



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 1, 2026

Wisdom Book – the Song of Songs

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: Jesus says: “Come to me, all who are weary under heavy loads,
and I will give you rest.”

Let any who are feeling at odds with life, come, and find reconciliation.

**P: Let any who are sad, come,
and find comfort for our aching hearts.**

L: Let any who feel worn and weary, come, and find rest for your souls.

**P: Let any who are afraid, come,
and find faith and renewed courage.**

L: Let any who feel ashamed, come, and find unadulterated forgiveness.

**P: Let any who feel unwanted, come,
and find hospitality that is divine.**

L: Let all who are feeling happy, come and have your happiness blessed.
Let all who wish to renew their vows,
come and trust the Spirit of truth and joy.

**All: Let all who love the Lord come,
and let your love overflow in praise.**

(From Brief Prayers for Busy People. Author: Bruce D Prewer)

Invocation

**Gathering Hymns: VT #551
VT #748**

**Beautiful Things
Take, O Take Me as I Am**

First Reading: Song of Songs 1:1-4 and 8:6-7

The Song of Songs, which is for Solomon.

If only he would give me some of his kisses . . .

Oh, your loving is sweeter than wine!

Your fragrance is sweet;

your very name is perfume.

That's why the young women love you.

Take me along with you; let's run!

My king has brought me into his chambers, saying,

"Let's exult and rejoice in you.

Let's savor your loving more than wine.

No wonder they all love you!"

8:6-7 Set me as a seal over your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is as strong as death,

passionate love unrelenting as the grave.

Its darts are darts of fire—divine flame!

Rushing waters can't quench love;

rivers can't wash it away.

If someone gave

all his estate in exchange for love,

he would be laughed to utter shame.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing Story Time for All Ages

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

We pray – Zach's ordination today

- for Edna as she recovers with her daughter in Regina

- for First Mennonite Church as they close Nov 8th

Thanksgiving

Prayer for the Church

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires...

Hymn: VT #539 God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

Second Reading: Song of Songs 2:1-7

I'm a rose of the Sharon plain, a lily of the valleys.

[Man]

Like a lily among thornbushes,

so is my dearest among the young women.

[Woman]

Like an apple tree among the wild trees,

so is my lover among the young men.

In his shade I take pleasure in sitting,

and his fruit is sweet to my taste.

He has brought me to the house of wine;
his banner raised over me is love.
Sustain me with raisin cakes,
strengthen me with apples, for I'm weak with love!
His left arm is beneath my head,
his right embraces me.
Make a solemn pledge, daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild deer:
Don't rouse, don't arouse love until it desires.

Scripture Response:

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 #456 Oceans

Sermon: Song of Songs: The Goodness of Pleasure

Hymn: VT #524 When Love is Found

Benediction:

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

*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

TODAY Nov 1 *Song of Songs*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Jake Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/

Snack/Coffee: Louise

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

Friday 10:00 am Coffee Time with staff

Brad's Week: usual work days are Mon, Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting, If you'd like a visit, please call him @ 306-361-0601

Luke's Week: Mon. Exec mtg; Wed. Office; Thurs. NPMC; Fri. OMC

Birthdays this week: 2 – Marlene Campbell; 5 – Kaytee Edwards-Buhler

TODAY: If you have not yet signed up to have your picture taken for the new Photo Directory, please do so as you exit the sanctuary. Photos will be taken *November 20 from 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm and 21 9:30 am to 2:50 pm.* You will be invited to purchase photos for your own use.

ALSO – this directory will need a front cover – does anyone have suggestions and/or a good photo for this cover? Please talk to Rachel Buhler.

Church council is revisiting our current tagline "*Welcoming Christian Community for Peace*" and bring it into the 21st century. Please share your thoughts and ideas on a sticky note on the white board in the lobby. Council will visit all the suggestions and come up with a tagline for the church to consider.

From the Worship Committee: We recognize how dependent we are on technology for our worship services and so we want to thank everyone who volunteers in the sound booth! We also recognize that there will be times when some feel adjustments can be made. We ask that if you feel this way, please bring any feedback to Brad, Dave, or Matthew S. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Board – check posters for detail information

- Nursery Help signup sheet
- Snack/Coffee signup sheet
- Newsletter from Bethany Manor
 - Events Poster
- RJC Events Posters
 - new photos of our RJC students
- Shekinah Events Poster

If anyone is interested in helping out in the Nursery during worship, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or talk to anyone on the Education Committee.

New Address for Rob & Brandee Borne

39 2nd St in Osler

Community Connections: November 8 at noon you are invited to share in *Faspa and Conversation* about the encampment in Saskatoon. Sarah Buhler will be leading the conversation.

MCC Connects: Consider giving the gifts of comfort and joy this Christmas season with MCC's Christmas Giving Guide! You can help meet the basic needs of people around the world by choosing from unique gifts such as pigs, fruit trees, beehives, and more. For details on all the gifts, call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555 or visit mcc.org/Christmas

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week? This Sunday Len will be travelling to Swift Current for the ordination of Zach Stefaniuk at Zion Mennonite. Ordinations are a time to celebrate God's calling of leaders to pastoral ministry. They also remind us that God calls each one of us to unique roles and places at certain times. Please pray for Zach and the community of Zion Mennonite. (New)

On **November 1, Zach Stefaniuk** will be ordained at Zion Mennonite in Swift Current. The ordination will take place during the morning worship service which begins at 10:30 am. If you would like to send greetings to Zach, you can email Len or send it to the office.

TODAY: Nov 1: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. Join the praise of the "living creatures" from Revelation in outdoor worship. All are welcome!

