
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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**Worship Service
March 3, 2019, Number 9**

Worship Leader Jim Epp
Pianist Jeanette Hanson

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus is the bread of life. Come to him and never be hungry.
Believe in him and never be thirsty.
People: **We won't work hard for food that spoils.
We'll strive for food that lasts eternally.**
Leader: The bread of God gives life to the world.
People: **Give us this bread always.**
Leader: Jesus is the bread of life. Come to him and never be hungry.
Believe in him and never be thirsty.

Prayer

Gathering Hymn *I cannot dance, O Love* **HWB #45**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *You are all we have* **StJ #29**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn *I hunger and I thirst* **HWB #474**

Tithes and Offerings *Prayer of Agur* (Proverbs 30:7-9)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-9b Pew Bible p. 526
John 6:27-35 Pew Bible p. 755

Hymn *From the depths of sin* **HWB #136**

Meditation *"The good fast. The good feast."* **Larry Epp**

Sending Hymn *The Lord lift you up* **StJ #73**

Sending Blessing

Leader: This is the fast that God chooses:
People: **to undo the chains of justice,**

Leader: to break down systems of oppression,
People: **to give away our bread to the hungry,**
Leader: to make room for the homeless,
People: **to let go of the divisions between us and our neighbors.**
Leader: God will guide us continually
And satisfy our needs in parched places.
People: **We will be like a watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.**

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

In March, the Rosthern Ministerial Association asks us to pray for the Rivers Christian Ministry. Pray for all who seek sanctuary.

Prayer requests from Mennonite Church SK

Mennonite Church SK is asking us to pray for each other - Mennonite Church Manitoba had their Annual Delegate Gathering yesterday at Steinbach Mennonite Church. Keep them in your prayers as they implement the decisions made and continue to carry out the mission of the Church locally, nationally and globally.

Spiritual Practices to bring us closer to God:

Choose two. Over the six weeks of Lent, commit to those practices. Practice them! Tell one other person who can hold you accountable.

- Sabbath keeping	- Scripture reading
- Prayer	- Sitting in silence
- Worship and reflection	- Gratitude
- Hospitality	- Studying scripture
- Spiritual companions	- Fasting

THIS WEEK:

Today, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time
10:00 a.m. – Worship service
11:00 a.m. – Coffee and fellowship time

Tuesday, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper – preparations begin on Monday evening, and continue on Tuesday afternoon. Everyone is welcome to the supper – invite a friend!

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Blanket-making
10:00 – 10:45 a.m. – Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service, at the RJC Rehearsal Hall, all are welcome. See the poster.
1:30 p.m. – Pastoral committee meeting

Friday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Good Neighbours Food Centre community soup lunch. This is a monthly fund-raiser for the local food bank, and all are welcome.

Friday, Saturday - Mennonite Church SK annual delegate sessions: *Deepening our Walk with Christ*, with guest speaker David Fitch, at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim. Join us as we gather to deepen our walk through worship, discernment, and Communion. Sessions begin Friday at 7:00 p.m., concluding at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, visit www.mcsask.ca for more information. See posted information. Four delegates are needed from our congregation. The report book is now available on line, or can be printed – contact the church office if you would like a copy.

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time

10:00 a.m. – Worship service – First Sunday in Lent

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

7:00 p.m. – “Choirs and Cakes” Fund-raiser at RJC. See the poster.

Calling alumni, A Buncha Guys alumni, fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, grandfathers, and friends of RJC: Come join the RJC ManChoir for one song at Choirs and Cakes on March 10. A short rehearsal at 6:30 pm in the RJC Chapel will prepare you for the event that starts at 7:00 pm.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MCC Connects - The Relief Sale Committee is in urgent need of volunteers. We are looking to fill the following positions: Friday night supper coordinator, pie booth coordinator, vereniki and sausage coordinator, and set-up/take-down coordinator(s). If you are interested in any of the following positions, or would like more information about volunteering, please contact Denise Martens at 306.270.9648 or denisemartens@gmail.com.

