
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017, No. 16

Prelude

Gathering Hymn Christ the Lord is risen today HWB #280

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
People: His faithful love endures forever!
Leader: The stone removed by Jesus has now become the
cornerstone.
People: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see!
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!
People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn Low in the grave he lay HWB #273

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 27:62 - 28:15 Pew Bible p. 706

Hymn Thine is the glory HWB #269

Children's Time

Tithes & Offerings

Prayer With all that we have and all that we are, we honor you.
Restore us, O God, to live in freedom and trust.

Meditation Craig Neufeld

Hymn Christ has arisen HWB #267

Communion

Confession of Faith StS #179

Sending Blessing

Sending Song Sing with all the saints in glory StS #92

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

During the month of April, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church, and for all who seek refuge.

THIS WEEK:

Today, 11:00 a.m. - We will not be having a coffee time after the service, as we all enjoyed the breakfast earlier.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - Pastoral committee meets

3:30 p.m. - SMYO MegaMenno event - Honouring the Earth: Unravelling our Borders. Staying up late, learning to see without borders, and games galore - this exciting event has it all! Meet at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon, and where we go from there is a mystery! Pick-up time is 9:30 a.m. the following morning, cost is \$5/person, open to youth in grades 6-12. Contact Kirsten if you'd like to find out more; youthminister@mcsask.ca, 306-249-4844, www.smyo.ca.

7:30 p.m. - Good Samaritans meet at the home of Paulette Booker

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - Blanket-making - everyone who has helped in some way with blanket-making this winter is invited to a soup lunch at noon, here in the lower auditorium.

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Children's Literacy

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Volunteers needed for Shekinah firewood cutting day. Email director@shekinahretreatcentre.org or Call 306-945-4929.

Saturday, 6:00 pm - Spring Banquet in the Woods 2nd annual Fund-raising Event for Parkland Restorative Justice, featuring guest speaker Jorgina Sunn, Aboriginal Order of Canada recipient. Tickets \$40/each or \$300/table of 8. Doors open at 5pm at the Prince Albert Wildlife Federation Building (3 km north of Prince Albert). Please contact Heather today at 306-763-6224 or parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com for tickets or info, if you plan to attend. See the poster.

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service - Rudy Froese speaking

2:30 p.m. - Saskatoon Men's Chorus invites all to their spring concert, at Grace-Westminster United Church, Saskatoon.

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Attendance last Sunday: 137

Worship Visual Display

This year's Easter service art installation was made by the RJC worship arts class taught by Jill Wiens. In our display we tried to emulate the various themes that will be presented throughout the sermon series. We worked with an overarching theme of new life, growth, and hope symbolized by the sunrise and the flowers bursting through the snow. We tried to incorporate some of the most pervasive themes from the scripture verses into our display. The books that we asked you to bring represent the stories women tell as well as the stories we all have to tell. The dirt path and the table with bread on it represents the story of the road to Emmaus and walking with Jesus. We walk with Jesus avoiding the stones that may cause us to stumble. At the end of this journey Jesus broke bread and revealed himself to his companions. For this story, the sun also symbolizes seeing things in a new light or light being shed on a situation. The flowers and plants also represent the fullness of life and God's green pastures. The concentration of plants in the left corner represents the fullness of God's kingdom spread out over the whole earth. God does not only live in man made temples but is all around us in the air we breathe and in God's natural creation. The wooden ladder behind the forest represents our part in helping to build the Kingdom and the large stones represent Jesus, our cornerstone in that building process. Thank you for inviting us to contribute to your celebration of this Easter season.

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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COMING EVENTS:

Apr. 25, 7:00 p.m. - Mennonite Disaster Service awareness and information evening at the Warman Bergthaler Church 206, 2nd Ave. N. Come meet Executive Director Kevin King and hear about MDS response to Fort McMurray fires. Music ministry by the Derksen family. Dessert and coffee will be served.

April 26, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Blanket-making as usual. Bring a lunch, and all interested in the afternoon tea will leave for Saskatoon at 12:30.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Volunteer Appreciation Tea, at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon, for all involved in making blankets or kits for MCC or quilts for the Relief Sale. RSVP to Jerry at 306-665-2555 by Apr. 21. Come for refreshments, displays, tours, a speech or two and lots of fellowship.

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

Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m. - Station Singers spring concert, featuring songs written or made famous by Canadian songwriters and performers. Tickets available from choir members or at the Station. The concert will be repeated at Mayfair United Church on Friday, Apr. 28. See the poster.

Apr. 28, 7:00- 9:00 p.m.; Apr. 29, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Refresh, Refocus, Renew - Visioning sessions for Mennonite Church SK, at Mount Royal MC, with Betty Pries. All are welcome, see posted information.

Apr. 28-30 - A Buncha Guys 20-year Reunion. Please contact Russ Regier at abg20year@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Apr. 30, 2:30 p.m. - A Buncha Guys Spring Concert, at Knox United Church, featuring the 20-Year Reunion Choir. Tickets \$5, offering will be taken for MCC. See the poster.

May 1-25 - Uprooted 2017 - Join MCC on a 3-week learning tour for young adults to travel with your peers and explore the southern and northern borders of Mexico. Visit mccanada.ca/uprooted

May 6, 6:00 p.m. - Shekinah fund-raising banquet and capital project launch, at Mount Royal MC, Saskatoon. Reserve your tickets (\$25 each) online at wwwshekinahretreatcentre.org or call 306-945-4929.

May 11, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - May Day Tea and Cake Walk, at the Mennonite Nursing Home auditorium.

May 27 - RJC Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament - see the poster

May 28, 2:30 p.m. - RJC Spring Concert - see the poster

June 9-10 - MCC Sask Relief Sale and Auction at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon - watch for more information

June 12-16, 19-23 - Canadian School of Peace-building, at Canadian Mennonite University. Go to csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca

Oct. 13-15 - Mennonite Church Canada Special Assembly, for a final review of Future Directions proposals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Prairie Meadow Place is looking for games and puzzles in good repair, for use by residents in their common area. Please talk to Lawrence for more information.

For the months of April and May, the Rosthern District Food Bank is requesting baby items such as: formula, baby food, wipes, diapers. Your on-going support through prayers and donations is appreciated.

Have you have thought about formally joining the church? Pastor Craig is planning a service to formally welcome attendees into membership. Please talk to Pastor Craig if you are interested in joining, he is willing to work with you in finding a date.

A child dedication service is being considered for Mother's Day, May 14. Contact the church office if you, or someone you know, is interested.

MCC Connects - MCCS is currently accepting applications for a Material Resources & Building Maintenance Coordinator. Visit our website at: mccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings to view the full job description and apply for this position, or call Erica Baerwald, Human Resources Coordinator at the MCCS office (306) 665-2555.

Scholarships for students attending Christian education institutions are available from Mennonite Trust. Students are invited to apply directly to MTL, by going to www.mennonitetrust.ca for more information.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) scheduling volunteers for Fort McMurray response. Weekly volunteers are needed starting May 14 to begin rebuilding in Fort McMurray. Volunteers have two options: sign up for Fort McMurray, where volunteers will construct basements or sign up for Saskatoon, where volunteers will build RTM homes (at Hague) that will be moved to Fort McMurray and set on the basements. Contact Darin Bontrager at dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net or 1-800-241-8111 to sign up. There is also an online form at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/>.

RJC Job Opportunity: RJC anticipates an opening(s) for the 2017-2018 school year on its residence staff. Residence staff work as part of a team to provide a safe, supportive learning community for students in our dorm. Position to begin Monday, Aug. 28. Housing is provided. For information please contact the school at 206-232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca.