
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service June 7, 2020, Number 23

Worship Leader & Pianist Kalene Bartsch
Pianist Nancy Epp
Sound Erik Epp

Prelude

WE GATHER

Call to Worship Psalm 8
Gathering Prayer
Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* HWB #37
Welcome and Announcements
Offertory Prayer: **Our gifts at work**
Hymn *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* StS #121
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer

WE LISTEN

Story for all ages John & Pat Martin
Hymn *The love of God* StJ #44
Scripture Reading Eph. 3:17-19
Col. 1:21-23
Matt. 28:16-20
Message "The Spiritual Discipline of Being Grounded" Larry Epp

WE RESPOND

Sending Blessing
Sending Hymn *In the rifted Rock I'm resting* HWB #526

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.

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 in Brian & Delilah's shop, awaiting the re-opening of Sarcan. What do you think they are worth? Contact Brian & Delilah with your guess by June 7 (today), and the closest guess will win a prize!

Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. – Church Council meeting

Next Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – Worship service will again be on Facebook, with a message by Claire Ewert Fisher. There will be a child dedication as part of the service. Tianna, Kate, and Jessica will share their faith stories, and Jessica will be baptized during the service. That afternoon there will be a celebration of baptism for Tianna and Kate, at Christopher Lake. The baptism ceremony will be performed individually, videotaped and shared, with the consent of the people involved.

COMING EVENTS:

June 8 – 30 - 14th Annual RJC Golf Classic - As golf courses begin to reopen with distancing rules, RJC invites you to participate in an 18-hole round of scramble at any course, in support of the school, from June 8-30. This event will include an online silent auction and prizes. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more information and rules.

Sunday, June 21, 11:00 a.m. - RJC virtual baccalaureate service will be presented. You will be able to watch it with a link on our church Facebook page. A virtual graduation ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m., and will be available on RJC's YouTube channel. Decade grads are encouraged to connect with their classes virtually or in a way that adheres to provincial physical distancing rules. Visit rjc.sk.ca for links, information, and updates.

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
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Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
May 31, 2020	Worship service #22		Year to date			
	Weekly	Weekly	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	
	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	
Offering	Actual \$ 1,210.00					
Direct payment	\$ 100.00					
BUDGET	\$ 1,310.00	\$ (2,135.00)	\$ 69,353.70	75,790.00	\$ (6,436.30)	
Rejoice subscr.	\$ 43.30					
	\$ 1,353.30					

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.

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 June, the Rosthern Ministerial Association asks us to pray for our own congregation, Rosthern Mennonite Church, and for the work of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, Saskatoon.

Prayer requests from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is asking all congregations to set aside a specific time of prayer on Sunday, June 7, to join our sister churches in Mennonite Church USA as they lament the injustice and violence suffered by people of colour in the U.S. This nationwide call to prayer is a call for the church to boldly stand against racism that rips apart the social fabric of both of our countries. As a church, we speak for a God who made all persons in the image of the Creator's likeness. We are called to raise our voices and prayers and denounce the evil that racism inflicts upon our fellow human beings.

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.

Applications for the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan 2020 Student Education Fund scholarship are now being accepted. Contact the church office for more information, and application forms. Applications must be submitted by July 31.

For the MC Canada worship service, please join Avon Mennonite Church in Stratford ON this Sunday, June 7, as we reflect on Jesus's teachings in Luke 11:33-36 and Matthew 5:14-16. Shane and Angela Wiebe, Cyrille Fopoussi and Mary Anne Musser will lead us in worship. Troy Watson will unpack what Jesus might mean when he says, "You are the light...your eye is the lamp." Go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>.



MC Sask Shorts

Videos available from Mennonite Church SK:

The final service for Superb Mennonite Church is available to watch at <http://mcsask.ca>

In **MC Sask Shorts'** first interview, Dave Feick, executive director at The Micah Mission, talks about restorative justice and finding cause for hope in the midst of COVID-19.

MCC Connects: As we look to re-open our MCC Thrift Shops throughout the province we are in need of VOLUNTEERS. Some of our volunteers are unable to come back at this time, and we need some new hands to help! If you are looking for something to do that serves the community and the world, this is a great opportunity! Interested in volunteering? Please contact the MCC Sask office at 306-665-2555 or e-mail saskoffice@mccsk.ca for more information.

Canadian Mennonite University is actively planning programs for the fall semester, taking into consideration current health guidelines. To learn more, go to cmu.ca/campusvisit or cmu.ca/covid-19

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. Go to <http://tiny.cc/mcskpanicneighbours> to read the stories. To submit a story, go to <http://tiny.cc/neighboursform> and fill out the brief Google form.