
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service - Easter Sunday

Encountering God: What have we witnessed ... in Jesus' empty tomb?
April 20, 2014 - No. 16

Worship and Song Leader Ted Janzen
Organist Katherine Hooge
Pianist Marian Hooge Jones

Encountering

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us rejoice, for the tomb has been found empty.
People: He is risen from the grave!
Leader: Let glad songs of victory rise up this Easter day.
People: He is risen from the grave!
Leader: Let us sound the trumpets in the house of the Lord!
People: Our Christ is not dead. He lives forevermore!
Leader: Let us stand in awe at what the Lord has done.
All: Share the good news: Christ is risen!
Let us rejoice in glad song!

Hymn of Praise Low in the grave he lay HWB #273

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise Thine is the glory HWB #269

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 Pew Bible p. 768

Hymns of Praise Christ has arisen HWB #267
The love of God StJ #44

Witnessing

Affirmation of Faith HWB #712

Children's Time Drama

Hymn of Praise Sing with all the saints in glory StS #92

Message "Living as Easter People" Craig Neufeld

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

My Favourite Scripture Jay Janzen

Tithes and Offerings

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn Christ the Lord is risen today HWB #280

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Please remember in prayer the group from Youth Farm Bible Camp, working at house-building in Mexico this week.

In April, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church.

News from Mennonite Church Canada:

Your gifts to Mennonite Church Canada multi-cultural ministries have enabled us to translate critical faith-forming resources for Mennonite congregations across Canada who worship in 18 different languages.

Mennonite Church Canada is assisting CONEMPAR, a group of Mennonite congregations in Latino Paraguay, to plant a church in a new, impoverished, rural region of Paraguay. You can help! donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/paraguay

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today - We welcome everyone to our Easter worship service. Today we enjoyed brunch before the service, so there is no coffee time afterward.

Tuesday, Wednesday - 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).

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Youth meet at Hein home

Please note: The bulletin will be printed on Thursday this week, and the church office will be closed on Friday.

Saturday, 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.

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service

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

3:00 p.m. - Ordination service for Pastor Craig, followed by faspas - for the lunch, the Hospitality committee is asking for donations of squares and pickles. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the lower auditorium. They would appreciate having the food brought to church next Sunday morning.

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. The stones and rocks physically represent the encountering of God and Jesus. They combine with the abstract colours and shapes---a cross, where the triumph of life is celebrated in a bright yellow circle, that intersects with the blue living water that sprouts a green path of life from Heaven to Earth.

Apr. 13, 2014

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report
Worship service #15

	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$1,909.90	\$ 4,039.00	\$ (2,129.10)	\$ 65,504.80	\$ 60,585.00	\$ 4,919.80
Coffee fund	\$ 43.35					
TOTAL	\$ 1,953.25	\$ 4,039.00	\$ (2,129.10)	\$ 65,504.80	\$ 60,585.00	\$ 4,919.80

Attendance last Sunday: 87

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

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. 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! If possible, please bring a pail and rags, a mop and a vacuum cleaner. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

May 4, 3:00 p.m. - MCC Sask invites all to continue their 50th anniversary celebration by coming to Grace Mennonite Church, PA, for a celebration of the MCC Restorative Justice program. See the poster.

May 6, 7:00 p.m. - Eigenheim Mennonite Church and RJC will host the *Recycled Orchestra* (from Paraguay) in the RJC auditorium. No cost for the performance; a freewill offering will be received. Money raised will be tax receiptable and will be used to build a community education centre in the Cateura neighbourhood, the Orchestra's home. For reserved rush-seating, call 306-232-9117 between 9 am. and 9 pm. or send your request along with name and phone number to recycled.rostern@gmail.com

May 8, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - May Day Tea, hosted by Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary, in the Nursing Home auditorium. Admission by donation, proceeds will go toward a new wall unit for the auditorium. If you are able to donate a cake for the cake walk, please contact Judy Guigon.

May 10 - Touring Mission Fest - this year visiting Shekinah Retreat Centre; Zoar Mennonite, Waldheim; Menno Home, Waldheim; and Zoar Mennonite, Langham - cost \$50, registration forms available in the foyer

1:00 p.m. – RJC is hosting an “Amazing Race” event for students in grades 9-12 - a scavenger hunt with all the thrills of the Amazing Race and a dash of trivial pursuit. Teams of 5-6 will navigate the town of Rosthern on foot solving clues and facing fun challenges. Register as an individual or team. It will be a GREAT day followed by supper and an awards ceremony in the Dining Hall for you and your family. Registration forms available at www.rjc.sk.ca or email val@rjc.sk.ca.

7:00 p.m. - RJC Spring Concert - Season finale performances by Concert Choir, Man Choir and Chorale will highlight the evening. Free admission; an offering will be taken. We look forward to having you join us.

May 20-22 - MC Sask Continuing Education event - see the poster

May 24 - RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern. Sign up individually or as a team (\$125/person or \$500/team). Included are a banquet and silent auction. Registration forms and info available on the RJC website, www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. To learn more about corporate sponsorship, or donating team prizes or silent auction items, contact Dan Richert at dan@rjc.sk.ca.

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

June 13-14 - MCC Relief Sale and Auction, Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

June 16-20, 23-27 - Canadian School of Peacebuilding classes at Canadian Mennonite University - see posted information

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!

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!

MCC Connects - More than 6.5 million Syrians have been displaced from their homes due to civil war. Please continue to support uprooted Syrians living in their own and neighbouring countries. To date MCC received more than \$2 million dollars from the Canadian government to help Syrians get through the winter. Let's do our part by praying for peace, creating hygiene and relief kits, and providing funds for ongoing relief and peace building activities. Contact MCCS to donate, 306.665.2555 or at mccsk.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We have revamped our website. To take a look at the new site, go to www.rostthernmennonitechurch.com.

We have recently received new gift cards from the Gideons. They are on a table in the corner of the lower auditorium. Please take a look. They are available for you if you wish to make a donation to the Gideons in memory or in honour of someone.

Coins Count (formerly Penny Power) - we are reminded to save our coins to bring to the MCC Sale in June. Monies raised will be used for building sand dams.

Applications are being accepted for the full time position of **Estate Secretary** at Mennonite Trust Ltd., in Waldheim, SK. For more information see www.mennonitetrust.com/jobs. Send your resume to mtl@sasktel.net. See posted information.

Saskatchewan Women in Mission would again like you to consider the opportunities to serve - as secretary, president elect, on the program committee, or on the nominating committee. SWM is open to all women in Mennonite Churches in Saskatchewan. Are you, or is there someone you know, who would have the gifts/talents or interests that would suit these positions? Contact: Denise Epp, Rosthern.l.d.epp@sasktel.net (306) 232-4801 OR Glenis Koop, Saskatoon.gleniskoop@hotmail.ca (306) 665-8011

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.

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.