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Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
Mar. 1, 2015, No. 9

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Worship Leader Jay Janzen
Pianist Marian Hooge Jones

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Prelude
Candle Lighting
First Look - Listen to God's Word

Gathering Hymn We sing to you, O God StJ #1

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent:
People: towards the One who calls us each by a new name.
Leader: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,
People: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.
Leader: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
People: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.
Leader: Those who want to save their lives will lose them. Those who lose their lives in pursuit of God
People: who abandon the world's values, who live generously and faithfully, who listen to a voice beyond, will find life.
Leader: Followers, we are called to gather together to worship God, in thankfulness for God's loving mercies.
All: Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your worship.

Children's Time and Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 8:31-38 Pew Bible p. 714
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-17a Pew Bible p. 11

Response to Scripture

Leader: Jesus, you are hard to follow.
People: Be reasonable! Don't talk about suffering and rejection, death and dying.
Leader: Like Peter, when we said we would follow you, we had something better in mind.
People: We're just trying to keep you, and us, safe.
Silence
Leader: Keep us close by your side,
People: and give us the imagination to see what you see and the courage to follow you into it.

Upside down and inside out - we reflect on God's Word

Psalm Reading Psalm 22:23-31 Pew Bible p. 391
Hymn God, beyond our ways of knowing Insert
Message Beyond Imagination Craig Neufeld

Second Look - Listen Again to God's Word

Hymn Will you come and follow me StS #39

Scripture Reading Mark 8:31-38

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Response to God's Word

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by letting us in on the big picture.
People: God, even when following is hard, we will stick with you and wait expectantly to see what else you have in mind.

Sending Blessing

Sending Song Be thou my vision HWB #545

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PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

During the month of March, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for St. Paul's Evangelical Missionary Church. Please pray also for the upcoming World Day of Prayer.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today - Following the service, Cheyenne Epp is providing the baked goods for today's coffee time. She will be accepting donations for the RJC Have a Heart fundraiser. Funds gathered by the students will be used at various ALSO week sites: Guatemala, Alabama, Calgary and Saskatoon. Your support of this project is appreciated!

Adult Sunday School meets at 11:15.

**Monday** - Please note the church office will be closed on Monday this week. Pastor Craig will be away from Wednesday to Friday.

**Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.** - Pastoral Committee meets

**7:30 p.m.** - Church Council meets

**Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** - Comforter making continues - all are welcome, come for all or part of the day. The cost of materials for one blanket is \$30; if you would like to donate to this, please place your donation in the church offering, marked 'blankets'.

**10:00 a.m.** - Willing Helpers meet. The verse is partner/together, and the offering will go toward blanket-making at RMC.

**Thursday, 7:00 p.m.** - Youth meet at church for Giant Dutch Blitz and Bible study

**Friday - Saturday** - Mennonite Historical Society of SK Mennonite History Program and Annual General Meeting, at Bethany Manor - all are welcome - see the poster

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

**10:00 a.m.** - Worship service - third Sunday in Lent

**11:00 a.m.** - Coffee and fellowship time, adult Sunday School

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Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Feb. 22, 2015	Worship service #8		Year to Date			
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (2,965.25)	\$33,225.30	\$31,762.00	\$ 1,463.30
Blanket project	\$ 150.00					
Coffee fund	\$ 222.55					
Other	\$ 116.00					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,493.55</b>	<b>\$ 3,970.25</b>	<b>\$ (2,965.25)</b>	<b>\$33,225.30</b>	<b>\$ 31,762.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,463.30</b>

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Attendance last Sunday: 86

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:**

**Mennonite Church Sask is inviting** high school-aged youth to apply to serve as members of the VBS troupe this summer. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please contact the church office for more information.

**MCC Connects: Uprooted-** a 3-week learning tour in May 2015 for young adults ages 18-25. **Application deadline March 16.** Travel as a team along the Northern & Southern borders of Mexico to learn about migration and peacebuilding. Sign up today! Find more details at [mccsk.ca/uprooted](http://mccsk.ca/uprooted) or call Myriam Ullah at 306.665.2555

**MCC Saskatchewan** is accepting applications for the following open positions: Communications & Donor Relations Director, Communications Associate, Interim Restorative Justice Coordinator and an Administrative Assistant & Data Entry position. Interested applicants should visit [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings) and search keyword "Saskatchewan" to view full job details. Contact Erica Baerwald Human Resources Coordinator at (306) 665-2555 for more information.

The art work displayed in the foyer, 'Teeming Waters,' is the fifth in a series of prints, images of Earth's beginnings, reminding us "that God is found in surprising places, any place on our planet, wherever people are open to being surprised by God's presence. And wherever that place is, we are called to live our faith mindful of the culture in which we are located." **Denise Epp, the artist, has given us this description of her work:**

'Let the waters teem with countless living creatures...the great sea monsters and all living creatures that move and swarm in the waters, according to their own kind. God marvels at His good handiwork, gazes upon the earth as it is evolving or dissolving under human care, and sees what we are yet to know. '

Take a few minutes to read the rest of Denise's explanation, posted beside the print.

## **COMING EVENTS:**

**Mar. 10, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** - Youth Farm Bible Camp Fund-raiser Supper, here at RMC. Admission by donation, all funds raised will go toward the ministry of YFBC.

**Mar. 13, 2:00 p.m.** - World Day of Prayer, hosted this year by the Seventh Day Adventist Church - all are welcome

**Mar. 13, 7:30 p.m.** - Saskatoon Men's Chorus will present a concert at Trinity Lutheran Church, admission by donation

**Mar. 13 - 14** - Mennonite Church Sask annual delegate sessions, at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon  
The Friday evening session, beginning at 6:45 p.m., will include a time of worship, a memorial service, and later, an informal farewell for Jerry Buhler.

**Mar. 20, 6:00 p.m.** - Parkland Restorative Justice invites all to a soup and pie supper at Messiah Lutheran Church, PA - see the posted information.

**Mar. 20, 6:30 p.m.** - The Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home board invites you to a supper and information evening, here at RMC, to learn about the new personal care home and their plans for fund-raising. **No charge for the supper, but please RSVP by Mar. 16 to Tarri (232-4861) or [Tarri.Ostapak@saskatoonhealthregion.ca](mailto:Tarri.Ostapak@saskatoonhealthregion.ca)** so they will know how much food to prepare.

**Mar. 22, 7:00 p.m.** - RJC Guys 'n' Pies, an evening of superb music and delicious desserts, featuring A Buncha Guys (an all-male choir from Saskatoon directed by Russ Regier), and the RJC Man Choir directed by Richard Janzen. Included in the evening will be a **dessert auction** with decorated and calorie-filled desserts up for bid (bid individually, as a table, family or consortium). Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone welcome!

**Mar. 29** - On Palm Sunday, RJC will be here for our morning service, followed by a pot luck dinner. More information to follow.

**Apr. 2, 7:00 p.m.** - Maundy Thursday, communion service

**Apr. 3, 9:00 a.m.** - All who wish to participate, are invited to gather at the Rosthern Food Bank, and join in a 'Cross Walk' to St. Odilon's Roman Catholic Church, the site of this year's community Good Friday service

**10:00 a.m.** - Community Good Friday service at St. Odilon's

**Apr. 10 - 12** - Mission workers George & Tobia Veith will be our guests for a Deeper Life series exploring their work with the church in China.

**June 15-19, 22-26** - Canadian School of Peacebuilding, at Canadian Mennonite University - classes are open to all, see the posted information