Fast for 262 on March 6 - A Day of Prayer and Fasting for Bill C-262: The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Bill C-262 needs to get to the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples soon or there won't be enough time for it to achieve royal assent. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls Canada to adopt and implement the Declaration as "the framework for reconciliation" (Call to Action #43). Mennonite Church Canada and MCC, among other organizations, are promoting this. Would you join in prayer and fasting as we ask the Creator to move hearts and minds? Participate by signing up on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/2010565912312619>). Let friends know that you are fasting on March 6 by posting a selfie with the hashtags #fastfor262 #passbillC262 #SenCA on your page or on the Fast for 262 Facebook page.

The Good Neighbours Food Centre (Food Bank) has requested donations of canned vegetables and hearty soups and stews for the months of February and March. You may leave your donations in the cart in the foyer; we will see they are delivered.

Mennonite Trust Ltd. Scholarship - MTL is pleased to offer scholarships for Sask students who regularly attend an MC Sask congregation and are attending post-secondary Christian education. Interested applicants should submit a resume, confirmation of full-time enrollment in post-secondary Christian education, a letter of support from their church, and a 1 page paper on Christian's duty to care for widows and orphans. Applicants can send their applications to mtl@mtrust.net or drop them off at any MTL office. Scholarships application deadline is June 30, 2019. More details available at www.mtrust.net

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
February 24, 2019						
Worship service #8						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Year to Date		Surplus/Deficit
				Actual	Budget	
Offering	\$ 1,250.00					
Coffee	\$ 38.00					
BUDGET	\$ 1,288.00	\$3,450.00	\$ (2,162.00)	\$ 46,210.23	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 18,610.23

Attendance last Sunday: 63

COMING EVENTS:

Mar. 22-23 – MC SK Women's Retreat "Walking in Worship" at Shekinah, with speaker Eileen Klaassen. All women are welcome, and you may register for the Friday session, the Saturday session, or both. See posted information and registration forms.

Mar. 26 – Youth Farm Bible Camp fund-raiser supper, here at RMC, see the poster.

March 28, 7:00 p.m. - Grace Mennonite Church, Prince Albert invites you to a Lenten evening with Harold R. Johnson, author of "Firewater," "Two Families," and "Clifford." Harold has most recently embarked on a healing journey in his relationship to the man who was convicted of a drunk driving charge in which Harold's brother died.

March 30, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. - A workshop on MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) will be held at Cornerstone Church, 315 Lenore Dr, Saskatoon. Dr. Sheila Harding, head of the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada, will address issues around MAiD, and Dr. Margaret Cottle will talk about Palliative Care.

Apr. 6, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat, at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Join with others of MC Sask to spend a day in silence, stillness and simplicity, taking a break from the regular routines of everyday life to rest, renew and reconnect with the God who loves each of us. This retreat is designed to increase awareness of our desire for God and deepen our longing for communion with God. Through silence, prayer, simple rituals and meditation on Scripture, we will be led through parched deserts to rivers of living water. There our thirst will be quenched and our souls revived. Cost \$50, no refunds. Registration may be transferred to another if you can't make it. Registration forms are posted in the foyer.

Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m. – Station Singers spring concert "From Billy to Brahms – Love songs for Spring," at the Station Arts Centre. The concert will be repeated in Saskatoon on Apr. 14.

June 28 – July 1 – Mennonite Church Canada Gathering, "Igniting the Imagination of the Church," Abbotsford BC. The Mennonite Women national gathering will take place as part of this event, on June 30. For more information, go to www.ignitegathering2019.ca

July 28 - Aug. 1 – "Shake: Rattled by the Radical" Youth Retreat for MC Canada youth grade 6 – 12, at Shekinah. Planned activities will include: Biblical reflection and storytelling, shared meals, activities and play, special guests, and more! Visit www.prairieyouth.ca for full details and registration.