



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 8, 2024

Life Worth Living: Children

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 146 (International Children's Bible)

L: Praise the Lord! My whole being, praise the Lord.

I will praise the Lord all my life.

I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

C: Do not put your trust in princes or other people, who cannot save you. When people die, they are buried. Then all of their plans come to an end. Happy are those who are helped by God. Their hope is in the Lord their God.

L: Creator made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in it and remains loyal forever. The Lord does what is fair for those who have been wronged and gives food to the hungry. God sets the prisoners free and gives sight to the blind. The Lord lifts up people who are in trouble and loves those who do right.

C: God protects the foreigners and defends the orphans and widows but overthrows the wicked.

All: The God of justice will rule forever. Our God is everlasting.

Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #98 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

VT #11 Mountain of God

First Reading: James 2:1-8 (*International Children's Bible*)

My dear brothers and sisters, you are believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. So never think that some people are more important than others. Suppose someone comes into your church meeting wearing very

nice clothes and a gold ring. At the same time a poor man comes in wearing old, dirty clothes. You show special attention to the one wearing nice clothes. You say, "Please, sit here in this good seat." But you say to the poor man, "Stand over there," or "Sit on the floor by my feet!" What are you doing? You are making some people more important than others. With evil thoughts you are deciding which person is better. Listen! God chose the poor in the world to be rich with faith and chose them to receive the kingdom God promised to people who love. But you show no respect to the poor man. And you know that it is the rich who are always trying to control your lives. And they are the ones who take you to court They are the ones who say bad things against Jesus, who owns you. One law rules over all other laws. This royal law is found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." If you obey this law, then you are doing right.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Kaytee – Loose Change for MCC

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – safe harvest

-students and teachers getting back into the rhythm

Thanksgiving – no more treatments for Jacqueline

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires

Hymn: VT #519 God, Give Me Faith like a Child

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-30 (*International Children's Bible*)

Jesus left that place and went to the area around Tyre (which is modern day Lebanon). He went into a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. But Jesus could not stay hidden. A woman heard that he was there. Her little daughter had an evil spirit in her. So the woman quickly came to Jesus and fell at his feet. She was not Jewish. She was Greek, born in Phoenicia, in Syria. She begged Jesus to force the demon out of her daughter. Jesus told the woman: "It is not right to take the children's bread and give it to the dogs. First let the children eat all they want." She answered, "That is true, Lord. But the dogs under the table can eat the pieces of food that the children don't eat." Then Jesus said, "That is a very good answer. You may go. The demon has left your

daughter.” The woman went home and found her daughter lying in bed. The demon was gone.

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 #458 The Water Is Ready

Sermon: Life Worth Living: Children

Hymn: VT #516 Jesus Loves Me

Benediction: We give thanks to God for children and entrust them to God’s loving care. Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

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

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

TODAY Sept 8 *Life Worth Living: Children*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Kathryn Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Kaytee (*Loose Change*) Sound: Doug Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk,

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. fall prep; Weds. office; Fri. office

Luke’s Week:

Birthdays: 8 – Dick Braun; 12 – Cornie Guenther (84); 12 – Jacqueline Funk; 14- Mark Bigland-Pritchard

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Sept 8 – Karl

Sept 15 -

Please consider signing up for a turn.

The Yard Maintenance Schedule: Sept 16-21 – C Clark & family

TODAY from 2:00 - 6:00! Celebrate Shekinah's 45th Anniversary! Enjoy hikes, crafts, zip line, climbing wall, wide games, tours of the Timber Lodge and Timber Frame Cabins, a special service, and of course, a simple supper of farmer sausage on a bun and a cupcake! Bring your own seating, \$20.00 for the newest Shekinah fashion wear, if you wish, hiking boots, creativity, energy and an appetite! (*Hopefully you have pre-registered so enough food was prepared!*)

CALENDAR

- 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
- Tues. Sept 24 7:00 pm Book Club meets @ Diana McKinnell
- 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*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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

All are welcome to sit in and participate in discussion.

