



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 8, 2026

Peace with Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
VT #131 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord**

First Reading: Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

**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

Pray –for the Hasani family as they wait for word of their resettlement,
–for the family of Mary Hildebrandt (Edna’s sister) who is currently in Palliative Care

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

Hymn: VT #297 You Are Salt for the Earth

Second Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

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 #809 Sing a New World into Being

Sermon: Peace with Ourselves: Pursuing Self-Acceptance

Hymn: VT #568 Christ Has No body Here but Ours

Benediction:

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

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

TODAY *Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader:

Song Leaders: Loretta, Benjamin Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Sound: Stephanie

Ushers: Harold/Lloyd Offering Counter Team: Susan/Matthew

Coffee Time: Deacons

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

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:

Friday Coffee Time with the staff at 10:00 am

Birthday this Week: 14 – Walter Tataryn

CALENDAR

Sun. Feb 8 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Sat. Feb 14 – 9:00 am Annual meeting

Sun. Feb 15 – 10:00 am Brad/Matthew Braun preaching

Sun. Feb 22 – 10:00 am George Janzen preaching

"**Contemplative checkin**" Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

TODAY: Join in on the celebration of baby Fletcher during coffee time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cancelled - Feb 8, 7:00 p.m. Caroline Pugeni at Wildwood MC

Zatoun Olive Oil - Thank you for your interest in purchasing olive oil that supports Palestinian farmers! The bottles sold faster than I could have anticipated. I (Steph) will be placing another order this week. Let me know if you'd like one set aside for you! Cost: \$32.50 can be sent to: stephanieMsiemens@gmail.com OR cash is good too.

From Brad: I am wanting to gauge interest in beginning some intergenerational, mid-week small group options. This may look like forming a long-term group, short-term groups centered around a particular topic of interest, book study, support group centered around mental health or faith deconstruction/reconstruction, or something completely different depending on interest. If you may be interested in this, and/or have a topic you'd like to see discussed, please let me know (Phone: 306-361-0601. Email: oslermcpastor@sasktel.net). An expression of interest is not a commitment to being part of a group but will give me an idea of what people may be interested in. Thank you!

A New Way!! The Trustee Committee has had a new KeyPad installation on the front door. Your key will still work on the lock to open the door as usual, but you may ask for a fob that will open it automatically. A limited number of FOBS are available – talk to Kathy or any of the trustees.

If you have one, it is very important to report any loss to the office immediately as we will then need to reprogram everyone's Fob.

Urgent Request: Nominating Committee is still looking to fill positions on the Education Committee and the Community Connections Committee. If we haven't reached out to you and feel that one of those Committees would be a good fit for you or we have reached out to you and you would like to reconsider please let us know.

From Church Council: As we plan ahead for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 14, Council has sent to the congregation an email with the proposed budget information. We have sent it out ahead of the meeting package so that you can have more time to think about the proposal, and speak with any member of council with guidance, questions, and comments. We are proposing keeping each of our pastors at 3/4 time, which would require an increase in donations. Please read the email (or ask Kathy for a copy) for more information. We appreciate your prayerful consideration.

MCC Connects: Save the date! MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on Saturday, June 13 at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. Stay tuned for more information.

MC SASK Updates:

Prayers:

Heavy rains caused severe flooding in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe in January 2026. Pray for MWC member churches as they respond to needs within their own families and in their regions: heavy rains and rushing floodwaters destroyed homes, crops and swept away livestock.

In Zimbabwe, some Brethren in Christ Church mission stations were cut off from towns and electrical outages affected schools and hospitals. Pray for the family of one schoolboy who was swept away in the floods.

In Mozambique, the most affected regions were Maputo, Gaza, Inhambane, Sofala and Tete provinces. The bishop of Igreja Irmãos em

Cristo em Moçambique has not received complete updates from remote regions but reports that 11 BIC churches were destroyed in Sofala Province.

Taken from Mennonite World Conference prayers of gratitude and intercession (<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/prayers/#gratitude-and-intercession>) (new)

Praying for each other - Grace Mennonite: Please pray for Grace Mennonite as they continue their search for a pastor. We thank God for the volunteers who have stepped up in the interim and we pray for their continued energy and inspiration. (new)

Join MCC for the Transformation Table, a free monthly opportunity to practice peacebuilding skills. This month, a Living Library will be facilitated on Wednesday, February 11 from 7-9 pm at the MCC Centre. All are welcome to come hear stories from people of many different walks of life who are helping to build peace in their communities. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/events/transformation-table

Join Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Canada for an online study of Climate Pollinator by Sierra Ross Richer. **February 19-April 16 (5 sessions)** To find out more and to register, go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-book-study-2025.ca>

Feb. 11, Feb. 25, Mar. 4, Mar. 11, 3:45–5:00 pm | Rosthern Children's Choir at RJC | Calling young singers in Grades 1–5! Join us this spring for a short-term, fun-filled choir with Brenda Epp and Adelle Sawatzky. We'll learn music, have fun, build confidence, and perform together at RJC Songs & Sweets on March 15! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 3:45–5:00 PM on Feb. 11, Feb. 25, Mar. 4, and Mar. 11 at RJC High School. No experience needed, just bring yourself and be ready to sing! For more info and to register visit <http://rjc.sk.ca/childrenschoir>.

