



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 1, 2024

Mark 2

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 15

L: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**C: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;**

L: who do not slander with their tongue

and do no evil to their friends

nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

**C: in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

L: who do not lend money at interest

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #62 God Is Here among Us

VT #9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

First Reading: James 1: 19-27 *NRSVUE*

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Parent is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Youth

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – students and teachers at start of school year

Thanksgiving – federation recognition of Stoney Knoll First Nation/Reserve 107 with Mennonites and Cree celebrating at Stoney Knoll last Friday

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts’ desires

Hymn: VT #738 Open My Eyes That I May See

Second Reading: Mark 2:13-17 NRSVUE

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

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 #156 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Sermon: Disdain for Jesus' Dinner Party

Hymn: VT #636 Spirit, Open My Heart

Benediction

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

** Since the offering Aug. 25 was not for our church operation – please consider giving extra this week.

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY Sept 1 Mark 2

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Loretta Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Youth Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Garry Boldt

Office Hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday

Walking Club: Fridays 9:00 am starting from church – all are welcome

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 9:30 am

Patty's Week: Today Preheim Reunion; Tues. work from home; Weds. office; Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Today OMC Church, Kirsten Hamm-Epp Farewell Service; Mon. RJC SRC Commissioning; Tues. Retreat Planning; Wed. OMC Office Hours; Thurs.- Sun. Backpacking in Kananaskis

Birthdays: None this week

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Sept 1: Wilf
Sept 8

Please consider signing up for a turn.

The Yard Maintenance Schedule: Sept 2 – 7 Russ & Lucy Friesen and
Harold and Lynn Loewen

CALENDAR

- Sun. Sept 1** 10:00 am **Luke Bushman speaking** *Mark 2*
- Sun. Sept 8** 10:00 am **Patty Friesen speaking** *Life Worth Living: Children* – loose change/MCC during Story for All Ages
11:15 am Semi-Annual mtg (*no lunch*)
12:15 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch, DQ Warman - all welcome
- Sun. Sept 15** 10:00 am **Lois Siemens speaking**
10:30 am Children's Sunday School starts
11:11 am Deacons mtg
12:00 Lunch with Lois @ *Osler Café backroom*
- Fri – Sun – Sept 20 – 22 Youth to Camp Elim**
- Sun. Sept 22** 10:00 am **Patty Friesen** *Life Worth Living: Work & Calling*
11:11 Community Connections mtg
- Mon. Sept 23 6:00 pm Executive mtg
7:30 pm Council mtg
- Thur. Sept 26 7:00 pm Worship mtg @ OMC
- Sun. Sept 29** 10:00 am **Luke Bushman** speaking *Mark 3*
Special music by Bethany Ukulele Band
11:15 am SS Forum
12:00 noon Potluck (*please bring extra for the band*)

THANKS

Thank you to Ruth and Wilf for hosting the Outdoor Service last Sunday and to Dick, Matthew, Clint and Karl for hauling tables. Over 100 were in attendance from Pleasant Point, Warman, Aberdeen, Langham and Osler with Luke in charge of Wild Church for children and MC SK Executive Minister Len Rempel preaching and leading communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCCS AGM is Wednesday, Sept 25 at 6:30-9 pm. hosted on Zoom. If you are interested in attending as a Delegate for OMC, please contact Shelley Penner.

MCC School Bag Assembly next Sunday, September 8 after children's time. We will have MCC School bags and supplies available - anyone interested in helping pick up school bags at MCC or supplies please bring them for that Sunday.

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks; about 21.5 cm x 27.5 cm (8.5 in x 11 in); approx. 140 pages (70 sheets) each, totaling 500–600 pages (250-300 sheets)

- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional))
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)*

OMC Semi Annual Meeting Agenda September 8, 2024 11:15am

- 1) Call meeting to order
- 2) Opening prayer - Patty Friesen
- 3) Approval of agenda
- 4) Chair report
- 5) Pastor's report - Patty Friesen
- 6) Pastor's report - Luke Bushman
- 7) Treasurer's report
- 8) Committee reports
 - a) Education/Sunday School
 - b) Community Connections
 - c) Worship
 - d) Deacons
 - e) Trustees
- 9) Nomination Committee
- 10) Rep reports - RJC, MCC, MDS, Bethany Manor.
- 11) Other Business
- 12) Closing prayer
- 13) Adjournment

Education committee is starting to plan for fall classes. We are planning to continue to offer children's Sunday school during the church service with the assistance of our youth helpers. Please contact Naomi at naomi@schellenbergs.ca or (306)202-3467 if you are willing to teach or be a youth helper this year. Youth Sunday school will continue to run after the service, as will our adult classes.

OMC Summer Backyard Book Club: Tuesday, September 24 @ 7:00 pm Book Club at Diane McKinnell's, discussing *A Good Neighbourhood* by *Theresa Fowler*. Copies on the table in the foyer.

