
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service – Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018, Number 49

Worship Leader

Erik Epp

Pianist

Judy Epp

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.

People: **Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.**

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming.

People: **We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to Renew us and work within us.**

All: *Then we will see the salvation of our God!*

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Christ is our cornerstone* **HWB #43**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *O come, O come, Immanuel* **HWB #172**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Time/Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn *Peace before us (v. 1 & 5)* **StS #16**

Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading Luke 1:68-79 Pew Bible p. 724
Luke 3:1-6 Pew Bible p. 726

Hymn *To us a child of hope is born* **HWB #189**

Meditation *“What Shall I Say?”* **Craig Neufeld**

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn *O come, all ye faithful* **HWB #212**

The branch on the communion table, behind the Advent candles, reminds us:

“Then a Shoot (the Messiah) will spring from the stock of Jesse [David’s father], And a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.”

--Isaiah 11:1 (AMP)

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Jeanette is speaking in Eigenheim Church for the four Sundays of Advent. Please pray for God’s blessing on her and that congregation as they worship together.

Larry is speaking in Tiefengrund Church today. Please pray for God’s blessing on him and that congregation as they worship together.

Please remember students, at Canadian Mennonite University, as well as in other schools, as they write exams at the end of the semester.

In December, the Rosthern Ministerial asks us to pray for Rosthern Junior College, and for the Christmas hamper distribution.

Prayer request from Mennonite Church SK

From Nov. 23 – 25, a celebration in Burkina Faso recognized the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the Mennonite Church there. Praise God for the joy and commitment with which the Burkina Faso churches serve God and share God’s love with others.

THIS WEEK:

Today, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time

10:00 a.m. – Worship service

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

2:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Christmas Celebration at Shekinah, with music by Sonrisa and A Buncha Guys, a sing-along, and Christmas treats. Tickets \$10, available at the door.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. – Church Council meets.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Blanket-making

10:00 a.m. – Advent Coffee hour, sponsored by the Pastoral Committee. Everyone welcome, invite a friend.

Friday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Good Neighbours Food Centre Community Chili Lunch – all are welcome, admission by donation.

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time

10:00 a.m. – Worship service – Third Sunday of Advent

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

3:00 p.m. – Games and fropa – everyone welcome, bring a table game, if you like, and some food for the fropa

COMING EVENTS:

Dec. 19, 10:00 a.m. – Advent coffee hour, all are welcome – invite a friend

Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. – RJC Christmas concert at Knox United, Saskatoon

Dec. 19, 20, 7:00 p.m. - Mennonite Heritage Museum's "Christmas by Lamplight." Pump organ, carols, nostalgia and Hot Chocolate. Limited seating, call 232-7553 to reserve.

Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m. – RJC Christmas concert, in the school auditorium

Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve service

Jan. 27, 2019 – Annual congregational meeting

Feb. 1 – 3 – MC SK Senior High Retreat at Shekinah

Feb. 8 – 9 – MDS All-unit Meeting, in Tucson AZ – see posted information

Mar. 8 – 9 – Mennonite Church SK annual delegate sessions, at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim

Mar. 22-23 – MC SK Women’s Retreat at Shekinah

Welcome to:

Rosthern Mennonite Church



| Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report | | | | | | |
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| December 2, 2018 | | | | | | |
| Worship service #48 | | | | | | |
| | Actual | Weekly Budget | Weekly Surplus/Deficit | Year to Date Actual | Year to Date Budget | Surplus/Deficit |
| Offering | \$ 3,347.00 | | | | | |
| Coffee | \$ 44.00 | | | | | |
| Direct deposit | \$ 200.00 | | | | | |
| Church use | \$ 250.00 | | | | | |
| BUDGET | \$ 3,841.00 | \$3,585.00 | \$ 256.00 | \$159,104.84 | \$172,080.00 | \$ (12,975.16) |
| Banquet tickets | \$ 275.00 | | | | | |
| Blanketmaking | \$ 40.00 | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$ 4,156.00 | | | | | |

As we near the end of the year, we find ourselves somewhat short of our budgeted donations for the year. The church leadership thanks all of you for your generous giving throughout the year, and asks that you consider a year-end gift so we can meet our budget for 2018.

*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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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It's time to prepare for our Annual Congregational Meeting. Committee chairs are reminded to hand in a report for the annual report book, by Dec. 15.

Church Council is looking for a person to fill the following request: The Mennonite Heritage Museum has an urgent need for persons excited about our heritage and faith to join the board that will need to guide the project into the future. Please consider this opportunity to work with others to guide what is not only a museum, but a witness to the community. Please talk to Ted if you are interested.

Church Council is also looking for someone to organize the New Year's Eve event at RMC. Talk to Ted for details.

MCC Connects: This Christmas give a gift that gives back! The 2018 MCC Christmas catalogue has gifts of all sizes. Start a new family tradition, join with friends or colleagues and make a difference in the lives of people around the world! Visit mcccanada.ca/Christmas to find the perfect gift!

Prairie Meadow Place now has a furnished single suite which is available on a temporary basis. Cost is \$55/day (minimum 7 day rental) or \$1,650/month. This cost includes 3 meals per day.

A Canadian Advancement Associate is being sought for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This half-time staff member will inspire donors, congregations and Canadian regional church leaders. The successful candidate will be committed to the mission of AMBS as it becomes a centre for global Anabaptist theological education. Preferred qualifications: previous fundraising experience; bachelor's degree with some graduate-level study; superior communication skills — interpersonal, written and spoken; AMBS alum; Canadian citizen and resident. See a full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

For the month of December, Good Neighbours Food Centre (Food Bank) is requesting donations of hampers. Completed hampers may be dropped off at the Food Bank on Friday Dec. 14 from 3 – 5 pm, or Saturday Dec. 15 from 1 – 3 pm. Through a generous matching grant from Nutrien, donations made until Dec. 31 will have the double the impact! See the bulletin insert.

We have upgraded our video equipment, and are now able to air our services live. To watch the services, you will need access to a computer, and a Facebook account. Contact the church office if you need more information.