



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 4, 2024

Life Worth Living: Health and Faith

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Isaiah 35 (NIV)

L: The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and
Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

**C: Strengthen the feeble hands and steady the knees that give way;
Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come, will come to save you.”**

L: Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf
unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue
shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the
desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling
springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and
papyrus will grow.

**C: And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of
Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way.**

**No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found
there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and those the Lord
has rescued will return.**

*All: They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.*

*Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #11 Mountain of God
VT #203 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Parent of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – for recovery of humans, plants and animals from wildfires
-start of harvest

Thanksgiving – 5 OMCers at Shekinah last week

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires

Hymn: VT #373 As the Wind Song through the Trees

Second Reading: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue and many who heard him were amazed. Where did this man get these things? they asked. What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters with us? And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honour except in their own town, among their relatives and in their own home. He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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 #30 Jesus Calls Us

Sermon: Life Worth Living: Health and Faith

Hymn: VT #830 Go, My Children

Benediction: We turn to Christ for the life-giving Holy Spirit to act within cures and recovery and to give us trust in the absence of them, drawing us into the fullness of God's care.

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

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

TODAY Aug 4

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Patty Sound: James Ushers: Harold/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun/Kevin 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: Tues. stat; Weds. office; Fri. Office

Luke' Week: Mon. Stat; Tues. Curriculum Planning; Wed. OMC Office Hours/Youth Event; Thurs. Work from Home

Birthdays: 2 – Anna Marie Martens-Beveridge, 12 – Matthew Braun, 16 – Gaye Guenther

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Aug 4 – Wilf
Aug 11 – Matthew

The Yard Maintenance Schedule:

Week of Aug 5 – Aug 10 – Lloyd and Loretta Sawatzky

Week of Aug 12 – Aug 17 – Dan Schellenberg family

Quote: The world is full of nice people.

If you can't find one – BE ONE!

Facebook

OMC Congregation!

Thank you for your continued support & prayers for Frieda. It does not go unnoticed by the family. We appreciate all phone calls or/& visits to her. I can feel your hands on Mom, with prayers & guidance.

With love from Sharleen

Exploring Faith and Baptism - if you felt drawn to Christ and his purpose for your life this summer and want to explore this more individually, please talk to Pastor Luke or Pastor Patty. We will be leading the congregation and youth group through the 7 Convictions of Faith as a collective catechism this fall. Anyone wishing to be baptized or join the church at that point, please talk to Pastor Luke or Pastor Patty.

OMC Summer Backyard Book Club: Postponed until September
Book Club at Diane McKinnell's, discussing *A Good Neighbourhood* by *Theresa Fowler*. Copies coming in a Book Club bag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Connects: Join 'The School Kit Challenge' in August and help support 24,000 children! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many children can't get the education they need. To learn more about this challenge and to download a fun activity guide, please visit:
www.mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

MC Updates:

TODAY August 4: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. Summertime vibes meet peaceful reflection in outdoor worship. Come check it out! All are welcome! (new)

View the installation service of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan's new Executive Minister Len Rempel at <https://youtu.be/JqRHh7sO6gU>

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.(new)

Registration is now open for "Healing Haunted Histories:

Decolonizing Discipleship" a short course with Elaine Enns & Ched Meyers. The course is presented jointly by CMU and MC Sask and will be held at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon November 11-15. "Through bible studies, social analysis, communal narratives and historic literacy, this interactive course will explore how Canadian landscapes are "haunted" by historic and continuing violence against Indigenous peoples." Details and registration available at www.mcsask.ca

You are invited to attend our 1st annual All-Ages Practice Peace Summer Camp on August 7 & 8 from 10-3pm at the MCC office building (and park across the street if weather permits). Join us for a hands-on summer learning experience focused on peaceful conversations and interactions. Open to all ages, with engaging exercises for everyone. Perfect for professional development, personal growth, and family fun! Details and registration available at <https://mcc.org/events/practice-peace-summer-camp>

The Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre is pleased to host *Leaving Canada: The Mennonite Migration to Mexico*. This exhibit explores the history of an ethnoreligious community's determination to preserve its faith and culture by leaving Manitoba and Saskatchewan in the 1920s to start new lives in Mexico and Paraguay. You can view *Leaving Canada* Fridays and Saturdays, 1-4 pm, from now until August 24. The exhibit is a partnership of Mennonite Heritage Village, the Plett Foundation, and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada.

Thursday, August 15, 5 pm – Join us at the Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre to dig deeper into the story of the Mennonite migration to Mexico in the 1920s. 5-6 pm – Museum will be open to visitors. 6-7 pm – Watermelon and Rollkuchen supper on museum grounds (in case of inclement weather, supper will be served in the RJC dining hall). 7 pm – Screening of the documentary film, *Conform*, in the little church beside the museum. 8 pm – Q & A with special guest, Leonard Doell Admission to this special event is by donation. RSVP by August 8 by email to rosthernmuseum@gmail.com, or by phone or text to Donna Schulz at 306-232-7447. The exhibit is a partnership of Mennonite Heritage Village, the Plett Foundation, and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada.

You are invited to join us at Osler Mennonite Church as we follow a 6-week CMU Xplore Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount with Michael Pahl. This is a zoom class on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am on October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November.6. We will have lunch following for those interested. No need to register ahead. (new)

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!

Upcoming Youth Events

Lil Bean Ice Cream Party: On **Wednesday, August 7th**, youth and youth families can meet at Lil Bean at 7pm for Ice Cream. This will be followed by games and visiting in the park, or Luke's backyard. Rides from Osler to Rosthern can be arranged, text Luke @ 1 306 260 6552

Walk In The Park: Thursday August 15th meet at Meewasin Park for a walk, games, and snacks from 6:30-8:30pm

CALENDAR

Sun. Aug 4 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

Tues. Aug 13 6:00 pm Exec mtg
7:30 pm Council mtg

Sun. Aug 11 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking
11:00 am Celebrate Bill & Ann's 60th anniversary

Sun. Aug 18 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking
Mon. Aug 19 4:30 pm Worship mtg @ Kathryn's home

Sun. Aug 25 10:00 am Joint Service AWOL on the Buhler yard

NEXT SUNDAY Aug 11

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leaders: Loretta, Anna Accompanist: Lynette
Story: Kathy Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Harold/Lloyd
Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck/Shelley Penner

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