
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
April 23, 2017, No. 17

Worship Leader Betty Rudachyk
Pianist Ede Regehr

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: We are born anew.
People: We have a living hope.
Leader: We have an enduring inheritance.
People: It is God's love for us.
Leader: We trust God.
People: We rejoice with hearts filled with praise.
Leader: Words cannot begin to express our joy.
People: How can we express what it means to be invited into God's presence?
Leader: Let us worship God this day.

Prayer

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn Jesus, stand among us HWB #25

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Hymn Breathe on me, breath of God HWB #356

Children are blessed for Sunday School

Tithes & Offerings

Hymn We walk by faith HWB #570

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 Pew Bible p. 769

Meditation 'Reach Out and Touch' Rudy Froese

Sending Blessing

Sending Song Joys are flowing HWB #301

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Canadian Mennonite University honours its graduates today. Please pray for the graduates, and all the students, as they make plans for the summer and fall.

Please pray for the work of Mennonite Disaster Service in South Dakota this summer. Severe weather during May and June, 2015, and again in September 2016 destroyed hundreds of homes in the Pine Ridge Reservation. This compounded an already existing shortage of housing in the area. In the next few weeks MDS and its volunteers will be partnering with the Pine Ridge Long Term Recovery Committee to build four new homes.

The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights, a 600 km walk from Kitchener ON to Ottawa, begins today. Through this 3-week walk, church leaders hope to raise awareness of the 'UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples' within Christian circles. Please pray for those who are walking, and for efforts being made to improve relationships with First Nations peoples.

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

Tuesday, 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.

Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. - Funeral service for Peter Rempel
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.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Annual Eigenheim Men's Pancake and Sausage Supper. Admission by donation; all proceeds support the Shekinah Retreat Centre.

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

Thursday, 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.

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

Please note: **The registration deadline for these sessions is tomorrow at noon!** The cost is \$25 for the two days, including Saturday lunch (fee subsidized by church if you wish.) Call the MC Sask office to register: 306-249-4844 or www.mcsask.ca.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Visioning sessions continue

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service

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

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.

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:

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.

The Rosthern District Food Bank is seeking a GARDEN COORDINATOR for this gardening season starting immediately. Duties would include planning two garden plots, purchasing seeds/bedding plants, coordinating volunteers for planting, weeding, watering, harvesting. Oversee harvesting of vegetables as they are ready. If you have any questions please contact Wilmer Froese at 306-232-2261.

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 - The MCC Relief Sale will be held at Prairieland Park on June 9 & 10. The Committee is seeking donations for the silent and live auctions. Contact Denise Martens at denisemartens@gmail.com to register your contribution.

Mennonite Disaster Service is beginning its response in Fort McMurray and at the Hague satellite site. The Saskatchewan Unit is inviting local daily volunteers, those who want the opportunity to serve with MDS but due to other commitments cannot serve for a full week, to sign up for the Hague satellite service opportunity by calling the project office at 431-777-4820 to register.

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.

COMING EVENTS:

May 1, 6:00 p.m. - Church Cleaning Bee! Everyone is invited to come and help dust, wipe, and vacuum some areas of the church that need a 'once-a-year' cleaning. Please bring vacuum cleaners, pails and rags. Cleaning products will be supplied. The Good Samaritans will serve pie and coffee after the cleaning is done!

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 mcccanada.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 www.shekinahretreatcentre.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.