
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service February 16, 2020, Number 7

Worship Leader Merla Dyck
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Prelude

WE GATHER

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship you, O God;
People: **gather us in.**
Leader: Some of us come full of happiness;
People: **gather us in.**
Leader: Some of us come a little sore from what life brings;
People: **gather us in.**
Leader: Some of us come indifferent or confused;
People: **gather us in.**
Leader: We honour you – who forms us and calls us each by name. You are our God, known yet unknown, present here yet everywhere now and forever. You have made us distinctly unique and yet part of your people world-wide.
All: ***Gather us in to your fierce love, your tender care, your abundant grace.***
Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Gathering *This is my Father's world* **HWB #154**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Praise *Great is thy faithfulness* **HWB #327**

Tithes and offerings

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn of Response *O Lord, have mercy (v. 1,2,3)* **StJ #47**
Children leave for Sunday School

WE LISTEN

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25 – 34 Pew Bible p. 685
Hymn of Response *Seek ye first* **HWB #324**
Message ***"Planks, Pearls, and Presents"*** **Randy Klassen**

WE RESPOND

Sending Blessing
Sending Hymn *O God, thou faithful God* **HWB #376**

THIS WEEK:

Today – Following the service, all are welcome in the lower auditorium for coffee and fellowship time.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Games and faspas, hosted by our Pastoral Committee. If you come, remember to bring something to share for faspas.
Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Shekinah Winter Fun Day, all are welcome, lunch available by donation. See the poster.
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Good Samaritans meet in the lower auditorium.
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Blanket-making
Friday, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Soup and pie fund-raiser at Prairie Meadow Place. All are welcome, admission by donation.
Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time.
10:00 a.m. – Worship service, Claire Ewert Fisher speaking
11:00 a.m. – Coffee and fellowship time

COMING EVENTS:

Feb. 25, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Pancake Supper
Feb. 26, 10:00 a.m. – Ash Wednesday service at RJC, sponsored by the Rosthern Ministerial.
Feb. 29 – Lenten retreat at Ancient Spirals Retreat Centre, planned by the MC Sask Spirituality Resource Team. Cost is \$30 for the day. All are welcome, see the posted information and registration forms.
Mar. 6, 2:00 p.m. – World Day of Prayer service, which will be hosted this year by St. Odilon. This year the featured country will be Zimbabwe. All are welcome.

March 13, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – MC Sask presents ‘Deepening our Walk with the Global Church’ at First Mennonite, Saskatoon. This session is free and open to all, and happens just before the MC Sask Delegate Sessions. See the poster.

Mar. 13, 14 - 2020 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon, with Wildwood Mennonite and First Mennonite co-hosting. Online registration is now available at <https://mcsask.ca/2020-mc-sask-annual-delegate-sessions/> and paper copies are available from your church office. Four delegates are needed from our congregation.

Mar. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Memorial service for Eric Harder, here at RMC

Mar. 15, 7:00 p.m. – Choirs and Cakes, in the RJC Auditorium. Come for an evening of desserts and choral music as we auction off cakes in support of Rosthern Junior College. Featuring performances by Coro Nova, RJC ManChoir, & RJC Singers. Tickets not required. Rush seating. Call (306) 232-4222 if you have any questions.

Mar. 28, 7:00 p.m. - **Coro Nova Spring Concert** at Knox United Church. Growing from choral experiences in RJC, Sonrisa, and A Buncha Guys this new choir continues to sing in community. All are welcome for an evening of song!

Mar. 31, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Farm Bible Camp annual vereniki supper, here at RMC, admission by donation, and all are welcome.

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:

Good Neighbours Food Centre continues to seek community support to assist people in need. This month they are requesting large diapers, baby food in all forms, canned beans, and non-sugary cereals. You may place your donations in the cart in the foyer; we will see they are delivered.

