



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 7, 2025

Shaped by God

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: If you are delighted to be here,
and if you are tired or troubled,

People: You are welcome.

Leader: If your faith is strong,
and if your faith is battered or frail,

People: You are welcome.

Leader: If you are eager to praise God,
and if you need to be quiet,

People: You are welcome.

*All: God welcomes us all to worship today
and promises to meet us here.*

Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #49 All Who Are Thirsty

VT #88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

First Reading: Psalm 139:1-6

Lord, you have examined me. You know me.

You know when I sit down and when I stand up.

Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

You study my traveling and resting.

You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,

that you don't already know completely.

You surround me—front and back.

You put your hand on me.

That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.

I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.

Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Condolences: to the Harms family at the death of Jason's
mother-in-law Sharon Lowenberg from Grenfell

Prayers: for the restart of Sunday School and other church programs
-for the Schroeder family as Brad begins his new role at OMC

Thanks: for Luke's meaningful time in the mountains connecting
with nature & family

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

Hymn: VT #587 In the Quiet Curve of Evening

Second Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Jeremiah received the Lord's word: Go down to the potter's house, and I'll give you instructions about what to do there.

So I went down to the potter's house; he was working on the potter's wheel. But the piece he was making was flawed while still in his hands, so the potter started on another, as seemed best to him.

Then the Lord's word came to me: House of Israel, can't I deal with you like this potter, declares the Lord? Like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in mine, house of Israel! At any time I may announce that I will dig up, pull down, and destroy a nation or kingdom; but if that nation I warned turns from its evil, then I'll relent and not carry out the harm I intended for it. At the same time, I may announce that I will build and plant a nation or kingdom; but if that nation displeases and disobeys me, then I'll relent and not carry out the good I intended for it. Now say to

the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem: This is what the Lord says: I am a potter preparing a disaster for you; I'm working out a plan against you. So each one of you, turn from your evil ways; reform your ways and your actions.

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 #403 As a Sigh Great with Yearning

Sermon: Set in Clay, Not in Stone

Hymn: VT #680 Calm Me, Lord

Benediction: Go into your week knowing you are loved perfectly, saved eternally, and empowered as a disciple of Jesus to share God's love with everyone you meet.

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

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

TODAY Sept 7

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Julie Bergen

Song Leader: Ben Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Kathy Sound: Matthew Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Loretta

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

Luke's Week: Wed. OMC Office Hours & OMC Parents Mtg; Thurs. KCC Kick Off; Fri. OMC Youth Kick Off; Sat. Work from Home

Brad will be working Mon., Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting. *If you'd like a visit* please call him @ 306-202-6597.

Coffee Time with the OMC staff will be back in October!!

There may or may not be treats but there will be good conversation 😊

Birthdays this Week: 8 – Dick Braun; 12 – Cornie Guenther (85);
12 – Jacqueline Funk

Sunday Coffee with snacks resumes Sept 14 – Council will provide
Sept 21 – *please sign up*

Church Yard Maintenance: Sept 8 – 13 Charlie & Sarah and family

Check the bulletin board for the latest Newsletter from Bethany Manor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refugee Sponsorship Update: Fawzia and Alia Hasani are sharing their story at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. John Reddekopp is accompanying them as well.

Council is looking for delegates to attend the MCC AGM scheduled for *Wednesday, September 24 from 6:30 -9:00 pm*. Anyone interested should speak with Shelley, Ben or Steve.

From the Education Committee: We are hoping to start a nursery time during Sunday worship service. Please contact someone on the education committee if you are interested in helping out and getting on the schedule.

Since, kids church is moved to the Sunday school hour, this is a reminder that the kids activity table is open and people are welcome to use it!

Casadi, Naomi, Stephanie, Marlene *Education Committee members*

Mosaic Class is a motley crew that gathers in the Nursery at 11:15-ish and is facilitated by Casadi and Melanie. We share what's happening in our lives, how it intersects with our faith, and most times, we have more questions than answers. We laugh, cry, debate, listen, learn, and no matter what, we support one another in friendship. Everyone is welcome to join.

“ **The adult bible class** will *begin classes Sept 21*. It will follow the curriculum as prepared by Mennonite Church Canada/USA. Each participant gets a quarterly booklet in advance. Texts are chosen from new and old testaments. The curriculum is cutting edge that requires cutting edge participants” Jake Buhler

Bethany Manor Chorus will start fall-winter rehearsals on Wednesday, September 10 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. This is a choir of Bethany residents but we would welcome community singers! Andrea Johnson will be the director again this year. Enter via the 110 door!

MCC Connects: MCC invites your prayers for Afghanistan following the magnitude 6.0 earthquake that struck on August 31 and the strong aftershocks that are still occurring. MCC is assessing the situation with our local partners for a planned response and accepting donations to provide emergency assistance for those affected. To donate, call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555 or visit https://mcc.org/donate?dblock_id=10218

MC SASK Updates:

Prayer: On August 31 a major earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan, and the death toll now exceeds 1400 and more than 3000 injured. We pray for those who are grieving and those suffering from injury of body and home. May the God of grace and love be present. We pray for rescue workers and all those seeking to bring relief and aid to those impacted by this earthquake. (MC Sask) (new)

Praying for each other: *Fiske Mennonite* is thankful to have hosted a week of VBS this summer with dedicated youth leaders, interested parents and enthusiastic children. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we strive to engage children and families in an on-going way that they may grow in their joy of following Jesus. (new)

September 7, 3:00 pm Forest church @ Shekinah Winding up or winding down? This fall season invites us to consider both. Join us as we turn to the Bible for some wisdom in outdoor worship. All are welcome! (new)

RJC Opening Program | 7:00pm Wednesday, September 10 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. A live-stream link will be made available at www.rjc.sk.ca/event/opening-program-2025/.

