



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 6, 2026

The Bible and Us?

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: God of both justice and judgement

All: Thank you for your mercy

Leader: Forgive us when we put our hope in vengeance and punishment

All: Help us put our hope in redemption

Leader: You reconcile with love and justice. You transform our thoughts from violence to peace.

Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #6 Let's Walk Together
VT #113 O Sing to the Lord

First Reading: Psalm 149

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song;

 sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!

Let Israel celebrate its maker;

 let Zion's children rejoice in their king!

Let them praise God's name with dance;

 let them sing God's praise with the drum and lyre!

Because the Lord is pleased with his people,

 God will beautify the poor with saving help.

Let the faithful celebrate with glory;

 let them shout for joy on their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their mouths

 and a double-edged sword in their hands,

 to get revenge against the nations

and punishment on the peoples,
binding their rulers in chains
and their officials in iron shackles,
achieving the justice
written against them.

That will be an honor for all God's faithful people.

Praise the Lord!

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 – for the people of Nepal & others suffering natural disasters

"We would like to extend our gratitude to the congregation for throwing us such a lovely wedding shower last Sunday. We greatly appreciate all of the generous gifts, and for the work Brandee and everyone else involved with organizing the event put in to make it happen. Liam is very grateful for the role you all have played in his life, and Julia feels honoured to be welcomed into the OMC community! ~ Love, Liam Boldt & Julia Herperger

Congratulations to Bethany Manor on celebrating 40 years! We are grateful for their community in bringing people together. Thank you also to Terry Stefaniuk for baking a cake for the cake auction on behalf of Osler Mennonite Church!

Prayer for the Church:

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

Hymn: VT #288 Love the Lord Your God

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. The commandments, don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: You must love your neighbor as yourself. Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than

when we first had faith. The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish 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 #571 O God, We Read the Holy Law

Sermon: What Do We Do with the Bible?

Hymn: VT #737 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Benediction:

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

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

TODAY Sept 6

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Ben, Nora Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Wilf Sound: James Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Wilf

Yard Maintenance for Sept 7 – 12 – Harold Loewen

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

Friday 10:00 am Coffee Time will staff will resume **September 11.**

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: Wed. Office Hrs; Thurs. Kids Club; Fri. Youth Kick Off; Sat. Prep for Sermon/Speaking; Sun. OMC Preaching; 14th/15th RJC Gr 12 Retreat

Birthdays this Week: None this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"We are looking for 1-2 people willing to serve as Ushers during Sunday morning worship services. Volunteers are generally scheduled twice in an 8-week span. If you are willing to serve in this way, please speak to any member of the Worship Committee which includes Brad, Dave, Ben, Chris, Nora. Thank you."

Check the bulletin board for the latest Bethany Manor Newsletter

Sept 13th Coffee/Snack time will be a wedding shower for Vanessa and Griffin. Please sign the card in the foyer. Gifts are welcome – you may wish to contribute to a communal cash gift on the day of.

FYI – update on Jake and Junko Friesen *from sister Nettie* –

They are now both in the same long-term care facility in Kelowna. It took 18 weeks to 'arm-wrestle' (according to Jonathan) the director of the Home before Jake could join Junko. They both have some dementia settling in; Junko's short-term memory seems to be mostly gone, while Jake has trouble remembering days, weeks, etc. But then, he'll be 103 in December!!

Financial update: We have completed the financial reports for the church up to July 2026 which is 58% of our year. In that time, donations are behind the budgeted amount by \$8,000 or 4% of budget. Our expenses are over budget by about 2%, leaving us with a deficit of approximately \$22,000. 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!

New address for Zoe Schellenberg:

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Regina Sask S4S 0A2

Ph: (306) 916-8282 zoe@schellenbergs.ca

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.

MCC Connects: MCC is responding to the flash flooding and landslides in Nepal, assisting with rescue efforts and providing emergency relief alongside two local partners. We invite your prayers for the people of Nepal as they face uncertainty and extensive destruction to their communities and livelihoods. To donate towards emergency assistance and recovery, visit mcc.org/get-involved/giving/designations/nepal-flooding-response or call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555.

Sept 6: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm. As the church enters into the ecumenical season of praying for creation, what would it look like if all of creation was praying for the church? We'll explore that question in outdoor worship. All are welcome

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week? Len has been back in the office with Cynthia and Dalen as they all gear up for the fall season in our congregations and the broader church. (New)

RJC Opening Program | 7:00pm Wednesday, September 9 Join us to celebrate the start of a new school year! You're invited to the RJC Auditorium for an evening of music and reflections, featuring performances and sharing from RJC students, staff and community members. Admission by donation

Nutana Park Mennonite Church is starting their Kids Club and Choir program on September 10th. It runs Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:15 at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, and is for kids in grades 2-6. There is a short peace lesson, choir singing and then the grades are divided up for various activities. The activities are crafts, cooking, textiles and woodworking. It costs \$50 per registration. To register please visit the online form here: [NPMC Kids' Club and Choir 2026-2027 – Fill in form](#)

We are also looking for helpers at the various activities. Activity leaders can plan the curriculum and lead, but we need helpers particularly in textiles and the kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Luke Bushman (oslermcpastor2@gmail.com)

Please Register this week since the course begins September 10!