February 16, 11 am - 4:00 pm | Shekinah Winter Fun Day on Family Day | Everyone is welcome to join us for a day full of winter activities and outdoor fun. After a few runs down the hill, warm up in the chalet or by one of the fire pits with a cup of hot chocolate. Activities will include snowshoeing, tobogganing, and broomball. Feel free to bring a lunch to enjoy in the chalet or around the fire.

February 17 & 19 7:00 pm "Decolonizing Ourselves: Learning Through Story" | February is a time for storytelling. Come hear traditional storytellers Louise Halfe, Dr. Kathy Walker and Simon Bird share creation stories that are relevant to decolonization today. "Decolonizing Ourselves: Learning Through Story" will be held online over two evenings, Tuesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 19th, at 7pm CST. Attendees will hear the stories and reflect upon them in story circles. The event is free; please register here: <https://link.kairoscanada.org/Decolonizing-Ourselves>.

February 27 |CMU Discover Day | Join us for the full day or the afternoon of Friday, February 27 to discover what it is like to be a CMU student. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, and have lunch and treats on us! For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/discover-days.

Rosthern Mennonite Church invites applications for a full-time pastor. The job description may be found on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rosthernmennonite.church) .To inquire about the position, please contact the RMC office at rosthernmc@sasktel.net.

March 13 & 14: You are invited to attend the 2026 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at the Shekinah Retreat Centre.

Our theme is "*Yeast and Mustard Seeds: Stories of God's Kingdom Power*" Jesus spoke in parables to describe the kingdom of God, often it was about the small things like the mustard seed and yeast. We will explore this theme through storytelling and worship. Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12192>

Apply Now and Save \$500 at RJC! | Are you, or is somebody you know planning to attend RJC High School in September 2026? Apply by February 1 and save \$500 (open to new students only). Head to our website at rjc.sk.ca/apply to complete your application today!

Bethany Manor, a non-profit Christian seniors housing organization in Saskatoon, is seeking **Resident Aides** to join our team. **Also seeking a full-time Maintenance Service Worker.** Check our website for more information on both positions.

March 15 | 2:30 pm RJC Songs & Sweets Join us for a celebration of music and generosity at RJC High School. This lively fundraising event features performances by the RJC Singers, Rosthern Children's Choir,

and the RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, along with coffee, tea, desserts, live cake auction, and a cupcake lottery. Alumni, supporters, friends, and future students are also invited to participate by singing in one of the event choirs, Children's Choir rehearsals begin Feb. 11 and Alumni & Friends Choir rehearsals begin Mar. 2; to join one of these choirs, visit rjc.sk.ca/songsandsweets. To RSVP to attend Songs & Sweets, email development@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222 so we can plan accordingly. (new)

Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee Invite Stories of Food, Faith, and Community for the 50th Anniversary of More-with-Less In celebration of the upcoming 50th anniversary edition of More-with-Less, releasing September 2026, Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) are inviting the public to share real-life stories that reflect the heart of this beloved cookbook: food as a source of joy, generosity, resilience, and community Details available at <https://mcsask.ca/morewithless>

Learning Opportunity: Interested in learning about Theologies of Trauma and Healing? Susanne Guenther Loewen is teaching a 6-week, online course through Canadian Mennonite University's Xplore program this February-March. There are no assignments or exams, just lectures and good conversation. For more information and to register, see: <https://www.cmu.ca/community/xplore> (new)

The Micah Mission is seeking an Interim Executive Director to provide steady, values-aligned leadership during a six-month transition period. This role will ensure organizational continuity, oversee core restorative justice programs, and support the Board through a period of strategic exploration. The Interim Executive Director will hold a blended portfolio that includes executive leadership and hands-on program oversight and facilitation. Fundraising expectations will be more limited than in a permanent Executive Director role, with greater emphasis on operational stability, program continuity, and relationship stewardship. For details please see <https://themicahmission.org/index.php/our-team/> (new)

Mennonite Church Canada

Advertising Sales Contractor (Remote) Canadian Mennonite is seeking a contract-based advertising sales representative to connect values-aligned advertisers, organizations, and ministries with our

readership. This remote, commission-based role offers flexible hours and opportunities to build relationships across our wider church community. (new)

CMU Employment Opportunities | CMU invites inquiries and applications for Vice-President Academic, Advancement Events Coordinator, CommonWord Bookstore Associate, Campus Receptionist and faculty positions in Education and Social Work. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

Join the Mennonite Church Canada Learning Pilgrimage in South Africa! Journey alongside South African Anabaptists as we build relationships, listen to lived stories, and explore how their experiences of faith, justice, and reconciliation can inform our own efforts to heal colonial wounds with Indigenous neighbours in Canada. Learn more at mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/pilgrimage or contact Tany Warkentin for details (tanywarkentin@gmail.com).

NEXT SUNDAY - FEB 15 Transfiguration Sunday
Speaker: Brad/Matthew Worship Leader: Dave
Song Leaders: Ben, Loretta, Kathryn Accompanist: Melanie
Story: Jake Sound: James
Ushers: Lanae/Carl Offering Counter Team: Susan/Doug
Coffee Time: Julie

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