



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 11, 2024

*Life Worth Living:*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 34: 1-8 (*NRSVUE*)

L: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**C: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

L: O magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

**C: I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

L: Look to him, and be radiant,  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**C: This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD  
and was saved from every trouble.**

L: The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him and delivers them.

**All: O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #47 God of Our Strength  
VT #371 Come, Gracious Spirit**

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:1-8 (*NRSVUE*)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.  
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,’ ”

so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

### **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**

**Prayers** – for the family of Dave Bueckert (Ed and Anna Rehan)  
whose funeral will be Weds. Aug 14, 2:30 MNH

**Thanksgiving** – new great-granddaughter for Kathy Boldt (Bruce) –  
to Kyla and Adam Wright - Layla Dorothy Grace Wright  
and the marriage of Greg Boldt and Cindy Little

#### **Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts’ desires**

**Hymn: VT #283      Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

**Reading from Mark** continued: verses 14-21

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.

### **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 #570      When We Walk with the Lord**

**Sermon:      Introduction to Mark**

**Hymn: VT #568      Christ Has No Body Here but Ours**

**Benediction:** May God bless you and keep you. May the very face of God shine on you and be gracious to you. May God’s presence embrace you and give you peace.

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

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

**TODAY      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

**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. sermon, exec, council; Weds. office; Fri. Office

**Luke' Week:** Mon. Work from Home; Tues. Exec MTG; Wed. OMC Office Hours; Thurs. Youth event

**Birthdays:** 10 – Eva Martens; 12 – Matthew Braun; 16 – Gaye Guenther

**Gathering Room Coffee Schedule:** Aug 11 – Matthew  
Aug 18 - Karl

**The Yard Maintenance Schedule:**

Week of Aug 12 – Aug 17 – Dan Schellenberg family

Week of Aug 19 – Aug 24 – Eugene Penner family

**Today: Patty is preaching at Bethany Manor**

**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: Tuesday, September 24 @ 2:00 pm** Book Club at Diane McKinnell's, discussing *A Good Neighbourhood* by *Theresa Fowler*. Copies on the table in the foray.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY:** You are all invited to stay for coffee to Celebrate Bill and Anna Peters' 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Sunday, August 25, 10:00 a.m.** Outdoor Service with Aberdeen, Pleasant Point, Langham and Warman at Ruth and Wilf's yard. **Please bring salads for potluck, lawn chairs and your own picnic ware.**

The youth will be putting on a puppet show and there will be communion. The offering will be for Shenyce Buhler, young MC SK rep going to Anabaptism 500 celebration in Zurich next May.

**Council** will discuss who will haul tables, amps, mic, and coffeemakers.

**Deacons** will help set-up potluck if others can help clean-up.

*It's one of the most fun Sundays of the year.*

**MCC Connects:** Saturday, August 17 marks National Thrift Shop Day, a day to celebrate the importance of thrift shops for people here at home

and around the world! Visit your local MCC Thrift shop for some special sales and discounts throughout the day.

### **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

### **MC Sask News:**

**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)

**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!

### **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](http://www.mcsask.ca)

**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)

**Quote:** You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today. *Abraham Lincoln*

## CALENDAR

**Sun. Aug 11 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**

11:00 am Celebrate Bill & Ann's 60<sup>th</sup> 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 18 Singleness, Sex & Marriage**

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Lynette Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anna/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck/Loretta Sawatzky

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