



Osler Mennonite Church

*A Welcoming Community for Peace
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation*

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 1, 2022

“Sharing Our Stories: Conversion and New Life”

**Gathering Hymn: VT #7 “Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing”
VT #225 “We Come”**

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Children’s Gathering Song: VT #510 “Today Earth Is Singing”

Today earth is singing with stars up above,
Our arms wide in welcome for God's gift of love,
We greet you dear children, We're glad you are here!
Your newness renews us, and heaven comes near.

Children’s Time: Marlene Campbell

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the Church

**Hymn: VT #706 “O Healing River”
VT #636 Spirit, Open My Heart”**

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:7-14

But those things I used to consider gain, I now count as loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss in light of the surpassing knowledge of my Savior Jesus Christ, for whose sake I have forfeited everything. I count everything else as garbage, so that Christ may be my wealth—indeed, that I may be found in Christ, not having any justice of my own based on observance of the Law. The justice I possess is that which comes through faith in Christ. It has its origin in God and is based on faith. All I want is to know Christ, and the power of

the resurrection, and how to share in Christ's sufferings by being formed into the pattern of Jesus' death—perhaps even to arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

It's not that I have reached it yet, or have already finished my course; but I'm running the race in order to grab hold of the prize if possible, since Christ Jesus has grabbed hold of me. Sisters and brothers, I don't think of myself as having reached the finish line. I give no thought to what lies behind, but I push on to what is ahead. My entire attention is on the finish line as I run toward the prize—the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: VT #499 "In the Morning When I Rise"

Biblical Storytelling: The Conversion of Saul from Acts 9:1-20

Hymn: VT #761 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Benediction: Convert us, Jesus the Resurrected, as you converted Paul and sent him as apostle to the world. May our love and our prayers carry your gospel at whatever cost to all who wait to hear it. Amen.

From VT# 1027

**Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com*

TODAY'S WORSHIP May 1

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben, Dayna Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Marlene Sound: Kerri/James Usher: Anne & Bill

Children's Sunday School: Naomi & Wilf

Patty's Week: Tues. May 3 to Fri. May 6 - Spring birding in Prince Albert National Park. Please call Pastor Nora with emergencies.

Nora's Week: Working Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun

Birthdays this week: Dave Feick and Sandra Grismer

Letter from MCC Saskatchewan to OMC Blanket Making Group
Osler Mennonite Blanket Making Group Members,

This week is National Volunteer Appreciation Week and I wanted to let each and every one of you know that I appreciate all of you so much. Well, I would have preferred to bring you coffee and donuts to thank you but, unfortunately, I cannot travel to all the groups again in the same day to thank everyone so an email will have to suffice. Please make sure that this gets passed around to all the volunteers.

Your work for and support of MCC does not go unnoticed. From the tiny stitches that you do to the knots that are tied to the squares cut and sewn together to the kit supplies bought, you are making a difference in the lives of those who have been affected by war and disaster. You are bringing comfort, warmth, hope and essential supplies to people in Jordan, Syria, Ukraine and many more places. Thank you for your generosity and your desire to help others.

I have been visiting a few of the comforter making groups this year and have really enjoyed getting to know everyone. I would really love to come visit the group at Osler Mennonite but realize perhaps you have already stopped for the year (some groups only go till April). If someone could contact me regarding this group and some questions I have, please phone me (number below) or feel free to respond to this email. I would love to chat.

Thank you again for all your hard work and dedication to the work of MCC. We couldn't do this without you!!

P.S. While the *"Volunteer Report" talks about our work in Ukraine before the most recent unrest happened, I have also enclosed a *picture of a women receiving a blanket, as well as, other material resources from just last month from our partner Charitable Foundation Uman Help Centre in Uman City, Ukraine. We aren't currently shipping material resources such as comforters to Ukraine but they had some resources from previous shipments that they are currently handing out, and we plan to increase our shipments to Ukraine in the near future.

Blessings,

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*Please find the report and picture on the bulletin board

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 8

Speaker: Nora Pederberg

Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen

Song Leader: Kevin

Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Wilf

Sound: Doug

Ushers: Harold/Dick

Children's Sunday School: Naomi & Wilf

OMC CALENDAR

May 1 10:00 am Patty Friesen

May 8 10:00 am Nora Pederberg

May 11 1:00 pm Education mtg

May 13 6:30 – 9:00 pm OMC Youth Event

May 15 10:00 am Jim Epp *MC Sask*

May 21 11:00-1:30 pm Volunteer at Friendship Inn

May 22 10:00 am Patty Friesen

11:00 am Wiener roast/brown bag lunch

May 25 Exec & Council meeting

May 28 Youth Event – Tree planting at OMC

May 29 10:00 am Patty Friesen

From Community Connections:

Friendship Inn Sat. May 21, 11:00 a.m. Come and join us.