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)*

Education Committee is excited to start off the year on Sept 15, 2024. As in previous years, Sunday school will be offered every Sunday except for long weekends. Our classes this fall will be:

Children (Preschool to Gr 5): We will be using the Shine curriculum to engage our children in stories from the Bible and activities that connect them to God and the faith community. Children will be invited to move to a classroom following Children's Story-time for the remainder of the service.

Youth(Gr 6-12): All youth are invited to meet in the youth room after the service for a chance to visit with one another and dive into some deeper discussions. These discussions may be about baptism, Anabaptist values, the Bible, the intersection of faith and culture, and many more topics. Additionally we will have special guests who share their life

stories, or talk about an area of expertise. Come out to visit and learn with other youth.

Adults:

1) An adult class is being offered for those interested in Bible-based study and discussion. The curriculum title is Salt and Light and was produced by MennoMedia and is designed for those following an Anabaptist tradition. The writers are Elsie Rempel and Gordon Matties, both based in Winnipeg. The first quarter's theme is Life's Essentials. The three units of study are Food, Living Water, and Shelter. Jake Buhler will coordinate the class with help in teaching from others.

2) Mosaic. This is an informal conversation about the intersection of daily life, faith and community. We will meet in the nursery at 11:15. If you'd like more information about Mosaic, please contact Melanie Boldt.

RJC Opening Program | Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00pm. Join us in the RJC Auditorium (410 6th Ave, Rosthern, SK) as we celebrate the start of the new school year! Featuring music and reflections by RJC students, staff and community members. Admission by donation. Everyone is welcome!

We're thrilled to announce that **Shekinah Retreat Centre** has been selected as one of this year's @saskatoon_coop Fuel Good Day organizations! On September 17, five cents from every litre of fuel sold at Waldheim Co-op gas bar will be donated to our organization to help us with our fall and winter programming.

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: MCC's large kit-packing event, Buckets of Thanks, is back! Join us for an evening of building community and packing relief kits for displaced families around the world on Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm at the Main Office (600 45th Street West, Saskatoon). For more information, and to help us raise \$10,000 to cover the cost of supplies, please call the office at 306-665-2555 or visit: <https://mcc.org/events/mcc-sk-buckets-thanks>.

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.

MC Sask News:

Saturday Sept 14 - Mega Menno Corn Maze Kick Off! Join us at the Youth Farm Corn Maze just outside Rosthern for a night of activities and fun, and some snacks around the fire. Event begins at 7pm, fire at 8:30, pickup at 9:30pm. Cost: \$10/person (we can cover you if needed). Contact Kirsten, kjmhamm@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

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!

September 21 1:30 - 4:30pm The Micah Mission and our friends at Parkland Restorative Justice are delighted to invite you to our Fall Kickoff Event - a special gathering to celebrate the impactful work of prison ministry and the power of restorative justice. Join us at Rosthern Mennonite Church to hear from Rev. Don Stoesz, author of Transformative Moments in Chaplaincy, engage with staff from Micah Mission and Parkland Restorative Justice, and enjoy refreshments while connecting with like-minded individuals who share a passion for restorative justice and prison ministry. Please RSVP by September 16 to info@themicahmission.org. Details available at www.mcsask.ca/fallkickoff

Youth News

September 14th Mega Menno Corn Maze Kick Off (in the evening)

The first event of the year for our group will be the Corn Maze.

September 15th First Youth Sunday School

The first youth Sunday School will take place after church on September 15th, if you know of folks interested in leading youth Sunday School we are always looking for more leaders!

September 20th-22nd Youth Retreat at Camp Elim

Our youth retreat is approaching quickly! I would love to have a good idea of numbers within the next week so I can arrange transportation and food based on our numbers. Please send me either a registration form, or just an email with all the necessary information, and please pay the church 50\$ by September 15th. If you have any questions, would like to help out as a chaperone, or are interested in driving/lending a vehicle please let me know. Myself and Stephanie Siemens will be leading for sure, but the more folks the merrier!

September 25th/27th No Youth (to recover from the retreat and the busyness of September)

NEXT SUNDAY Sept 15

What's in God's Cup?

Speaker: Lois Siemens

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Lynette

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

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Stephanie Siemens

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