - RJC Annual Golf Classic - see the poster. Go to [www.rjc.sk.ca](http://www.rjc.sk.ca) for registration forms, or call 306-232-4222.

**June 4** - 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Youth Farm Bible Camp - activities begin at 11:30 am and run until evening. See the poster.

**June 10-11** - 2016 MCC Relief Sale & Auction at Saskatoon Prairieland Park. New this year: Kid's Peace from 9-3, run by Shekinah Retreat Centre; Busking – musicians (any age), please contact Denise Martens at 306.270.9648 or [denisemartens@gmail.com](mailto:denisemartens@gmail.com)

**June 13-17, 20-24** - Canadian School of Peacebuilding at Canadian Mennonite University - Learn how Indigenous peoples have shaped Canada politically, socially, culturally, and economically. Enrol in **'Reconciling our Future: Stories of Kanata and Canada'** at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 20-24, 2016. This course is being taught by James Sinclair, with guest presenter John Ralston Saul. For more information, go to [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or email [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca).

**July 6 - 10** - Mennonite Church Canada Assembly, in Saskatoon. Registration is now open, two more delegates from our congregation will be needed. Please contact the church office, or a member of the nominating committee, if you are interested in being a delegate.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Traditionally, a child dedication service** is held in our church during the month of May. Parents who might be interested in having their child(ren) dedicated are asked to talk to Pastor Craig, or contact the church office.

**Copies of Mennonite Church Canada *Witness Worker Update*** are available from the rack in the foyer. Please take one if you are interested in knowing more about current mission workers.

**MCC Connects:** The MCC Saskatchewan Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Eileen Klassen Hamm has been appointed as the Executive Director of MCCS. Eileen has served MCC in various roles for over 20 years. The board welcomes your continued prayers for Eileen as she provides leadership to MCC Saskatchewan.

**For the month of April**, the Rosthern District Food Bank is requesting gifts of canned fruit and canned vegetables. All gifts of food are greatly appreciated.

**Volunteers are needed** for the upcoming *MC Canada Assembly, July 6-10 at TCU Place in Saskatoon*. Experience the Assembly by volunteering for a partial or full day, or full week. Volunteers are needed for: Ushers, Information Services, Registration and Lodging, Prayer Room, and Art Space. For a description of these tasks see the bulletin board..

**Rosthern Junior College** is seeking several new staff members for the 2016-17 school year: teachers in the areas of Christian Ethics, English, and Math, and residence staff. **RJC is also hiring** a summer student to work May-August. Main responsibilities include grounds maintenance, summer rental host and science class renovation labourer assisting with demolition and construction. Send letters of inquiry and application to Jim Epp, Principal.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** invites families to join in a family project this summer. Projects are planned at Silver Lake, Ontario, and Camp Assiniboia, in Manitoba. See the posted information.

**MCC Canada is currently recruiting for several service worker positions!** If you have felt a pull to international service work, visit <http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved> or contact Erica Baerwald at the MC Sask office, 306-665-2555.

**Are you a young adult** looking for a one-year formational experience in cross-cultural learning and service? Mennonite Church Canada is inviting team members to work alongside *Witness* workers Darnell & Christina Barkman in Manila, Philippines. For opportunities in Philippines, Ecuador or Indonesia visit [home.mennonitechurch.ca/ShortTerm/JourneyIntl](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/ShortTerm/JourneyIntl) or contact Tany Warkentin ([twarkentin@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:twarkentin@mennonitechurch.ca)). Application deadline is June 1, 2016.

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Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Worship service #15						
	Weekly		Year to Date			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 3,683.00	\$ (1,773.00)	\$58,310.21	\$55,245.00	\$ 3,065.21
Coffee/lunch	\$ 54.00					
MCC	\$ 150.00					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,114.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,683.00</b>		<b>\$58,310.21</b>	<b>\$55,245.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,065.21</b>

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Attendance last Sunday:79