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Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
September 24, 2017, No. 39

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Worship Leader David Epp
Pianist Brenda Epp

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Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.
People: Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.
Leader: Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.
People: Breathe new life into your people, O God.
Leader: For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.
People: We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.
All: Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace. AMEN.

Gathering Hymn Praise, I will praise you. Lord HWB #76

Listening

Scripture Reading John 4:1-10 Pew Bible p. 752

Hymn God of the Bible StJ #27

Meditation "Breaking Down Barriers" Wilmer Froese

Responding

Hymn There's a wideness in God's mercy HWB #145

Tithes and Offerings

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Sending

Sending Song In Christ there is no east or west HWB #306

Sending Blessing

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PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

the month of September, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for Rosthern Alliance Church, and for youth returning to school.

Our IVEP'er has arrived! Shelley arrived on Tuesday, and has been spending time with Todd & Jeanette, and in various orientation activities. She will work full-time at the Nursing Home for the next six weeks. She will be living with Larry & Denise for the first few months.

THIS WEEK:

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

11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School - questions-and-answer time about 'Reserve 107,' with Wilmer & Barb.

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour, sponsored by the Pastoral Committee. Everyone welcome, invite a friend.

7:00 p.m. - Children's Hour, for children from age 4 to Grade 5

7:30 p.m. - MC Sask will be holding an information meeting at Eigenheim Mennonite Church, for delegates and others seeking clarification and information regarding the Special Assembly in Winnipeg, and in particular, the Discernment Guide. You may obtain your own copy of the discernment guide online, or request a copy from the church office.

Thursday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Youth Farm Bible Camp fall fund-raiser supper, at the camp. Admission by donation, all are welcome.

Saturday - Ride for Refuge - a family-friendly cycling/walking fund-raiser that partners with churches and organizations who work with the displaced, vulnerable, and exploited. Pastor Craig, Todd, Louis & Judy are riding this year, and looking for sponsors. Talk to one of them about donating.

7:00 p.m. - Mega Menno Youth Kick-Off at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Open to youth in grades 6-12, we will start the year with a fun night of bundling up with sleeping bags and hot chocolate, and watching a movie outside. Cost is \$2/person, friends welcome!

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship service, children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Special congregational meeting, following the morning worship service, to explain Mennonite Church Canada Future Directions proposals. Everyone is encouraged to attend! Along with this meeting, we will have a fellowship lunch together. Please bring your choice of sandwiches, veggies, pickles, dessert, etc. Beverages will be provided.

Table with 7 columns: Date, Actual, Weekly Budget, Weekly Surplus/Deficit, Year to Date Actual, Year to Date Budget, Surplus/Deficit. Row 1: September 17, 2017, \$1,217.00, \$3,539.00, \$(2,273.00), \$131,178.44, \$134,482.00, \$(3,303.56)

Attendance last Sunday: 65

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*

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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:

**We are updating our subscription list** for *Canadian Mennonite* magazine. This magazine comes out about 24 times a year, and is free to all members and attendees of Mennonite churches – costs are covered by local and area churches. You may receive a paper copy, or an online version of the magazine. If you are interested, for yourself, or for family members living elsewhere, please contact the church office.

**For the months of August and September**, the Rosthern District Food Bank requests donations of soup and crackers. Donations may be placed in the grocery cart in the foyer; we will see they are delivered to the Food Bank.

**Parkland Restorative Justice** is seeking a half-time Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) Coordinator, who will be responsible for all aspects of the CoSA Prince Albert program. See the posted information. Closing date for applications is Sept. 30.

**MCC Connects: From earthquakes** in Mexico, to hurricanes in the Caribbean, to flooding in Bangladesh, MCC is responding to urgent disasters around the world. Please join us in prayer and donate today. Donations can be made by calling 1-888-622-6337 or by contacting your local MCC office.

