
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

January 29, 2017, No. 5

Worship Leader

Larry Epp

Pianist

Brenda Epp

Prelude

Call to Worship (Micah 6, Psalm 15)

Leader: Hear, you mountains, the Lord's accusation;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.
For the Lord has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.

Reader: "My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.
I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.
Remember that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord
And bow down before the exalted God?
Shall we come before God with burnt offerings,
With calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall we offer our children for our transgressions?

Reader: God has shown you, O mortals, what is good.
And what the Lord requires of you:
To act justly and to love mercy
And to walk humbly with your God.

Leader: Who may dwell in the Lord's sacred tent?
Who may live on God's holy mountain?

People: The ones whose walk is blameless,
Who do what is righteous,
Who speak the truth from their heart;

Leader: Who may dwell in the Lord's sacred tent?
Who may live on God's holy mountain?

People: Those whose tongue utters no slander,
Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
And casts no slur on others;

Leader: Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?

People: Those who keep an oath even when it hurts,
And do not change their mind;
Those who lend money to the poor without interest;
Who do not accept a bribe against the innocent.

All: Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Prayer

Gathering Hymn Here in this place HWB #6

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Commissioning Church Workers

Children are blessed for Sunday School

Scripture Reading 1 Cor. 1:18-31 Pew Bible p. 807
Matthew 5:1-16 HWB #834

Hymn Blest are they StJ #94

Meditation "You Humble Me" Cynthia Wallace

Hymn Lord, you have come to the lakeshore HWB #229

Tithes and Offerings

Sending Blessing

Sending Song I bind my heart this tide HWB #411

We welcome Cynthia Wallace as our guest speaker this morning. Cindy has been with us for the weekend Deeper Life services, speaking about "Words Become Flesh: Reading and the Life of Faith."

THIS WEEK:

Today, 11:00 a.m. - Coffee and fellowship time in the lower auditorium - all are welcome!

11:15 a.m. - Question & Answer time with Cindy Wallace

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. - Our lower auditorium is reserved for the Clothes Basket volunteer appreciation supper. For information, please call the store.

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - Willing Helpers meet in the lower auditorium, verse is 'Praise/poetry' and the offering will be for the church budget.

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service

11:00 a.m. - Coffee and fellowship time

Next Sunday, noon - Nathan Bartel and Allegra Bartsch will serve a soup lunch after church to raise money for the Mexico trip in April - all are welcome, admission by donation. They are also doing coffee after church in March - coffee money for all Sundays in March will go toward their trip.

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

During the month of January, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for the Ministerial Association.

January 29 has been named World Leprosy Day for 2017. Today, please remember in prayer all who suffer around the world because of this disease. See the information in your mailboxes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Are you called to serve? The Mennonite Church Sask Nominations Committee is seeking persons for the Ministries Commission, Shekinah Retreat Centre Board, and Camp Elim Board. These are all important parts of our programming, and we ask that you consider saying yes to this call. Please contact Leona Ewert if you are interested or have a name to suggest; b.ewert@sasktel.net 306-363-4804.

MCC Connects: MCC Canada is currently recruiting for several international service worker positions! Learn more at mcccanada.ca/get-involved. Positions like Advocacy & Communications Coordinator in Haiti and Conservation Agriculture Coordinator in Rwanda are posted and currently accepting applications. Contact Erica Baerwald at 306.665.2555 or saskhr@mccsk.ca for more information.

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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Rosthern Mennonite Church Annual Meeting Highlights Sunday, January 22, 2017

There were 49 members and 4 adherents in attendance. Ted Janzen chaired the meeting. He reminded us that God will always be with us. Our task is to plant the seed and trust in God to supply the rest, so that *"hope, joy, grace and God's love will flow through us to the world"*.

The following people were elected to committees:

Council Chairperson: Ted Janzen

Nominating Committee: Ralph Epp, Ruth Hinz

Pastoral Care Committee: Annette Bergen, Larry Epp, Bev Janzen, Irma Neudorf

Finance Committee: Elmer Enns, Ron Regehr

Christian Education Committee: Brenda Isaak, Delilah Roth

Worship Committee: Todd Hanson, Betty Rudachyk

Hospitality Committee: Doreen Rahier, Margaret Watson

Prairie Meadow Place Rep: Lawrence Schmidt

Committee, pastor and related organization reports are found in the January 22, 2017 Annual Report.

Motion: That we accept the budget of \$184,000 as presented for the year 2017. Carried.

Motion: That we appoint Cogent Chartered Professional Accountants as auditor for Rosthern Mennonite Church for 2017 if needed. Carried.

Motion: That we appoint Kathy Luitjens and Lloyd Schmidt as co-treasurers for RMC for 2017. Carried.

Motion: That the Constitution Committee vacancy be filled by appointment from Council. Carried.

Proposed Constitutional changes as noted in the Annual Report booklet were voted on and carried.

Challenges for the coming year include how to effectively budget with a smaller membership, while maintaining facilities and programs.

Discussions focused on the cumulative deficit shortfall and ongoing budget concerns, potential fundraising ideas, and increased giving. A recent Revenue Canada audit of RMC's 2014 and 2015 financials indicated no major issues.

The congregation was encouraged to attend the upcoming Deeper Life Services, and to make topic suggestions for future Sunday School classes that they feel would help them in their faith journey.

Rosthern Mennonite Church (jointly with the Mennonite Nursing Home) will host an IVEP intern (Wang Yixian from China) from October 2017 to July 2018. A volunteer host family and individual financial sponsorship were graciously offered (outside of the 2017 budget). Jeanette Hanson will work with her schedule.

We were reminded how drastic the situation is for millions of refugees in the world today, and encouraged to be intentional about inviting the newest refugee families to our church. The Rosthern Community Group is still looking for more funding for Kee Lah who has not yet arrived, and help with financing a young single man from Eritrea (with MCC).

Delegates are needed for the MC Sask Conference on March 10 & 11, 2017. Contact the Church Office if you are interested.

Motion: That all ballots be destroyed. Carried.
Meeting adjourned.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Worship service #4						
January 22, 2017	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$19,275.00					
Coffee Fund	\$ 107.00					
Church use	\$ 90.00					
Photocopier	\$ 16.00					
BUDGET	\$19,488.00	\$ 3,539.00	\$ 15,949.00	\$22,579.00	\$14,156.00	\$ 8,423.00
	\$6,630.00					

Attendance last Sunday: 89

COMING EVENTS:

Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. - Prairie Meadow Place AGM, at the Home.

Feb. 11, 10:00 a.m. - The Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting a cinnamon bun and coffee fundraiser at the camp, in support of the Mexico Mission Trip. A short presentation about the trip and the ministry at YFBC will be featured. Admission is by donation. See the poster.

Feb. 28 - Pancake Supper - Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the table in the lower auditorium. Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help! Thank you to Brian & Delilah, Lawrence & Betty for taking on the organization of the annual pancake supper. A special *Thank you* to Ted and Rita for organizing the supper the last few years.

Mar. 3, 2:00 p.m. - World Day of Prayer, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mar. 10-11 - MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions, at Nutana Park MC, Saskatoon - see posted information - please contact a member of the nominating committee (Rita, Ralph, Ruth) or the church office, if you are available to attend as a delegate.

Apr. 26 - May 15 - CMU Study Tour to the Middle East - for more information visit met2017@cmu.ca or call 204-487-3300.

A big thank you to all who donated hampers and made cash donations during the Christmas season. Your response was heartwarming! We handed out 214 hampers to needy and grateful families.

In February and March we are collecting all kinds of canned meat, any size. We appreciate your on-going support through prayers and donations.
-Rosthern District Food Bank