
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
Third Sunday in Advent
Dec. 14, 2014 - No. 50

Worship Leader Tina Siemens
Pianist Kathy Luitjens

Prelude
Gathering
Call to Worship Insert

Prayer
Lighting of Advent Candles Tena Penner, Irma Neudorf
Hope is a candle (v. 1,2,4,5) StS #15

Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Hymn Joy to the world HWB #318

Confessing and Responding
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Choral Anthem Infant holy, infant lowly
Confession and assurance Insert
Tithes and Offerings
Choral Anthem Come, O shepherds

Listening
Children's Time Ric Driediger
Hymn Reveal your mystery Hymnal insert
Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Pew Bible p. 529
Luke 1:46b-55 Pew Bible p. 724
Meditation "Reveal your Joy" Craig Neufeld

Sending
Benediction
Sending Song My soul is filled with joy StJ #13

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

In December, Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for the Food Bank distribution of Christmas hampers. As of last Monday, 165 hampers had been requested by people in the Valley area.

Prayer request from Mennonite Church Canada:

Please pray for the people of the Philippines as they struggle to cope with the aftermath of Typhoon Hagupit. Pray that the warmth of God's comfort will be available to all through the hands of willing workers. Pray also that relief in the form of food, water and medicines will be in adequate supply. Mennonite Church Canada workers Daniel and Joji Pantoja, and Darnell and Christina Barkman are mobilizing efforts for relief. Keep them in your prayers as well. May they have the physical energy they need to carry out their tasks, and the sense of God's presence in all that they do.

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.

7:30 p.m. - RJC Christmas concert at Knox United, Saskatoon, with musical guests Sonrisa

Monday, 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

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. - Good Samaritans meet for their Christmas social

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - Advent Coffee hour - invite a friend!
8:00 p.m. - Choir rehearsal

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

Saturday, afternoon - lower auditorium rented
7:00 p.m. - Youth will meet for Christmas party

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Prayer time
10:00 a.m. - Worship service - Fourth Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. - Coffee time and adult Sunday School
7:00 p.m. - Choral Concert at Grace Mennonite, PA - all are welcome, offering for Prince Albert Food Bank

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.

Youth Farm Bible Camp is again selling 'Family Freezer Packs' as a fund-raiser for their missions trip to Mexico. Orders must be in by today.

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

New church directory pages are in your mailbox. Please inform the church office of any errors.

MCC Connects - Give peace for Christmas. Your gift of peace helps communities build understanding and resolve conflicts. \$45 helps to support peacemakers as they share stories of past conflicts. Give at donate.mcccanada.ca or call 306.665.2555.

COMING EVENTS:

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

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

7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve service

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

Jan. 9-10 - RJC Tournament of Memories - Alumni, family and friends are invited to register by Jan. 1st by email (deneldafast@hotmail.com) for basketball and hockey - Basketball with a skills competition, and Street Hockey. This is something new and will be played in the parking lot in front of the school. Reconnect with old classmates and friends and exercise your mind, body and spirit at the same time! Your alumni bulletin "RJC CONNECT" will be in the mail soon (and is already on the RJC website) with more details. Questions? Contact Denelda at 306-221-2846 or RJC office at 306-232-4222.

Jan. 10-11, 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. 11-18 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan. 22 - Budget discussion meeting

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

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report

December 7, 2014

Worship service #49

	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$5,779.00	\$ 4,039.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$184,825.05	\$ 197,911.00	\$ (13,085.95)
Banquet tickets	\$ 440.00					
Coffee fund	\$ 48.60					
Refugee Fund	\$ 50.00					
Food Bank	\$ 200.00					
TOTAL	\$6,517.60	\$ 4,039.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$184,825.05	\$ 197,911.00	\$ (13,085.95)

Attendance last Sunday: 98

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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Call to Worship (from Isaiah 61)

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship.

Redeeming God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the joy that comes from remembering your splendour.

All: ***Oh, that you would reveal your joy to us, O Lord.***

Leader: We celebrate the year of the Lord's favour,

People: **a time of comfort for those who mourn.**

Leader: There will be crowns instead of ashes,

People: **joyful anointing instead of mourning,**

Leader: cloaks of praise instead of spirits of despair,

People: **cities of renewal instead of devastation.**

All: ***The Lord will wrap us in robes of righteousness.***

Come, O God, and clothe us in garments of salvation.

Confession

Leader: Today in this safe but dark and holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We focus now on our congregation and the wider Anabaptist Mennonite church family.

People: **We are a faithful church, but sometimes we've kept our riches to ourselves.**

Leader: Sometimes we have excluded the inquirer who has come to our door seeking faith. Sometimes we've refused to admit our weaknesses. Sometimes we've been too quiet in the land. Sometimes we've helped those far away but ignored our neighbours. Sometimes we've tried so hard to serve that we've forgotten the joy of worshipping you. Hear our honest confessions, O God, and remember us in mercy.

People: **Restore to us the joy of being your faithful people.**

All: ***Restore our joy, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.***

Assurance

Leader: The Lord has done great things in and through his church, and has bestowed rich blessings on us, his Anabaptist people.

People: **When we place our lives into your hands, O God, you willingly transform our timid hearts with your infectious joy.**