**MCC and Mennonite Church Eastern Canada** are organizing a Middle Eastern Learning Tour for young adults, to take place in May 2018. Interested young adults are asked to apply by Oct. 31, 2017. See posted information.

### COMING EVENTS:

**Oct. 4** – ‘Bucket of Thanks’ at the MCC Centre – see the poster and information in your mailboxes. Donate or work to fill buckets!

**Oct. 6, 7:00 p.m.** – Walk the Talk teach-in at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, to learn more about The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Bill C-262. This town hall meeting will provide opportunity to learn about the importance of UNDRIP in the journey towards reconciliation and to participate in a post card campaign to encourage Members of Parliament to adopt this bill. To learn more go to [www.pfir.ca](http://www.pfir.ca). This event is sponsored by St. Thomas More College, MC Canada, & MC Sask. See the poster.

**Oct. 12, 6:00 p.m.** – **Rosthern District Food Bank** supper and information evening at St. Odilon Church Hall, for all interested people, especially local farm families, to talk about the new developments at the Food Bank, and raise funds. If you would like to take part in this supper, please RSVP by Sept. 30 to Linda Rudachyk [lindarudachyk@msn.com](mailto:lindarudachyk@msn.com). See posted info.

**Oct. 13 - 14** - RJC Alumni homecoming weekend featuring friendly competition in volleyball and soccer, while reconnecting with old friends. Alumni, their spouses, friends, and family, are all welcome to come join in the fun. Soccer will be Saturday only - meet in the Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 and bring a white and dark t-shirt and \$5.00. To register for volleyball (by Oct. 10) or for more information, email Denelda at [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com). A delicious lunch will be available in the Rehearsal Hall between 11:00 - 1:00.

**Oct. 15** – Representatives of Mennonite Trust will present the morning service here, in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization.

**Oct. 13 – 15** – Mennonite Church Canada Special Assembly in Winnipeg, for a final review of *Future Directions* proposals. Delegates from RMC will be Craig Neufeld, Nancy Epp, Claire Hanson. Your latest church newsletter has a brief overview of changes proposed for Mennonite Church Canada.

**Oct. 18, 7:00 p.m.** – At Wildwood Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Theatre of the Beat presents “Yellow Bellies,” a historical drama about two fictional men, Alvin Bender and Rudy Enns, who opt out of conscription as pacifists, and choose to help the country in an alternate method. Through dramatic techniques and live music, a full story comes to life about these men. All are welcome, admission by donation.

**Oct. 21, 5:00 p.m.** - **RJC Annual Corporation Meeting - RJC Chapel.** We invite all members of our constituency to attend our annual meeting.

**6:00 p.m.** - **RJC Homecoming Dinner** - "AIRJC Come Fly with Us - Celebrating 20 years of Service". This year's fundraising dinner will celebrate 20 years of the RJC ALSO program. We will share how our alumni continue to give back and be change-makers locally, nationally and internationally. Alumni from many generations will be featured as speakers and musical performers! The evening will take you on a journey, seeing RJC's impact in Canada, the Southern US and Latin America. A live and a silent auction will be featured! Meal is complimentary, RSVP by Oct. 13. See the poster.

Calling all alumni to join us at the **A/RJC Homecoming Banquet** to perform a few numbers in an Alumni Choir directed by Duff Warkentin. Music will be chosen and available ahead of time, and there will be one practice leading up to the performance. If interested, please contact Tammy Forrester at [tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca](mailto:tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca)

**Oct. 28** – MC SK Equipping Day, at Zoar Mennonite, Waldheim – cost is \$40, including lunch. Poster and registration forms are in the foyer, and everyone is welcome.

**Nov. 3 – 4** – MC Sask Women's Retreat at Shekinah – see the poster

**Nov. 4** - The **MCCS Encounter & AGM** will be held at Cornerstone Church, Saskatoon, SK. See the posted information and registration forms. Four delegates are needed from our congregation; please call the church office or talk to a member of the nominating committee (Ralph, Rita, Ruth) if you are interested.