Once again this fall MC Sask is offering a CMU course in Saskatoon.

This year's course is Anabaptist Peace Theology and Gender Justice, and it will be taught by Susanne Guenther Loewen. The course will be on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm to 4:15 pm from September 10th until December 3rd, online and in-person at the MCC Centre. CMU students can register for this course now. For those interested in taking it for personal development: <https://mcsask.ca/events>

Simply Superb, the singing group from Superb Mennonite Church, reunites for one night of music and stories at The Barn Playhouse on Sept 12 at 7 p.m. The concert supports Wonderland Theatre's 2027 season. Our group debuted at the MC SK conference in Swift Current then spent the next five years performing around Saskatchewan for churches and communities. Tickets are on sale at The Barn Playhouse website: <https://www.barnplayhouse.com/box-office/>

You can find more details about the event here:

<https://wonderlandtheatre.company/whats-on/simply-superb-again/>

Save the Date! Wildwood Mennonite Church 50th Anniversary // October 16-18, 2026 // To honour 50 years of being WMC, the church is planning a celebration weekend! This will be a weekend to share stories and memories and join together in worship.

Summertime Prayers! July and August mark the season when a number of Mennonite congregations and individuals spend time visiting Indigenous Communities, whether it is a culture camp, learning tour, treaty days celebrations, a pow-wow or to offer day camps or vacation bible school. Prayers that all of these summertime interactions work together to build kinship, understanding and demonstrate God's love for all.

Receive up to \$3000 from Mennonite Church Canada's Emissions Reduction Grant to improve your church building's efficiency, reduce energy usage and environmental impact. Get ideas for projects and learn how to apply here or watch this video for inspiration! Applications are due Sept 30, 2026!

We are proud to partner with the creators of Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization (by Elaine Enns and Ched Myers) to bring "Throughlines" directly to you - at a significant discount! Visit <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4455> for more information and access to your exclusive Canadian discount code.

MC Sask's CERT (Climate Emergency Response Team) is sponsoring a TREE PLANTING event September 19. Tree seedlings which are native to this region will be harvested from local properties and transplanted into a river lot at Fish Creek. Please join us as we strive to care for creation through biodiversity, wildlife habitat and carbon capture. The day will begin at Seagar Wheeler farm east of Rosthern at 8:30 a.m. With freshly excavated miniature trees and a 45-minute trip to Fish Creek, we will transplant these trees. All are invited to share in a wiener roast before getting on with the day. ***Matthew Braun of Osler*** will lead us in this adventure. Call Cynthia at MCSask (306 249-4844) indicating your interest. Claire Ewert Fisher will follow up with details as they develop.

CALENDAR

Sun. Sept 6 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Sun. Sept 13 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching

11:00 Vanessa Stefaniuk Bridal shower

Noon – Semi-annual mtg

Sun. Sept 20 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

11:10 am Sunday School begins for all classes

Noon - “Kick off to Fall” POTLUCK Group A-B

Sun. Sept 27 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

NEXT SUNDAY – Sept 13

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Luke Sound: James Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Wilf

Good Morning, Osler Mennonite Church,

We are reaching out on behalf of the Osler Events Committee. We're getting ready for Osler's first Hometown Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 3rd at Memorial Park, and we'd love to get people from all across our community involved!

As part of the festival, we're hosting some fun Hometown Harvest competitions, including a Chili Cook-Off, Pie Bake-Off, Homemade Preserves Competition, Largest Pumpkin Competition, and our Harvest Pet Parade.

We thought there might be some talented bakers, cooks, gardeners, canners, or proud pet owners in your congregation who would have a lot of fun joining in! Everything is free to enter, there are prizes to be won, and most importantly, we're hoping to create a fun, wholesome day that brings our community together.

Would you be willing to help us spread the word by putting up the attached flyer at the church, including it in your church newsletter or bulletin, or simply passing it along to your congregation? We would really appreciate the help getting the word out!

Registration is open now and closes September 30th. Anyone interested can email oslereventscommittee@gmail.com to sign up.

And who knows... maybe we'll even see a little friendly competition between our local churches! 😊

Thank you so much for helping us spread the word. We hope to see you and your church families at the Hometown.

From the Town of Osler/Events Committee

See bulletin board for the poster.

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis