
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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**Worship Service
October 1, 2017, No. 40**

Worship Leader Lawrence Schmidt
Pianist Kathy Luitjens

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God who is One, You call us to be one,
People: **May we be one with all who are made in Your image.**
Leader: God who is Three, You call us to be community,
People: **May we find community with all who are called by Your name.**
Leader: God who calls us all by Your name,
People: **May find our place in Your eternal family.**
Leader: God Almighty, today by the power of Your spirit we unite in prayer,
People: **We unite with all our sisters and brothers in Christ.**
Leader: We unite with sisters and brothers from all Christian churches and denominations,
People: **We unite with all who are joined by the holy spirit of God.**
Leader: We unite with followers from every church and congregation,
All: **We unite with God's sons and daughters from every creed and culture.**

Prayer

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn *Come, thou fount* **HWB #521**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Children are blessed for Sunday School

Hymn *For God so loved us* **HWB #167**

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:1-14 Pew Bible p. 699

Tithes and Offerings

Meditation "Who Can Come to the Table?" **Craig Neufeld**

Hymn *Here in our upper room* **HWB #450**

Dedication of the new Communion Table

Hymn *Christ, we do all adore thee* **HWB #105**

Communion

Sending Blessing

Sending Song *Love divine, all loves excelling* **HWB #592**

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan wishes to inform us that Kirsten Hamm-Epp will be the interim executive director at Shekinah for the next 6 months. Kirsten is taking a six-month leave of absence from her position with MC Sask during this time. Please pray for guidance for Kirsten and the Shekinah board, in this transition.

Thank you to all who sponsored Todd, Louis, Judy, and Craig for the Ride for Refuge. Together we raised \$5800 for MC Canada workers in China. We were the #1 fund-raising team in MC Canada and #2 in Saskatoon! Thank you for your support!

Call to Prayer for Mennonite Church Canada Special Assembly:

Mennonite Church Canada and Area Church leaders ask all of us to set aside time to pray for the Future Directions: Covenant New nationwide restructuring process. Pray for Calvin Quan as he moderates the Special Assembly, for others who are providing Assembly leadership or support and for delegates who participate. The special Assembly is an important juncture in our life together as a denomination. It will shape how we engage together in our common mission. Pray for the Assembly participants as they discern the wisdom of the Spirit, as we seek to align our church structures with how God is at work among us and in the wider world.

During the month of October, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for St. Augustine's Anglican Church, and for the Rosthern Food Bank.

THIS WEEK:

Today – Following the service, we will have a special congregational meeting, to explain Mennonite Church Canada Future Directions proposals. Everyone is encouraged to attend! **Along with this meeting, we will have a fellowship lunch together.**

2:30 p.m. – All are invited to RJC for a joint concert with the RJC choir and Saskatoon Youth Orchestra. The concert will reflect the work done by both groups during their weekend workshop on campus. Hear each group perform their own pieces, and combine for a couple of songs together. RJC and the SYO have cooperated for their fall workshop for over 19 years! Admission is by donation.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. – Pastoral committee meeting

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Children’s Hour, for children from age 4 to Grade 5

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Buckets of Thanks event at MCC Sask – all are invited to join MCC staff and other volunteers as they try to pack 606 buckets in 60 minutes! You can help by donating money (approx. \$50 for one bucket), donating supplies (towels, soap, toothbrushes, etc) or by packing buckets.

Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – Rosthern Food Bank Garden Harvest – volunteers are invited to come help harvest the gardens planted by Rosthern Food Bank. Please bring potato forks, spades, gloves, a stool if you’d like to sit while working, and enthusiasm! Lunch will be provided.

Friday, 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. This event is sponsored by St. Thomas More College, MC Canada, & MC Sask. See the poster.

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Rebecca Kennel invites friends to join her for a pot luck supper, here in our lower auditorium, and a time of sharing and remembering her husband Galen Kennel, who passed away on September 19, aged 68.

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time

10:00 a.m. – Thanksgiving worship service, children’s Sunday School

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

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 Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

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COMING EVENTS:

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, *you must reserve by Oct. 5* with Linda Rudachyk. See posted info.

Oct. 13 - 14 - RJC Alumni homecoming weekend featuring friendly competition in volleyball and soccer, and connections 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. A delicious lunch will be available in the Rehearsal Hall from 11:00 - 1:00.

Oct. 15 – Representatives of Mennonite Trust will present the morning service here, in celebration of the 100th 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.

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. The evening will take you on a journey, seeing RJC's impact in Canada, the Southern US and Latin America, as we 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! 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 AIRJC 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

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.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
Worship service #39						
September 24, 2017	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$ 1,365.00					
Coffee	\$ 52.00					
Church use	\$ 60.00					
TOTAL	\$ 1,477.00	\$ 3,539.00	\$ (2,062.00)	\$132,655.44	\$ 138,021.00	\$ (5,365.56)

Attendance last Sunday: 71

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A new church directory will be printed soon. Please take a look at the preliminary version, posted in the lower auditorium, and make corrections to your own entry, or entries of other members of your family, as needed. Put check marks beside entries that are correct as printed. Thank you.

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.

Teen Challenge Saskatchewan has sent us a list of needed supplies, as well as announcements of upcoming graduations from their program. See the posted notice.

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.