MCC Connects: Relief Sale is on the horizon and we urgently need volunteers! There are so many different ways to help out at this event so please talk to your friends, family, church youth groups, etc. and we will be sure to find a role for you. We are also looking for auction items! If you are interested in volunteering, or have an item to donate, please contact the MCC Office at 306.665.2555.

MCC Connects: We would like to draw your attention to the newly released children's book *Nutai's Cap* by Bob Bartel! Bob (who grew up in Waldheim) and his family worked with MCC in Labrador from 1986-89 supporting the Innu people - engaging with them in protests for their rights and land. *Nutai's Cap* is a moving story of determination and protest, written in English as well as two other languages common to the Innu people. This book can be found at a bookstore near you!

Help needed! Volunteers are needed to look after approximately 10 children (ranging in ages from approximately 1 to 8 years old) during the MC Sask ADS meetings March 13 & 14, 2020 at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Childcare will happen in the basement (parents will be in the building) Times: Friday: 1pm – 9pm and Saturday: 8:30am – 5pm (children will be with their parents during the meal breaks). There will be remuneration available for the volunteers (amount to be determined). If you are willing to help please contact Linda Martens at linell.martens@gmail.com or 306.384.4786

SMYO coffee fundraiser - On Feb. 18th Level Ground will be launching a new 300g coffee line to replace the 454g size: all new packaging and three new coffee blends! They will no longer offer the D.R. Congo, Tanzania, Bolivia, and Espresso in the new 300g package, but these blends will still be available in the 5lb sizes. The price for the new size 300g size will be \$12 and the 5lb boxes will remain \$65 (with the exception of Ethiopia and Bolivia which are \$75). Watch for a new order form coming soon!

CommonWord is proud to be partnering with Mennonite Central Committee on their new website www.abuseresponseandprevention.ca. This website

Abuse Response and Prevention



A Mennonite Central Committee website with contributions from CommonWord

provides resources so that churches can become a place of healing for those in need. This Canadian-based website addresses various types of abuse, offering definitions, guidelines and additional resources for individuals and communities of faith.

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

In February, the Rosthern Ministerial Association asks us to pray for the Living Faith Pentecostal Church, and for the World Day of Prayer, coming up on March 6.

Prayer requests from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:

Ministries Commission's mandate is to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ, to the world and people around us. The attitudes and activities taking shape through the efforts of Walking the Path are a prime example. Relationship building with our Indigenous neighbours sometimes leads to joint activities, most recently partnering with RJC in education and sports. Church Planting initiatives through Josh and Cindy Wallace will create new energies for persons on the edges of a faith community. International Witness practices reconciliation through varieties of partnerships between international and local personnel. Please pray for greater clarity in our responses to the human and natural invitations around us.

Following the declaration of the coronavirus outbreak as a global health emergency, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) is calling on Anabaptist and Mennonite congregations around the world to unite in prayer and to exercise precautionary measures in the church. "Pray for people who are isolated, afraid or ill, especially in Wuhan, Hubei Province, and mainland China," says César García, MWC general secretary. "Pray for wisdom for Chinese government and health authorities working to contain the outbreak, and for courage, compassion and safety for healthcare workers who work tirelessly to save lives." MWC also calls for prayer for wisdom for all governments and health authorities working to prevent the spread of the virus, that they act with compassion and caution.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Worship service #6</u> | | <u>Year to date</u> | | <u>Surplus/Deficit</u> |
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| | | <u>Weekly Budget</u> | <u>Weekly Surplus/Deficit</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | |
| Offering | \$ 1,480.00 | | | | | |
| Church use | \$ 100.00 | | | | | |
| BUDGET | \$ 1,580.00 | \$ 3,445.00 | \$ (1,865.00) | \$ 13,946.85 | \$ 20,670.00 | \$ (6,723.15) |
| GST Rebate | \$ 263.64 | | | | | |
| | \$ 1,843.64 | | | | | |

Attendance last Sunday: Joint worship service