
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020, Number 22

Worship Leader & Pianist Brenda Epp
Vocalists Bev Janzen, Esther Funk
Sound Lloyd Schmidt

Prelude

WE GATHER

Call to Worship
Gathering Prayer
Hymn *O come, loud anthems let us sing* HWB #68

Welcome and Announcements
Offertory Prayer: **Our gifts at work**
Hymn *Take my life* HWB #389

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer

WE LISTEN

Story for all ages
Hymn *Dona nobis pacem* HWB #346

Scripture Reading Psalm 103:1-5, 19-22
Matthew 5:3-12

Message "Everyday Practice of Pronouncing Blessing"
Claire Ewert Fisher

WE RESPOND

Communion Service
Communion Hymn *Seed, scattered and sown* HWB #454
Sending Blessing
Sending Hymn *Sent forth by God's blessing* HWB #478

THIS WEEK:

We will continue to present a worship service on Facebook each Sunday, with a small group of people involved. The church office remains open for an hour or two each day, and Claire is always available by phone, email or text.

For those who cannot watch our Facebook feed, you will be able to participate via conference call on your phones. If you have not already received the instructions, please call the church office, or call Kathy (306-212-7998) for more information.

Calling All Kiddos!!! You are invited to a weekly MC Sask digital Sunday school starting Sunday, May 31, at 9:30am. This 20-25 minute Zoom gathering will include a song, a story, and a time to share and pray (and show off your weekly craft). Shared leadership will be needed. If you are interested in a) signing up your kids, b) leading some of the sessions, or c) have some questions, please contact Josh Wallace at churchengagement@mcsask.ca.

Our *Coins Count* Bottle Drive is over – the last collection of bottles took place on May 30. How much did we get?? The bottles, cans, jugs, and cartons are piled up, awaiting the re-opening of Sarcan. What do you think all those empties are worth? Contact Brian & Delilah with your guess by June 15, and the closest guess will win a prize!

Next Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – Worship service will again be on Facebook, with a message by Larry Epp.

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 14 – there will be a child dedication as part of the service. Three children will be dedicated. That afternoon there will be a celebration of baptism for Tianna, Kate, and Jessica, at Christopher Lake. The baptism ceremony will be performed individually, videotaped and shared, with the consent of the people involved. We have planned this to adhere to the restrictions on the number of people able to gather in one place.

Sunday, June 28 – Claire's last Sunday with us

- Shekinah Retreat Centre is having its (virtual) Friends of Shekinah Fundraiser. Please save the date and watch for more information

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
May 24, 2020	Worship service #21		Year to date			
	Actual	Weekly	Weekly	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$ 420.20					
BUDGET	\$ 420.20	\$ 3,445.00	\$ (3,024.80)	\$ 68,043.70	72,345.00	\$ (4,301.30)
Rejoice subscr.	\$ 43.30					
	\$ 463.50					

Make June a Jubilee!

June is Indigenous History Month—a time to intentionally reflect on Indigenous-Settler relationships both past and present; a time to grow in right relations with host peoples and the lands in which we live. We encourage everyone to pick up a great book—like Chelsea Vowel’s Indigenous Writes, or Barker and Lowman’s Settler—to learn more about how we can pursue paths of decolonization (see www.commonword.ca/go/1512). To celebrate this time, all proceeds from purchasing ISR resources from CommonWord—like Unsettling the Word and the TRC Trilogy—will go to Mennonite Church Canada’s Jubilee Fund, which supports Indigenous communities who are repairing and renewing relationships with ancestral lands (see www.commonword.ca/go/2042).

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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PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Please continue to pray for residents of our nursing home, and other seniors, who are truly 'shut-in' at this time. Please pray also for staff at the care homes, and families of the residents.

In May, the Rosthern Ministerial Association asks us to pray for Eigenheim Mennonite Church, and for all who are hungry, sick, or bereaved.

Prayer requests from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:

Pray for Superb Mennonite Church as they hold their final service as a faith community on May 31. Due to physical distancing restrictions it is a closed service, but they will be sharing a recording of the service. Please pray for them as they celebrate their life together and grieve as they bring their ministry to a close.

Please consider writing a letter of encouragement to an inmate at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary. Prison is a lonely place at the best of times. The volunteers in the P2P program provide some relief from those feelings of self-isolation by visiting monthly. They also provide encouragement and hope for the future. Due to COVID-19 we are unable to offer visits to inmates, but we are encouraging our volunteers, and other church members to send a message of hope and encouragement to an inmate. For more details contact:

P2P coordinator for Parkland Restorative Justice (Prince Albert), Heather Driedger, at heather@parklandrj.com or 306.763.6224

P2P coordinator for The Micah Mission (Saskatoon), Dave Feick, at dave@themicahmission.org or 306.653.3099

Mennonite Church Canada ministry partner Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission asks us to pray for our African sisters and brothers as COVID-19 continues to spread. People visit markets to buy food almost daily because most don't have fridges or other ways to preserve food from day to day. Pray for provision, for protection, for courage and strength during this period of isolation. Pray that hospitals and medical staff provide the best possible care despite the lack of ventilators and other important medical tools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It's time to recognize the graduates in our congregation! If you have a graduate in your family, from high school, post-secondary, or post-graduate studies, please call or email the church office, so names can be added to our list. Your out-of-town children and grandchildren may certainly be included! The list will be included in the bulletin on June 21.

Annual subscriptions to *Rejoice*, the daily devotional published by MennoMedia, are now due. To reorder, or subscribe for the first time, please contact the church office by June 1. The cost for one year is \$43.30.

This week, for the MC Canada worship service, Springstein Mennonite Church invites you to join in worship as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our theme is taken from this spring's Leader magazine resources written by Joani Neufeldt of Lethbridge, AB. (service includes communion, please be prepared with bread/cracker and wine/juice.) www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices

Parkland Restorative Justice in Prince Albert is seeking an Executive Director (1 FTE). For job description and more info on the organization please see parklandrestorativejustice.com or contact Board Chair, Jacquelyn Janzen at jacqjanzen@hotmail.com. Closing date: July 1, 2020. Parkland Restorative Justice is a ministry partner of MC SK, and facilitates the P2P prison visitation program and Circles of Support and Accountability.

RJC High School is accepting applications for the position of Dean in the Girls' Dormitory beginning in the fall of 2020. The successful candidate will work with a team of RJC deans and school administration to provide a supportive environment where students can live, learn, and grow both personally and as a community. For more information contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca

MCC Connects: We are pleased to announce the official launch of the Grow Hope Saskatchewan growing season! YOU can be a (virtual) farmer by sponsoring an acre of Saskatchewan farm land. This year, when you sponsor an acre before June 30th, we will send you a packet of flax seed (courtesy of SaskFlax) to grow from home. Visit www.growhopesk.ca to sponsor your acre today!

Even during pandemic, we still love our neighbours. How has your congregation been seeking to care and support your community in the midst of COVID-19. Ministries Commission invites any folks (not just pastors) involved in MC Sask congregations to share their stories of the surprising and everyday ways we're walking with our neighbors in this season. You can access these stories at <http://tiny.cc/mcskpandemicneighbours> to share with your congregation. To submit a story, fill out the brief Google form at <http://tiny.cc/neighboursform>.