
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service February 23, 2020, Number 8

Worship Leader Larry Epp
Pianist Pat Martin

Prelude

WE GATHER

Call to Worship (From Psalm 1)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers.

People: **But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

People: **In all that they do, they prosper.**

Leader: Let us worship God together.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Gathering *Holy Spirit, come with power* **HWB #26**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Praise *God of the Bible* **StJ #27**

Tithes and offerings

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn of Response *My hope is built on nothing less* **HWB #343**

Story for young and old Tina Siemens

WE LISTEN

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:13-29 Pew Bible p. 685

Hymn of Response *Here I am, Lord* **HWB #395**

Message *“Disciples of Christ Tell a Different Story”*
Claire Ewert Fisher

WE RESPOND

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn *Move in our midst* **HWB #418**

THIS WEEK:

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

Tuesday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. – Our annual Pancake Supper! If you have signed up to help, please remember to come at your appointed time. Thank you to all for volunteering. Invite your friends and family to join us for the supper.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Blanket-making
10:00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday service at RJC, sponsored by the Rosthern Ministerial. Please note: There will be **no coffee hour** here that morning; all are encouraged to take part in the service at RJC.

8:15 – 9:00 p.m. – Lenten prayer time – talk to Jeanette for more details

Saturday – 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.

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time.

10:00 a.m. – Worship service, Dale Schiele speaking

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

COMING EVENTS:

Mar. 5, 7:00 p.m. - Come to Bethany Manor in Saskatoon to learn more about the *RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy for Renewal & Growth*. A presentation by Principal Ryan Wood, in the Fellowship Centre, will be followed by a performance from the RJC Singers, and a reception. Everyone is welcome! If planning to attend please RSVP to ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

March 6, 10:30 a.m. - All are invited to the MCC Centre, Saskatoon, for an unveiling ceremony of our Treaty Land Acknowledgment. We will assemble to consider our commitments as Treaty people, and our successes and challenges along the road of reconciliation. Afterward, as is customary in Mennonite and Indigenous community gatherings, we will celebrate with a potluck feast! Please bring a traditional dish to share. To learn more, check out the MCC Sask Facebook page or contact their office at 306.665.2555.

Mar. 6, 2:00 p.m. – World Day of Prayer service, at St. Odilon. This year the featured country will be Zimbabwe. All are welcome.

March 13, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – MC Sask ‘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 veneniki supper, here at RMC, admission by donation, and all are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Offering receipts for 2019 were placed in your mailboxes several weeks ago. Please pick yours up, if you have not already done so.

Good Neighbours Food Centre continues to seek community support to assist people in need. You may place your donations in the cart in the foyer; we will see they are delivered.

Volunteers are needed to look after approximately 10 children (aged 1 to 8) during the MC SK ADS meetings March 13 & 14 at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. If you could help please contact Linda Martens at linell.martens@gmail.com or 306.384.4786

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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Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report

February 16, 2020

	Worship service #7		Year to date		Surplus/Deficit
	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	
Offering	<u>Actual</u>				
	\$ 2,680.00				
Direct deposit	\$ 100.00				
Coffee	<u>33.00</u>				
BUDGET	\$ 2,813.00	\$ 3,445.00	\$ 16,759.85	\$ 24,115.00	\$ (7,355.15)
Portable CMU registrations	<u>1,205.00</u>				
	\$ 4,018.00				

 Attendance last Sunday: 70

It is a Challenge!

The Good Samaritan Club is setting out a challenge to the people of Rosthern Mennonite Church to prepare 50 (or more!) school kits for MCC by March 22.

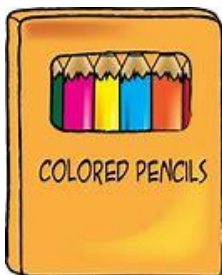
MCC School Kits are a frequently requested item. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. 78,035 kits were shipped last year to Jordan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq, Zambia, Ukraine, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Canada, the U.S.

Each Kit needs:

- 4 spiral notebooks (140 pages) or 7 80-page notebooks
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 12 coloured pencils in original packaging
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 1 flat flexible ruler
- 2 black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener

All items need to be new.

Please place your items in the blue container in the foyer.



If you would rather give a money gift, you may give through the church offering – please clearly mark your gift MCC School Kits.

All items and money must be in by March 22, and the kits will be assembled on March 29 during our coffee hour after church.

Let's work together to make this challenge happen, and have fun doing it!
Many thanks!!



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:

Mary Hope Wood Stucky, one of the first mission workers to Colombia, died Feb. 8 at the age of 103 in Bogotá, Colombia, leaving a legacy of mission work spanning 75 years. Alix Lozano, retired director of Seminario Bíblico Menonita de Colombia in a tribute to Mary Hope, said, "... you are a woman whose presence reminds us ... that we are a church with a past and a present that we hold on to for the future, a church that must bequeath future generations with challenges and commitments." Let us keep the family of one of our original International Witness Workers in our prayers.

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) asks us to pray that God restores peace to the continually deteriorating security situation in Burkina Faso. Thousands of people have been displaced by increasingly frequent, violent attacks by radical Islamic terrorist groups. These attacks target mosques, churches, schools and government military and police outposts. Pray for courage and trust for leaders and members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in this challenging environment. Pray for acts of love between Christians and Muslims that show a better way forward.

"God loves you and is walking with us through this difficult time." This is the message that Christians in Wuhan, China, are giving to people as they provide much needed face masks to people in their communities. Please continue to pray for those affected by this epidemic. Pray that believers in China will be able to share the reason for their hope in a dark time. Pray for wisdom as plans are made for Mennonite workers in China in the next few months.