MCC Connects: Please save the date for the MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, Sep 25 at 6:30-9 pm. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to saskoffice@mccsk.ca. We will celebrate 60 years of MCC ministry in SK and be inspired by courageous women in Zimbabwe who are seeking creative solutions to the stresses in their communities.

From Deacons: 7 Shared Convictions of Global Anabaptists in your church mailbox and in this email with discussion questions for October study as a replacement of the 1995 Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective (hard copies on lobby table for borrowing and in this email attachment also). We will do an October preaching/Forum study on the 7 Shared Convictions before voting on it as the official catechism teaching position of OMC.

Why this? Why now?

The Confession of Faith will be 30 years old next year and a lot of theological interpretive work has changed since then but MC Canada/USA are unable to move forward with a new confession of faith. Canadian Mennonite University and other churches are adopting the 7 Shared Convictions as a lighter, inclusive, global teaching tool of Anabaptist convictions. Please check out Mennonite World Conference website also for global discussion. Executive Minister Len Rempel will also lead discussion. Please direct questions and membership interest to deacons Karl, Wilf, Matthew, Lynette and pastors Patty and Luke.

Download a PDF version of the Confession of Faith In a Mennonite Perspective

Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective: Summary Pamphlet

7 Shared Convictions of Global Anabaptists

By the grace of God, we seek to live and proclaim the good news of reconciliation in Jesus Christ. As part of the one body of Christ at all times and places, we hold the following to be central to our belief and practice:

1. God is known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Creator who seeks to restore fallen humanity by calling a people to be faithful in fellowship, worship, service and witness.

2. Jesus is the Son of God. Through his life and teachings, his cross and resurrection, he showed us how to be faithful disciples, redeemed the world, and offers eternal life.
3. As a church, we are a community of those whom God's Spirit calls to turn from sin, acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, receive baptism upon confession of faith, and follow Christ in life.
4. As a faith community, we accept the Bible as our authority for faith and life, interpreting it together under Holy Spirit guidance, in the light of Jesus Christ to discern God's will for our obedience.
5. The Spirit of Jesus empowers us to trust God in all areas of life so we become peacemakers who renounce violence, love our enemies, seek justice, and share our possessions with those in need.
6. We gather regularly to worship, to celebrate the Lord's Supper, and to hear the Word of God in a spirit of mutual accountability.
7. As a world-wide community of faith and life we transcend boundaries of nationality, race, class, gender and language. We seek to live in the world without conforming to the powers of evil, witnessing to God's grace by serving others, caring for creation, and inviting all people to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

MC Sask News:

Join us for Forest Church at Shekinah on September 1 at 3pm as we celebrate the ministry of Kirsten Hamm-Epp with MC Sask. Kirsten will be leaving her role as Youth Minister after 11 years. Come help us thank Kirsten and celebrate her many contributions to MC Sask over the years.

Save the Date to Celebrate Shekinah's 45th Anniversary! Sunday, September 8th from 2:00 - 6:00! There will be singing, activities, craft, farmer sausage on a stick and birthday cake! Watch for more details!

Apply Now to RJC High School | Students and families interested in applying for the fall can contact admissions@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222 to book a school and dormitory tour. To complete an application visit rjc.sk.ca/apply. You belong at RJC!

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking an Interim Youth Minister/Worker on a contract basis until mid-July, 2025. Averaging

10 hours/week, this position will involve coordinate and working with youth pastors, leaders, and sponsors on province-wide and regional youth events such as MegaMenno and youth retreats, including travel to the 2025 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letter and resume to Len Rempel at minister@mcsask.ca. A full job description is available at www.mcsask.ca (new)

Kids' Club and Choir on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Nutana Park Mennonite Church is once again excited to offer Kids' Club and Choir beginning September 12, 2024. Children who are entering Grade 2 - Grade 6 will be eligible to participate. The program will run each Thursday (excluding school holidays) from September to March and includes a devotional, a half hour choir practice, and activities including crafts, baking, and woodworking! If you are interested, please follow the link below to register your child. There will be a \$50 registration fee which will cover the cost of materials and other expenses. We are also looking for volunteers to help lead some of the programming. Contact us if you are willing to help!

<https://forms.office.com/r/HzxNcrwKyz>

Luke Bushman (306) 260-6552 oslermcpastor2@gmail.com;

Brent Guenther (306) 514-7020 brentguenther@hotmail.com (new)

Micah Mission invites you to attend their Annual General Meeting on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Wildwood Mennonite Church (1502 Acadia Drive). Please RSVP to info@themicahmission.org. See you there! (new)

NEXT SUNDAY Sept 8 *Life Worth Living: Children*
Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Benjamin Accompanist: Melanie
Story: Kaytee (*Loose Change*) Sound: Doug Ushers: Harold/Lloyd
Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, John Reddekopp

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