There are three persons signed up so far.

Sunday, May 22, 11:00 a.m. Weiner roast in the churchyard

(food supplied or bring your own lunch). Bring your own chair.

Rejoice – the last issue of issue of the current year will come soon. If you wish to renew for the coming year, no action is required. If you wish to receive this daily devotion please let the office know. The cost of a year is \$46.23 which you are encouraged to give as an extra donation.

Announcements

May 1, 3 pm. Forest church at Shekinah. Spring has sprung so why not soak in the glory of the changing season in outdoor worship at Shekinah? Terri-Lynn and Thomas Friesen will provide leadership this month. All are welcome!

May 8 Shekinah service of Thanksgiving. Shekinah is very grateful for gifts received on the dissolution of both Superb Mennonite Church and Zoar Waldheim Mennonite Church. To mark these gifts there will be a service of Thanksgiving on May 8 at 2:30 at Shekinah. All are invited to attend.

May 13-14 MC Sask Women's Retreat at Shekinah! *Registration deadline is May 3!* Valerie Wiebe will lead us following our theme "The Divine Spark". Day rate: \$50/day or Weekend/Overnight rate: \$125 Register online at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10899> Open to all ladies 16 years and up!!

Touchdown! at RJC: a celebration of the legacy of athletics - May 28: This year RJC's annual golf classic and homecoming fundraising banquet will be celebrated as one event! Golf begins at 1:00 pm (shotgun start) at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern, with a banquet and program on the RJC campus to follow at 6:30pm. Visit rjc.sk.ca/homecoming to register your team for golf or call (306) 232-4222 to reserve your banquet tickets.

RJC Musical: Anastasia - June 23-25: Tickets will go on sale in May. An alumnus & friends' barbeque is planned for Saturday, June 25 prior to the musical for any who would like to attend. Email office@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222 to register for the meal.

***Free Tuition for a year at CMU!** Apply to CMU for a chance to have your undergraduate tuition covered! To be eligible Canadian students must return a completed CMU application for the 2022/23 academic year starting in September. Visit cmu.ca/admissions for further eligibility requirements.

MCC Connects: Grow Hope Saskatchewan launches its fifth growing season this week! Funds raised through the grain-growing project are used to support people around the world who need emergency food assistance, as well as improving long-term food security. Learn more: <https://www.growhopesk.ca/>

***Help needed** for the Drive-thru Vereniki booth planned for the **MCC Relief Sale** on Saturday, June 11, 2022 located at Forest Grove Church. Our congregation has been asked to provide one person to take charge of the gravy/fruit sauce for the day, six people to help at this booth from 8:30–11:00 am AND donations of fruit sauce and gravy. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Sign Up – To bring fruit sauce (strawberry, rhubarb or?) and/or gravy (by the gallon)

- We need one person all day to be in charge of the gravy/sauce
- and 6 people for the 8:30 – 11:00 shift in the booth

MCC School Kits for Ukraine collected by church mailboxes from now until MCC Sale. *Need bag sewers as well.*

Contents (NEW items only)

Any combination of 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm) totaling 500–600 pages, OR 7 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (80 pages each; about 21.5 cm x 27 cm)

8 new unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)

12 coloured pencils (in packaging)

1 large eraser

2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

1 small ***all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes

*If you cannot find all metal sharpeners please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners.

Join the Mennonite World Conference Assembly Online!

Can't make it to Indonesia 2022? With online registration you will get access to a virtual hub, the “home-base” of online Assembly. Through the hub you will enter into the virtual Assembly world. Here you can access daily plenaries as live stream. You can participate in hybrid and online workshops and discussions. You can follow Assembly on-site through vlogs and participate in a mixed online and on-site small group. There will be exhibits of MWC related organization, concerts, children and youth activities. Cost is \$150 USD. Details at <https://event.mwc-cmm.org/event/8c9c9576-4a3d-4ab2-a486-fc5024defbf6/websitePage:371aa2ec-8bd6-47fb-bfad-deb6c4c16fa6>

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