
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
July 27, 2014 - No. 30

Worship Leader Tina Siemens
Pianist Marian Hooge Jones

Prelude

Call to Worship (From Ephesians 1,3)

All: Blessed are you, O God!
Leader: You have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.
People: You chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before you in love.
Leader: You chose us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ.
People: In Christ you have provided us redemption, the forgiveness of our trespasses.
Leader: Put Christ in our hearts; root and ground us in love;
All: that we may embrace the breadth and length and height and depth of your love, and share it with one another.

Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song Jesus calls us here to meet him StJ #3

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Congregational Singing Praise him, praise him HWB #100

Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading Acts 20:17-38 Pew Bible p. 788
Ephesians 3:14-21 Pew Bible p. 828

Congregational Singing Bless'd be the tie that binds HWB #420

Message To Ephesus ... Craig Neufeld

Sending Blessing

Sending Song The peace of the earth be with you StJ #77

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.

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

In July, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for the Seventh Day Adventist congregation, and for the Rosthern Refugee Committee. In August, please pray for Trinity Lutheran Church.

Prayer requests from Mennonite Church Canada:

In the wake of the terrible violence unfolding in Gaza and in Israel, we, as a historic Peace Church deeply lament the military action which has devastated so many lives. We lament that organized violence has again caused such destruction and death in this contested region. As of July 22 reports indicate that around 600 Palestinians and around 27 Israeli soldiers have already been killed in this war. UNRAWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, reports that over 118,000 people have been displaced and are seeking refuge.

Please continue to pray for an immediate end to the conflict in Gaza and the military aggression from both sides. Pray for the many people of Gaza and Israel whose lives have been devastated by military action. Pray for leaders of Israel, Palestine, and also our Canadian leaders, that they would seek diplomatic solutions that could lead to a lasting peace and reconciliation without the domination of one side over the other.

Although Mennonite Church Canada does not have ministry partners in Gaza, we have been planning with Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) to send Palmer Becker (Waterloo North Mennonite Church, ON) on a short-term assignment to Gaza in September, 2014 to teach a course on pastoral care there. Given the uncertainties of the current conflict, we are consulting with BBC leaders about this assignment. Mennonite Church Canada staff are also consulting with BBC leaders, and with senior MC Canada staff, about how best to respond or advocate for an end to military action in Gaza. Thank you for your prayers.

Financial support for families in Gaza may be sent through MCC at http://mcc.org/stories/helping-families-affected-conflict-gaza

Please pray for the Native Assembly of Mennonite Church Canada, beginning tomorrow in Winnipeg. The theme is Ears to Earth and Eyes to God, and 230 people are pre-registered.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today - following the service, all are invited for coffee and fellowship in the lower auditorium.

Today through Wednesday is the Waldheim Missions Conference. See the poster for activities and times.

Monday - Thursday, 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. - 5-Day Club at the home of Ron & Lavonne Derksen - children between the ages of 5 and 13 are welcome

Monday, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Worship leaders and others involved in worship are invited to Salem Church, Waldheim, for a worship seminar featuring Brian Doerksen. See the poster.

Tuesday - Friday - Kathy will be away this week, and Tina Siemens will be in the church office. Thank you, Tina!

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - 'Welcome Home' concert at Osler Mennonite Church, featuring Keith Boldt, Tenor, Merel Kriegsman, Soprano and Sandra (Boldt) Horst, accompanist, Toronto. Keith and Sandra are siblings from the Osler area who have made their professional music careers in Toronto, Europe and beyond. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the church. Everyone is welcome!

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service - Craig Neufeld speaking

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

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:

For the past several years, our congregation has taken on the responsibility of presenting a short program/church service at Goodwill Manor in Duck Lake, on the last Sunday of each month, from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. More volunteers are needed to continue presenting this program. Music, interspersed with short scripture and readings, seems to be the type of program most appreciated. We are in need of a family or group to do the service on the last Sunday of each month in fall. Please talk to Kathy Luitjens, or call the church office, for more information, or to volunteer. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve coffee after church during July and August. See the sign-up sheets in the foyer. *Thank you* to all who have signed up already.

Thank you to all who have signed up to deliver Meals on Wheels in July. Any concerns, please contact Henry Epp.

Mennonite Church Sask has two scholarships available, for students planning to go to RJC or a Mennonite post-secondary school. Applications are due by July 31 - please contact the church office for an application form.

RJC Employment Opportunity - Do you or someone you know have a passion for working with and mentoring youth? RJC, a Christian high school, has job openings in our student residence for both a male and female Residence Dean for the 2014-2015 school year. Please contact the school at 306.232.4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca for information.



The Early Church, our Church

COMING EVENTS:

Aug. 10, 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Mennonite Church SK Day in the Park, at Scott Park (next to Mount Royal MC), Saskatoon - Outdoor games in the afternoon for all ages, including special kid's activities with the SMYO VBS Troupe, supper provided by the Saskatoon Vietnamese Mennonite Church, and an evening concert featuring *Becky Reesor and Sam Dlugokecki*, Winnipeg musicians touring across Western Canada. Supper is a fund-raiser and is by donation. All are welcome! See the poster.

Aug. 16, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - The fifth annual Spruce River Folk Fest, at Spruce River Farm (20 km north of Prince Albert on Hwy 2). This cultural event is planned to create awareness of landless bands within Saskatchewan. Proceeds go to the Stoney Knoll (Young Chippewayan) Band genealogical project. See poster for details or visit mccsk.ca.

Sept. 19-21 - SMYO Jr. High Retreat, at Youth Farm Camp - see poster

Sept. 26-28 - Quilting and scrapbooking retreat at Shekinah

Oct. 4 - Save the date for the National Church Bikeathon! Join other Mennonite Church Canada congregations on the Ride for Refuge – a first ever national church bikeathon. Riders in every major city across Canada will ride in support of *Witness* workers Nathan and Taryn Dirks, to help fund their work with at-risk youth in Botswana. A Mennonite Church Canada Team page will be set up at www.rideforrefuge.org or contact Daniel Horne at dhorne@mennonitechurch.ca, 1-866-888-6785 ext. 107.

Oct. 25, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Mennonite Church Sask *Equipping to Listen*, at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon - the purpose of this day is to find clarification regarding questions coming out of the 2014 Annual Delegate Sessions, and to explore how to be faithful with our array of understandings. See the posted information.

Nov. 8 - Tim & the Glory Boys – at The Legends Centre in Warman. This is going to be an exciting, music and worship-filled evening with a great blue-grass, folk-roots band from Abbotsford, B.C. This event is co-sponsored by SMYO. Tickets are *FREE*, but must be reserved at www.gracesask.com/concert/ See the poster.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Worship service #29						
July 20, 2014	Weekly		Year to Date			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$ 1,233.75	\$ 4,039.00	\$ (2,805.25)	\$ 108,748.90	\$ 117,131.00	\$ (8,382.10)
Coffee Fund	\$ 53.95					
TOTAL	\$ 1,287.70	\$ 4,039.00	\$ (2,805.25)	\$ 108,748.90	\$ 117,131.00	\$ (8,382.10)

Attendance last Sunday: 135