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Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
June 21, 2015, No. 25

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Worship Leader Ted Janzen
Pianist Kathy Luitjens

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- Prelude
Call to Worship
Prayer
Gathering Hymn Come, let us all unite to sing HWB #12
Welcome and Announcements
Hymn Love the Lord your God StS #55
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Hymn For God so loved us HWB #167
Tithes and Offerings
Responsive Scripture Reading Insert
Hymn How can I say StS #117
Message Larry Epp
Sending Blessing
Sending Hymn Hear with loving heart united HWB #420

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PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

During the month of June, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for our own congregation, Rosthern Mennonite Church. Please pray also for the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in Saskatoon.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Following the service, all are welcome for coffee and fellowship time in the lower auditorium.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - RJC Musical - youth night

Friday, Saturday, 7:30 p.m. - RJC Year-end Musical 'Mary Poppins' - tickets, \$15, may be reserved by calling the RJC office, 306-232-4222

Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - RJC Alumni Supper, in the RJC dining hall. All alumni and friends of RJC are welcome to fellowship together. Adults \$12.00, children 5-12 \$10.00, 4 and under FREE. Please contact Denelda Fast (deneldafast@hotmail.com or 306-221-2846) or RJC office (office@rjc.sk.ca or 306-232-4222) to register by June 19.

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

10:30 a.m. - RJC Baccalaureate Worship service, here at RMC, All are welcome to join the grads, their families, fellow students and staff.

2:30 p.m. - Graduation Exercises in the RJC auditorium. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

COMING EVENTS:

July 4, 10:00 a.m. - Shekinah summer fun day - hiking, zip lining, wall climbing, canoeing, wiener roast - all are welcome, no charge

July 24 - 26 - Shekinah Retreat Centre will be hosting a Grand Camp Retreat. This is designed for grandparents and great-grandparents to bring their younger grandkids (ages 3-12) for a weekend of fun and to experience the glory and presence of God. There will be additional childcare support available as well as specific kid only and grandparent only activities throughout the weekend. This is an opportunity to minister to your grandkids in an environment designed for them and to draw them closer to God. Call the office at 306-945-4929 for more information.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report
June 14, 2015
Worship service #24
Table with columns: Budget, Actual, Weekly Budget, Weekly Surplus/Deficit, Year to Date Actual, Year to Date Budget, Surplus/Deficit

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Our congregation is again asked** to deliver Meals on Wheels in July. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer, or talk to Henry Epp.

**MCC Connects:** MCC is seeking to fill a number of service opportunities in Rwanda, South Sudan, Zambia, Honduras and Mexico. Are you called to serve internationally? Visit the openings page on our website at <http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings> and consider how you might contribute to the incredible work of MCC!

**Youth Farm Bible Camp** appreciates receiving cookies to serve for night lunches. Cookie donations may be dropped off at camp any time. Please do not add nuts or peanut butter.

**A group of 45 youth and sponsors from Sask is going** to the World Conference in Harrisburg PA in July. They need just \$3,000 more to cover the cost of the trip! Donations to MC Sask designated for this trip will be most appreciated. See the posted letter.

**Church schools, camps and volunteer organizations** are all seeking volunteer or paid staff for summer and the coming year. You may want to volunteer as camp kitchen help this summer. Or maybe you know of someone seeking employment in the fall. See the information in the foyer.

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### *Resurrection season*

*Listen Lord, it's been a hard winter. Resurrection  
season's passed -- and my father too - when willows  
in melt water were urgent pre-leaf reds and yellows  
and poplar bluff (blushed with life's insistent election)  
sang in a purple primal urge. I watched blackbird jets  
attack northern harrier bomber -- protect chick and nest  
and thought: how tenderly parents fiercely seek to wrest  
of the world's will blessing on their begotten's daily sweat.  
Even mild swallows battle for birthing space. Heart tugged  
for children and grandchildren, my own fervent prayers urge  
heaven's protection from their life's stings. If in a surge  
of animal feeling we mortals can love like beings drugged  
then, how could the Father, with only a heart begotten One  
bear to sacrifice such an infinite sparrows' worth Son.*

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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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## Responsive Scripture Reading

**Leader:** ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Pay to all what is due them - taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. (Gal. 5:22-23; Romans 13:7)

**People:** **But, owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet” and any other commandment, is summed up in this, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.** (Romans 13:8-10)

**Leader:** I give you a new commandment - to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. Everyone will know by this that you are my disciples - if you have love for one another. (1 John 3:34-35)

**People:** **We know that we have come to know God if we keep God’s commandments. And this is God’s command: to believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as Jesus commanded us.** (1 John 2:3; 1 John 3:23)

**Leader:** If you really keep the royal law found in scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. (James 2:8)

**People:** **This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love brother and sister.** (1 John 3:10)

**Leader:** But if any obey God’s word, love for God is truly made complete in them... Those who love brother and sister live in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. (1 John 2:5,10; 1 John 4:20)

**People:** **We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.** (1 John 3:14)

**Leader:** This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. (1 John 3:11; 1 John 3:16)

**People:** **Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.** (1 John 4:7)

**Leader:** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 3:18; 1 John 4:8)

**People:** **If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.** (1 John 3:17; 1 John 4:10)

**Leader:** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

**All:** ***We love because he first loved us. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.*** (1 John 4:18,19)