
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
Mar. 15, 2015, No. 11

Worship Leader Merla Dyck
Pianist Ede Regehr

Prelude
First Look - Listen to God's Word

Candle Lighting
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord.
People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Leader: God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
People: God's love has been poured into our hearts, like a gushing spring of water, like water from a rock.
Leader: We come into God's presence with thanksgiving, making a joyful noise with songs of praise.
All: We worship in spirit and in truth.

Gathering Hymn To God be the glory HWB #102
Children's Time and Prayer Ric Driediger
Scripture Reading John 3:14-21 Pew Bible p. 752
Numbers 21:4-9 Pew Bible p. 111

Response to Scripture
Leader: Where are you, Lord? We feel abandoned. You don't seem to be listening to our cries for help.
People: When life is hard, we want you to make it better.
Leader: Like the people of Israel, we're tired Of our burdens, our distress, and our difficulty.
People: Do something, and quickly!
Silence
Leader: Shine your light on us,
People: help us trust that you are present even in hardship.

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

Hymn Longing for light StJ #54
Psalm Reading Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Pew Bible p. 432
Message "Salvation in the Shadows" Craig Neufeld

Second Look - Listen Again to God's Word

Hymn God, beyond our ways of knowing Insert
Scripture Reading John 3:14-21

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 being present whether we know it or not.
People: God, we will walk in your light, whether we see it or not.

Sending Blessing

Sending Song I will come to you in the silence StS #49

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

During the month of March, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for St. Paul's Evangelical Missionary Church.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today - Following the service, coffee is served in the lower auditorium. All are welcome. There will also be a children's activity time.

Adult Sunday School meets at 11:15.

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - Christian Ed. Committee meeting
7:30 p.m. - Good Samaritan Club meets.

Wednesday - Please note comforter making is cancelled this week
7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee meeting.

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Youth meet at church - Bible study and games

Friday, 6:00 p.m. - Parkland Restorative Justice invites all to a soup and pie supper at Messiah Lutheran Church, PA - see the posted information. We have again been asked to contribute pies for this event - please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer, and sign up today if you are able to contribute a pie or two.

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 tomorrow to Tarri (232-4861) or Tarri.Ostapak@saskatoonhealthregion.ca so they will know how much food to prepare.

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service - fifth Sunday in Lent - Gals Four will be providing the music for our service

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

7:00 p.m. - RJC Guys 'n' Pies, 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!

The art work displayed in the foyer, 'Fresh Growth,' is the sixth 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, the artist, has given us this description of her work:

"Let the earth produce fresh growth...let there be on the earth plants bearing seeds, fruit trees bearing fruit each seed according to its own kind and so it was the earth yielded fresh growth..."

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

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:

Today you will find a document called "Congregation Pastor Review" in your mail boxes. Members and attendees of RMC who are high school age and older are invited to complete this questionnaire. The purpose of the congregation/pastor review is to affirm and strengthen the pastor and congregation in their relationship and ministry. Please take the time to fill it out *as an individual*. If you need more copies, they are available at the church office. The reviews are to be returned by April 1st - they may be placed in the ballot box in the foyer, or returned to the church office.

WoW! (World of Witness International Report) from Mennonite Church Canada Witness, is available on the rack in the foyer, with recent news stories from mission workers. Please take a copy if you're interested.

Summer camp information and registration forms have arrived. See the poster in the foyer. Brochures are available on the west wing bulletin board, or go to the camp web sites.

Mennonite Church Sask invites high school-aged youth to apply to be 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.

Have you visited an MCC Thrift shop recently? Each purchase you make helps to fund local and international work. To make this happen, volunteers are needed. For more information on MCC Thrift Shops contact Erica Baerwald at 306.665.2555 or go to mccsk.ca/thriftshops

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 or call Myriam Ullah at 306.665.2555

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Mar. 8, 2015						
Worship service #10						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (1,500.25)	\$43,824.09	\$39,702.50	\$ 4,121.59
Blanket project	\$ 90.00					
Coffee Fund	\$ 48.95					
TOTAL	\$ 2,608.95	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (1,500.25)	\$43,824.09	\$ 39,702.50	\$ 4,121.59
Attendance last Sunday: 88						

4.8 million people in Canada struggle to pay their rent, feed their families, and address basic needs. The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, the Canadian Council of Churches, together with Dignity for All, are working together to address poverty in Canada. A "Justice Tour" of Canadian church leaders in April and May, 2015, on the topics of climate justice and poverty in Canada, will use the comprehensive Dignity for All report as a platform for further discussion and action. Congregations are invited to engage this report and discern what it means for ministry in their local communities: www.commonword.ca/go/98.

COMING EVENTS:

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

For the dinner, please bring a dish of your choice - casserole and/or salad and/or dessert and/or buns, which would be enough for 8 - 10 people.

Apr. 1, 7:00 p.m.- Grace Mennonite Church, PA, invites us to a Holy Week cantata "Upside Down and Inside Out" presented by their church choir.

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. 5 - Easter Sunday - Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., Easter Worship service at 10:00

Apr. 7, 6:30 p.m. - *Jack & Jill* money shower for Hannah Jones and Drew Brooks, in the lower auditorium - all are welcome

Apr. 8, 7:30 p.m. - All are invited to Osler Mennonite Church to hear Lucy Romanenkova, Zaporizhzhye, Ukraine, talk about the "Florence Centre" (Family Service and Community Education Centre). Lucy will present a short Power point on the services this community agency is providing. Information is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

Apr. 10 - 12 - Mission workers George & Tobia Veith will be our guests, speaking on "The Church in China, it's ..." See posted information.

Apr. 18, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Voices of our Sisters: standing Together in Hope - an Ecumenical Response to Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls - this event will take place at Mayfair United Church, Saskatoon. See posted information on fellowship hall bulletin board.

Apr. 28, 7:30 p.m. - CMU Singers at Osler Mennonite Church

May 1 & 2, 2015 - Eigenheim Mennonite Church - *Truth and Reconciliation: What are the Next Steps*: Join fellow MC Sask members and Indigenous neighbours in considering how we as a church can be salt and light to one another, seeking to move toward a more harmonious relationship. See posted information on fellowship hall bulletin board. Please indicate your intention of participating with the MC Sask Office. 306-249-4844; mcsask@mcsask.ca

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