
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
Second Sunday in Advent
Dec. 7, 2014 - No. 49

Worship Leader Larry Epp
Song Leader Delilah Roth
Pianist Brenda Epp

Prelude
Gathering

Call to Worship (Psalm 85) Insert

Leader: You, Lord, showed favour to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people
And covered all their sins.

People: We will listen to what God the Lord says;
God promises peace to us, to God's faithful servants -
Surely our salvation is near.

Leader: Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

All: The Lord will indeed give what is good,
righteousness goes before God
and prepares the way for God's steps.

Prayer
Lighting of Advent Candles Margaret Watson
Hope is a candle StS #15

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Hymn To us a Child of hope is born HWB #189
Music ministry Cheyenne Epp

Listening
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Tithes and Offerings
Children's Time Ric Driediger

Hymn Reveal your mystery Hymnal insert
Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 Pew Bible p. 511
Mark 1:1-8 Pew Bible p. 707
2 Peter 3:8-15a Pew Bible p. 861
Message "Reveal your peace" Cindy Wallace

Sending
Benediction
Sending Song Hark, the herald angels sing HWB #201

We welcome Cindy Wallace as our speaker today. She is a professor of English with St. Thomas Moore College University of She has taught continuing education classes for MC Sask, most recently on the subject of Faith and Fiction.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today - Following the service, all are welcome for coffee and fellowship time in the lower auditorium. Adult Sunday School meets at 11:15.

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. - Church Christmas banquet - the offering at the banquet will go toward elevator repairs

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - Advent Coffee hour - invite a friend!
7:00 p.m. - Children's Hour Christmas program - everyone welcome
8:00 p.m. - Choir rehearsal

Thursday, afternoon - Pastor Craig and Pastoral Care will serve communion at the Home for the Aged and Nursing Home
6:30 p.m. - Worship committee meeting
7:00 p.m. - youth activity and Bible study

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. - A Buncha Guys Christmas concert at Shekinah (tickets \$5, offering for Shekinah)

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Prayer time
10:00 a.m. - Worship service - Third Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. - Coffee time and adult Sunday School
7:30 p.m. - RJC Christmas concert at Knox United, Saskatoon, with musical guests Sonrisa

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to all who have signed up to do Meals on Wheels in December. If you need a sub for a day or two, please call Henry Epp.

MCC Connects - Currently MCC's inventories are depleted on certain kits. Contact MCC Sask at 306-665-2555 and speak to Del Lennea, or see the poster. Thank you!

The Clothes Basket is seeking a permanent part-time co-manager. For more information, please talk to Dianne Epp or Esther Jantzen.

Shekinah is looking to replace their entrance sign at the top of the hill. If you are interested in being involved with this please contact Nick at admin@shekinahretreatcentre.org or call 306.945.4929. See posted info.

Youth Farm Bible Camp is again selling 'Family Freezer Packs' as a fund-raiser for their missions trip to Mexico. Order forms are available in the foyer. Orders must be in by Dec. 14.

The Rosthern District Food Bank requests help to fill 150 Christmas hampers this year. Lists of the contents are posted in the foyer.

You are invited to join the Station Singers in preparation for their spring concerts - see posted information, or talk to Ted Janzen.

The church directory is being updated. Please see the pages posted in the lower auditorium - check off if your and your families' listings are correct, or make corrections. Thank you!

COMING EVENTS:

***** December dates to remember *****

Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. - Station Singers concert, "A Celebration of Carols From Around the World," at the Station Arts Centre - reserved seating, tickets available at the Station or from choir members

Dec. 16 - Good Samaritans Christmas social

Dec. 17, 24; 10:00 a.m. - Advent coffee hour - invite a friend!

Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m. - RJC Christmas concert, in the school auditorium

Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m. - Choral Concert at Grace Mennonite, PA - all are welcome, offering for Prince Albert Food Bank

Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve service

Dec. 31, 8:00 p.m. - New Year's Eve gathering, in the lower auditorium

Jan. 10- 11, 2015, 7:30 p.m. - RJC Theatre Arts Class will present Anne of Green Gables in the Pit Theatre. Call the RJC office for tickets (\$10).

Jan. 22, 2015 - Budget discussion meeting

Jan. 25, 2015 - Annual congregational meeting - committee chairs, please have your reports in to the church office by Dec. 31.

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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November 27, 2014

To all Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Church congregational chairpersons,

This communication is going out to all MC Sask congregations requesting approval for a personal care home extension project at the Mennonite Nursing home in Rosthern.

At the last MC Saskatchewan Annual Delegate Session, the delegates passed a motion giving approval for the Mennonite Nursing Home Board to proceed with the planning of a personal care home extension at the Mennonite Nursing Home in Rosthern.

The plans have proceeded rapidly, and the Mennonite Nursing Home Board is now requesting approval for the project. The MNH Board is excited about the way plans have come together. Attached is a brochure outlining the project. Board member phone numbers are listed on the back, if more information is required.

The funds for this project will be solicited by the Mennonite Nursing Home Board. Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is not being asked to contribute to this.

The MC Sask Council will give the approval for this project, if the majority response from MC Sask congregations is positive.

MC Sask Council is asking for a response from all congregations by December 15 2014. The response requested is: are you or are you not in favour of allowing this project to proceed?

Gerhard Luitjens
Moderator MC Sask

(Brochures describing this project are in the foyer, or call the church office for more information.)

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

In December, Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for the Food Bank distribution of Christmas hampers.

Mennonite Church Canada has sent the following urgent prayer request:

Another super typhoon - Hagupit - is headed for the island nation of Phillipines this weekend. Pray that it will not make landfall. The country is still recovering from the devastating impact of Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
November 30, 2014						
Worship service #48						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$5,860.00	\$ 4,039.00	\$ 1,821.00	\$178,997.45	\$ 193,872.00	\$ (14,874.55)
Banquet tickets	\$ 870.00					
Coffee fund	\$ 69.05					
Book sale	\$ 28.86					
TOTAL	\$6,827.91	\$ 4,039.00	\$ (1,821.00)	\$178,997.45	\$ 193,872.00	\$ (14,874.55)
Attendance last Sunday: 97						