September 11, 7:00 pm: Prayer Vigil for the People of Gaza Amid the on-going tragedy, we gather together and offer our prayers and our commitment to remember the people of Gaza. This service of prayer, reading, reflection, and song is open to all and is organized by a group of Mennonites concerned about Gaza. The service will take place at Wildwood Mennonite Church, 1502 Acadia Drive, Saskatoon. (new)

Taking a Spiritual Breath MC Sask Pastors & Leaders Retreat, Sept 15-18, 2025. Step away from the busy-ness of ministry to be revived in God's creation and the company of others who are sharing in the work of the church. Details & registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12081>

September 15, 7:00 pm: The Micah Mission's Annual General Meeting at the MCC Building (600 45th Street West). Join us as we reflect on the past year, share updates, and look ahead to the coming year. Please RSVP by September 10 to info@themicahmission.org. We look forward to seeing you there! (new)

September 18 & 19 For years students from RJC and CMU have connected to SEMILLA Latin America Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala. Now you have a chance, as well! Come learn how to cook a delicious Guatemalan dessert, and hear from Karla Vasquez, Ambassador of SEMILLA Latin America Anabaptist Seminary, about the impact on church leaders in countries of Latin America and Caribbean. Thursday, September 18, 7:00 pm at Rosthern Mennonite Church; Friday, September 19, 7:00 pm at Nutana Park Mennonite Church (new)

September 19, 7:00 pm; CMU at 25 – You are invited to a special celebration of CMU's 25th anniversary on Friday, September 19 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons (and live streamed). Visit cmu.ca/25 for more information. (new)

September 20, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm: Fall at CMU – CMU's annual alumni and community gathering Highlights include 30+ craft and food vendors, food trucks, activities and the Bubbleman for children, artist workshops, live music, reunions, an evening Song Feast and the MennoCross cyclocross race. Visit cmu.ca/fall for more information.

September 24, 6:30-9 pm: The MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting. 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 the past year of MCC ministry in SK and hear stories from Janet Plenert about the breadth of Anabaptism across the world after 500 years and how MCC and Mennonite World Conference are able to witness together to God's love for all. (new)

October 4: You are invited to the Shekinah Burger Bonanza Fundraiser @ the Timber Lodge! Doors open at 5:30, supper served at 6:30. Admission by donation (Receipts issued for the amount greater than \$45). Cash Raffle! (new)

Xplore— CMU’s Xplore extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Consider taking a course on depolarization, Anabaptists at 500, understanding Roman Catholicism, the book of Daniel, the book of Ruth and more. Courses begin September 23rd. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from your community. For course information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore

Mennonite Church Canada welcomed two new employees on Sept. 1: **Stefan Froese** joins MC Canada as Executive Coordinator (in Susan Reynar’s role as she retires). Stefan’s appointment reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening our organizational capacity and supporting our mission to engage the world with the reconciling work of Jesus Christ. Read more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45565>.

Stephen Reist joins MC Canada as part-time Database Coordinator. Stephen also serves as a pastor within MC Canada, bringing a unique blend of ministry experience and IT proficiency to this new role. We are excited to have Stephen join our team and look forward to the contributions he will make in strengthening our organizational systems. Read more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45562>. (new)

International Witness SEMILLA reps visiting Canada. Pray for Willi Hugo Perez, CEO/Rector of SEMILLA Latin America Anabaptist Seminary, and Karla Vasquez, Ambassador, as they prepare for a visit to Canada, September 12-22. Invite/attend to hear about this exciting ministry. Read more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45560>. Contact jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca. (new)

Climate Action - 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 at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/climate-action/ERG> Applications are due Sept 30, 2025 – APPLY now! (new)

You are invited to “Practicing Peace with Creation” - an online session led by For the Love of Creation with Wendy Janzen and others. Explore practices for the work and ministry of creation care. Wednesday, September 10, 6:00-7:30 pm (EDT). Email splett@mennonitechurch.ca to register and for Zoom link.

Common Word – Upcoming Book Event

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7:00pm (CDT). Book launch of *White Women. Get Ready*. Join author, artist, and anti-racist organizer Amanda Gross as she shows how white women have been groomed to uphold systems of oppression and how to help upend these violent structures. Join us in person or by livestream –[https://www.commonword.ca/go/4271.\(new\)](https://www.commonword.ca/go/4271.(new))

CALENDAR

Sun. Sept 7 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

11:15 am Semi Annual mtg

Sun. Sept 14 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder peaching

11:15 am SS forum with Dan Siebert

Noon Potluck group A-B helping

Sun. Sept 21 – 10:00 am Ken Bechtel speaking

Sun. Sept 28 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking - Communion

NEXT SUNDAY Sept 14 Potluck Sunday

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Casadi Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Dick/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Stephanie

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