
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Encountering God: What have we witnessed
... in our need for renewal?

April 6, 2014 - No. 14

Worship Leader Ella Penner
Pianist and Song Leader Brenda Epp

Encountering

Call to Worship

Leader: Today we come before you, God, dry and brittle.

People: Lord, breathe new life into our aching bones.

Leader: We come into your presence, fatigued and numb.

People: Lord, breathe new life into our tired living.

Leader: We come to the table, desperate and hurting.

All: Today, Lord, breathe into us new hope!

Opening Prayer

Gathering Song Here in this place (v. 1,2,4) HWB #6

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Singing Breathe on me, breath of God HWB #356

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pew Bible p. 614

Children's Time Drama

Confession and Assurance Insert

Witnessing

Scripture Reading John 11:1-46 Pew Bible p. 760

Congregational Singing I sought the Lord HWB #506

Message "Lazarus" Jon Epp

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

My Favourite Scripture Brenda Epp

Tithes and Offerings

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn Great is thy faithfulness HWB #327

For younger children - activity folders may be picked up from the table in the foyer. Return your folder to the table after the service.

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Please remember in prayer RJC students and teachers during their ALSO (Alternative Learning and Service) week in Guatemala, Alabama, and doing service projects in the Rosthern area.

In April, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church, and the upcoming ecumenical Good Friday service, which will be held here at RMC.

News from Mennonite Church Canada:

Pray with Nathan and Taryn Dirks, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in Botswana, that the youth in their local congregation will live and serve faithfully.

Thank you for helping to build Peace Church Philippines, led by Darnell and Christina Barkman. They are working with the Integrated Mennonite Churches (IMC) of the Philippines to help bring lasting peace to an area experiencing ongoing conflict over land rights.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today - Following the service, all are welcome downstairs for coffee, followed by Sunday School - during the Sunday School time, Delilah & Brian Roth will tell us about their recent trip to Mexico as part of their recent MCC Learning Tour.

7:00 p.m. - A Buncha Guys concert at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, Russ Regier (249-3650), any of the guys or at the door. An offering will be taken to support the Appleby Kids and Youth Club in Saskatoon. (A Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan program in the Meadowgreen neighbourhood)

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Church council meets

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - Christian Education committee meets
10:00 a.m. - Alzheimer Support Group meets

Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - MEDA Banquet at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon, with guest speaker Marion Good. Cost \$22 - see the poster.

7:00 p.m. - Youth meet at church for Bible study

7:00 p.m. - Christian Counselling Services Spring Celebration Event, Elim Church, Saskatoon. See the poster.

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service

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

2:30 p.m. - Saskatoon men's Chorus spring concert, at Grace-Westminster united Church, Saskatoon. Call 306-220-0812 for tickets.

7:00 p.m. - Songs for the Sale, an evening of songs and celebration at Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon - the offering will go toward MCC Relief Sale Expense Fund.

Lent Visuals to Aid in Encountering God:

God meets us in the things we can touch and see, but also meets us in less physical ways, through spirit and thought. To represent the physicality of encountering God and Jesus in specific times and places see --- the grounding imagery of stones and rocks in the Old Testament and Gospel stories combined with the abstract concepts of Living Water (blue), the Breath of God (yellow) and new Life (green).
Lent 5 --- the dry bones of Ezekiel's vision, and nearby on the rocks Lazarus' white grave linens.

Mar. 30, 2014

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report
Worship service #13

	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$2,664.55	\$ 4,039.00	\$ (1,374.45)	\$ 58,365.15	\$ 52,507.00	\$ 5,858.15
Church use	\$ 645.00					
Youth group	\$ 300.00					
Coffee fund	\$ 100.00					
TOTAL	\$ 3,709.55	\$ 4,039.00	\$ (1,374.45)	\$ 58,365.15	\$ 52,507.00	\$ 5,858.15

Mar. 27 Youth Group Fundraiser \$2,238.75

Attendance last Sunday: 87

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. 16, 7:30 p.m. - *Were You There?* Cantata by a mass choir with representation from St. John's Lutheran, Laird, Tiefengrund, Eigenheim and Rosthern churches, at Tiefengrund Mennonite Church - see the poster

Apr. 17, 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service of communion

Apr. 18, 10:00 a.m. - Community Good Friday service, here at RMC
7:00 p.m. - Good Friday concert at Bethany College, Hepburn

Apr. 22-23 - A new and exciting event to celebrate Earth Day, Mennonite style! In this two-day learning and service event, youth will learn how we can honour the earth with our food, our worship, and our hands. Junior and senior youth welcome, and encouraged to bring friends. Go to the SMYO Facebook page or website to learn more; youth pastors, sponsors, and parents are encouraged to contact Kirsten directly if your youth are interested in attending (youthminister@mcsask.ca, 306-249-4844).

Apr. 26, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Sask Women in Mission Enrichment Day, "Hearing the Voices of Young Women," Nutana Park Church, Saskatoon. All women welcome. Bring a bag lunch for the noon meal; beverages provided. For info, see the posters or the MCSask Web site.

Apr. 27, 3:00 p.m. - Service of ordination for Pastor Craig Neufeld

Apr. 28, 6:30 p.m. - Church cleaning bee, sponsored by the Good Samaritan Club - everyone is invited to come and help out, and enjoy pie and coffee afterward!

May 6, 7:00 p.m. - Eigenheim Mennonite Church and RJC will be hosting the *Recycled Orchestra* (from Paraguay). No cost for the performance, but a freewill offering will be received. Money raised from the offering will be tax receiptable and will be used for building a community education centre in the Cateura neighbourhood, the home of the Orchestra. If you are interested in getting reserved rush-seating, send your request along with name and phone number to recycled.rosthern@gmail.com or phone the following number between 9 am. and 9 pm: 306-232-9117

May 10 - Touring Mission Fest - this year visiting Shekinah Retreat Centre; Zoar Mennonite, Waldheim; Menno Home, Waldheim; and Zoar Mennonite, Langham - registration forms available in the foyer

May 30 - June 1 - Church Family Camp, at Camp Kadesh

July 3 - 6 - Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2014 in Winnipeg: *Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season*. For more information and to register, go to home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014 All are welcome!
- Children's Assembly is in need of additional volunteers, particularly male volunteers. Please contact erempel@mennonitechurch.ca

July 28 - 31 - Native Assembly in Winnipeg - Join with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christians from across North America. The theme is *Ears to Earth and Eyes to God*. For info and registration, go to <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/event>. All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Are you thinking about baptism? Church membership? Child dedication? Please talk to Pastor Craig, or call the church office, for more information.

Are you concerned about poverty issues in Saskatchewan? If you would like to add to a petition that will be presented to the government of Sask, please take one of the forms posted in the foyer.

It's time to think about summer camps. Pamphlets with info on MC Sask camps (YFBC, Shekinah, Elim) are on the bulletin board at the west door. There is also info about sports camps at Bethany College.

VBS 2014 – MC Sask is once again putting together a Vacation Bible School troupe to provide churches with the opportunity to host this program in their communities. We are looking for 1 Troupe Leader, 3-4 Troupe Members, and 5-8 host congregations to help make this program happen. Check out the SMYO website (www.smyo.ca/vbs) for information and applications, or contact Kirsten Hamm in the ACYM Office.

Shekinah Retreat Centre has is still seeking employees:

1. **Food services assistant** - Year-round part-time, depending on bookings, mostly weekend work.

2. **Maintenance/Assistant School Group Programmer/Kitchen Coordinator**. May-August, full time work (15 weeks total). Start date: May 5th. Please apply as soon as possible if you are interested!

MCC Service Opportunity: MCC is seeking an IT User Support Technician for a one year term, beginning immediately. Travel extensively as this position provides primary support for users in Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Go to <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/it-user-support-technician> for more information and to apply.

Can you help? Carlton High School in PA is offering a "hockey class" for some grade 5 – 8 indigenous students. They are in need of gently used hockey equipment. If you have any junior to adult hockey equipment you no longer need and would like to donate, contact Leonard Doell at 306.665.2555 by the end of April to make arrangements.

Canadian Mennonite University is constructing a new library, learning commons and bridge. CMU alumni (CMBC, MBBC, Concord, MSC, and CMU), are invited to connect with CMU's mission by purchasing a floor tile on the bridge with your name or other wording on it. A donation of \$500 will create a lasting witness to your support of the CMU vision. Visit cmu.ca/connect for details.

Confession & Assurance

Leader: O Lord, if you held our sin against us,

People: Who could live, would could stand?

Leader: We seem to have more faith in death

People: Than hope in your promise of life.

Leader: We seek peace through war

People: And find security in weapons.

Leader: We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying,

People: And pursue wealth by making others poor.

Leader: And even so, you love us;

People: Still there is forgiveness with you!

Leader: Therefore we worship you;

All: For you alone, O Lord

Can save us from death

And redeem us from our sin.

Silence

Leader: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!
If Jesus Christ dwells in you,
The spirit of God will be your life
And the grace of God
will be your righteousness.
And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you,
Then God, who raised Jesus from the dead,
Will also give life to your mortal bodies.
Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.