On November 22, we will have a commissioning service for Dalen Applegate as Faith Development Minister. The service will be held at Wildwood Mennonite in the afternoon. Again, you are welcome to attend or send a greeting otherwise.

First Mennonite Church Saskatoon: Thanksgiving & Closing Service on Sunday, November 8 @2pm. Please join us for a time of remembrance and celebration following our final service on November 8. We will enjoy coffee, greetings, and a choir together. If you wish to join the choir, practice will be on Tuesday, November 3 @ 7pm at FMC. (New)

***LET'S SING!:* Songs and hymns along the journey** Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Join Lois Siemens to celebrate and mark 10 anniversaries in 2026 with music. Marilyn Houser Hamm - song leader, Lynette Janzen - piano and more!

Shekinah's Burger Bonanza: Saturday, November 7, 6 p.m. in the Timberlodge. Enjoy a great evening with your Shekinah friends and the music and energy of the Celtic band *Back of the Bus*.

Bethany Manor presents “Sip, Savour, Support on Wednesday, November 4 6:30-8:30 pm. There will be *small plates and live music* in support of the Equipment Fund. Entertainment from the Pat Michell Trio. Tickets are \$75 – Available from the Bethany office

RJC Kielke Supper Fundraiser at Bethany Manor | Wednesday, November 18 Join RJC at Bethany Manor in Saskatoon for a traditional kielke and sausage supper, with music by the RJC Singers. Dinner seatings are at 4:30 PM for Bethany Manor residents and guests and 6:30 PM for RJC families and friends. Admission is by donation. RSVP to 306-232-4222 or development@rjc.sk.ca

Call for Board Members at RJC | RJC High School is seeking individuals to serve on our Board of Directors. We're looking for community-minded individuals who would like to help guide RJC's future and Christian education. We invite you to consider getting involved. To learn more or express your interest, contact boardchair@rjc.sk.ca.

Financial update: We have completed the financial reports for the church up to September 2026 which is 75% of our year. In that time, donations are behind the budgeted amount by \$13,000 or 6% of budget. Our expenses are meeting budget, leaving us with a deficit of approximately \$27,000. Financial statements have been distributed by email, and you can see Kathy for paper copies. Thank you for your continued support of the OMC budget!

MCC Saskatchewan Peace Conference – Nov 7 9:00 am – 4:30 pm at Station 20 West, Saskatoon. *The Grass is Still Gowing: Returning to the Spirit & Intent of Treaty.* Treaty is an important framework for building peace in our province. To mark the 150th anniversary of Treaty 6, this year's Peace Conference presents a special partnership with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. We will take a close look into the original meaning and covenantal intentions of Treaty, and explore the implications of living as Treaty people in Saskatchewan today.

Are you planning to use the Leader resources for Advent this year? If so, Jodi Epp (Mount Royal MC) has written some shorts skits to go along with the other resources. If you are interested, please

contact the MC Sask office (MCSask@mcsask.ca) and we can send them out to you. (New)

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Sermon on the Mount

Instructors: Rev. Mitchell Anderson and Rev. Dr. Don Schweitzer
Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CST

This is going to be an engaging exploration of one document I would suspect few of us know well, and a teaching from Jesus that some/many of us know very well! I am encouraging groups of people to come together to watch/participate in these classes - whether around a computer in someone's home, or in a church/community hall. For more info and to register: <https://www.spiritrivercommunity.org/courses/the-un-declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples-and-the-sermon-on-the-mount>

If this is of interest to anyone in the congregation, please let Brad know.

Please pray for wisdom and clarity in preparation for a National MC Canada Youth Ministry Consultation, November 23-25 in Winnipeg. Be in touch with your regional church office to find out who is representing your region at this consultation! (New)

In the months ahead, the Climate Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be inviting MC Saskatchewan congregations into conversations regarding climate issues. CERT is a committee of MC Saskatchewan that reports to the Ministries Commission. One of its mandates is, "To encourage leaders in churches and MC Sask stakeholders in prayerful listening to God and petitioning God in intercession for land and ecosystems, for those vulnerable to climate change impacts and for wise and compassionate decision-making in our own communities." If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Mark Bigland-Pritchard via email:mark@lowenergydesign.com

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LOCAL

Forever in motion, a physical activity program geared for older adults, will begin September 16. This drop-in class begins at 10:00 am and runs every Wednesday & Friday until April. **Staying on Your Feet**, a program aimed at improving your balance will begin September 15. This 12-week course that is intended for weekly attendance, runs from 9:30 – 11:00 am each Tuesday. It will cover various topics and feature guest speakers. All sessions are led by persons with Leader's Certificates from the Saskatoon Health Region. Both classes are free to attend at the Osler Community Hall. Check the posters on the bulletin board for more details.

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov 1 – 10:00 am – Brad Schroeder preaching – *Song of Songs*

Mon. Nov 2 – 7:30 am Council mtg

Sun. Nov 8 – 10:00 am – Luke Bushman preaching – *Exodus Part III*

Sun. Nov 15 – 10:00 am – Charlie Clark speaking

Sun. Nov 22 – 10:00 am – Brad Schroeder preaching – *Memorial Sunday*

Wed. Nov 29 – 7:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Sun. Nov 29 – 10:00 am – Luke Bushman preaching – *Advent 1*

NEXT SUNDAY – Nov 8 *Exodus Part III*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Ben, Loretta Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Lynette Sound: Matthew Ushers: Susan/Carl

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Kevin

Snack/Coffee:

Please consider signing up to bring a snack and make the coffee.

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