
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
Mar. 22, 2015, No. 12

Worship Leader Larry Epp
Musicians Darleen Bergman, Edna Balzer, Betty Epp, Jean Janzen

Prelude
First Look - Listen to God's Word
Candle Lighting
Call to Worship
Gathering Hymn I stand amazed in the presence HWB #528
Opening Prayer
Welcome and Announcements
Children's Time and Prayer Ric Driediger
Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible p. 561
John 12:20-33 Pew Bible p. 762

Response to Scripture
Leader: Faithful God, we say that we want to mature in our faith
People: Yet, we worry,
What does that mean?
What will we have to change?
Leader: We wonder what you require of us.
People: We're afraid you will ask more than we want to give.
Silence
Leader: We do want to be your people.,
People: Write your will on our hearts
As in heaven, so on earth.

Upside down and inside out - we reflect on God's Word
Hymn For God so loved us HWB #167
Psalm Reading Psalm 51 HWB #818
Message "Writings on our Hearts" Craig Neufeld

Second Look - Listen Again to God's Word
Hymn My Jesus, I love thee HWB #522
Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Response to God's Word

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out,
Writing a new way of being into our very hearts.
People: God, we will watch and wait
For your new thing to bear fruit within and among us.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Sending Blessing

Sending Song I will sing of my Redeemer HWB #344

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

One of our young adults has returned home from his time with Canada World Youth in Indonesia. Welcome back! Please pray for Robert as he adjusts to being back in Canada, and looks for work.

Since fall, space has been used at the church each week, to help a group of refugee children with English skills. Students from Bethany College have been assisting her. Please pray for these children, as they continue to learn skills to help them be successful in Canada.

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.

7:00 p.m. - RJC Guys 'n' Pies, featuring A Buncha Guys, and the RJC Man Choir. 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. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - comforter making - all are welcome, come for all or part of the day

10:00 a.m. - Coffee hour, sponsored by the Pastoral Committee, all are welcome, invite a friend!

**Please note - the church office will be closed on Wednesday.

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

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service - Palm Sunday - RJC will present the morning service

11:00 a.m. - Pot luck dinner for our church family and guests - 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.

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:

Remember the "Congregation Pastor Review," which was placed in your mail boxes last week. Members and attendees of RMC who are high school age and older are invited to complete this questionnaire. The purpose of the review is to affirm and strengthen pastor and congregation in their relationship and ministry. Please take the time to fill it out *as an individual*. Need more copies? Ask at the church office. Please return by April 1st - to the ballot box in the foyer, or to the church office.

Mennonite Disaster Service has a service opportunity for the whole family. Families of children and adults of all ages are encouraged to serve together building cabins for a week at Camp Elim near Swift Current, SK between August 3 & 28. For info or to register, call 866-261-1274 or go to mds.mennonite.net/projects/campelimfamilyproject

Mennonite Disaster Service continues to bring people home in High River, Alberta. Although High River flooded in June 2013, there are still people who have not been able to move home. Come volunteer for a week or two this spring and summer. Call 1-800-241-8111 for more info or to book a week for you and your friends.

Summer camp information and registration forms have arrived. Go to the camp web sites for info, or pick up brochures at the west door.

MCC Connects: The MCC **Relief Sale and Auction** has been an annual event in Saskatchewan since 1970. Over \$3,000,000 has been raised for MCC work around the world. Mark your calendars for **June 12 & 13, 2015** to join in this year's fun, food and fellowship!

Parkland Restorative Justice seeks a full-time director to coordinate Person-to-Person (Prison Visitation at Saskatchewan Penitentiary) and Circles of Support and Accountability in PA and area. Application deadline is Apr. 15 with a start date of Aug. 1, 2015. See posted info.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Mar. 15, 2015						
Worship service #10						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Surplus/Deficit
Budget	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (2,480.25)	\$45,576.99	\$43,672.75	\$ 1,904.24
Blanket project \$	530.00					
Coffee Fund \$	262.90					
TOTAL	\$ 2,282.90	\$ 3,970.25	\$ (2,480.25)	\$45,576.99	\$ 43,672.75	\$ 1,904.24

Attendance last Sunday: 80

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 Epp is the artist.

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

COMING EVENTS:

Apr. 1, 7:00 p.m. - Grace Mennonite Church, PA, invites us to a Holy Week cantata "Upside Down and Inside Out," 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 walk the 'Path to the Cross,' ending at St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church

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

Apr. 5 - Easter Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Easter brunch

For the brunch, please bring Easter baking and/or fruit.

10:00 a.m. - Easter worship service

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, Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine, talk about the "Florence Centre" (Family Service and Community Education Centre). 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 - at Mayfair United, Saskatoon. See posted information on fellowship hall bulletin board.

Apr. 19, 2:30 p.m. - Station Singers presents Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem* at the Station Arts Centre. Tickets (adults \$20, students \$10, children \$5) available from the Station or from choir members. The concert will also be presented April 17, 7:30 p.m. at Mayfair United.

Apr. 20, 6:30 p.m. - Church cleaning bee, sponsored by the Good Samaritans. Come enjoy working together, followed by pie and coffee.

Apr. 25, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - All women are invited to Sask Women in Mission Enrichment Day, at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim.

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

May 1 & 2, 2015 - Eigenheim Church - *Truth and Reconciliation: What are the Next Steps?* Join fellow MC Sask members and Indigenous neighbours in seeking to move toward a more harmonious relationship. See posted information. Please call MC Sask Office. 306-249-4844; mcsask@mcsask.ca to indicate your intention to participate.

June 12 & 13 - MCC Relief Sale and Auction - it's time to start thinking about how you can be involved!

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