



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 12, 2026

Learning from Far-off Lands

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: VT#869

Group 1: We are a covenant people,
called to God by God, generation through generation.

Group 2: We are a covenant people,
called to Jesus by Jesus, losing our life to gain our life.

***Together: We are a covenant people,
called to church by the church,
weaving together the strong and the weak,
the stranger and the friend.***

Group 1: Renamed.

Group 2: Reborn.

Together: Renewed.

We gather ourselves in the community of believers.

We gather ourselves unto you.

Prayer of Invocation

Procession Song: VT #1

VT #5

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

First Reading: Genesis 31: 33-35

So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two maids, but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's. Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them in the camel's saddle and sat on them. Laban felt all about in the tent but did not find them. And she said to her father, "Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the way of women is upon me." So he searched but did not find the household gods.

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

Prayers – for persons suffering from the continuing conflicts worldwide

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

Hymn: VT #211 Hope is a Candle

Second Reading: John 4:7-15

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

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 #282 Come and See

**Sermon: What I, as a Christian,
 learned in Thailand, Vietnam and North Korea**

Hymn: VT #389 Together
VT #690 Amen (Threefold)

Benediction: As you go, may you remain grounded in the Way of Jesus. But may you also be open to observe the diversity around you. May you leave this place full of goodness to serve and love God and God's People. Amen.

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

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

TODAY APRIL 12 *Second Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Jake Buhler Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leader: Ben, Loretta, Benjamin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Sarah Buhler Sound: Stephanie

Ushers: Anne/Bill Offering Counter Team: Susan/Dave

Coffee/Snack:

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: Mon. Council mtg; Tues. Transition into Ministry Course; Wed. OMC office hrs; Thurs. Sermon writing; Fri. OMC office hrs & Youth; Sat. prep.

Friday Coffee Time with the staff @ 10:00 am

Birthdays this Week: 12 – Olivia Martens; 15 – Julie Bergen; 18 – Garry Boldt

Youth Calendar

April 11th Board Games/Movie Night (something chill and low-key)

April 17th Games and Green Project Planning

April 25th Mega Menno in Drake - Menno Run

CALENDAR

Sun. Apr 12 – 10:00 am Jake Buhler speaking

Mon. Apr 13 – 6:00 pm Executive mtg

7:30 pm Council mtg

Sun. Apr 19 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching

Sun. Apr 26 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Noon – Pizza/conversation with Lynn Caldwell

Sat. May 2 – 7:30 pm OMC Variety Night

Sun. May 3 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 19

Third Sunday of Easter

Speaker: Luke Bushman

Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Loretta, Ben, Benjamin

Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Lynette

Sound: Matthew

Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Diana B/John G

Coffee/Snack: Casadi

A Creative Space: Let's bring in spring with some creativity! On Sunday evenings at 6:00-8 Casadi is facilitating an art space at OMC. This space is meant to build intergenerational community, inspiration, and enhance mental wellbeing. No experience is needed. Feel free to bring a friend. Ages 10 and up! Starts April 12-May 3; depending on interest. Please text Casadi at (306) 202-6791 if you'd like to join one or all of the evenings, or if you'd like to facilitate creating something.

The Community Connections Committee will be presenting another pizza/conversation on April 26th after church. Lynn Caldwell a good friend of Steph Siemens will be sharing her experience working with the situation in Gaza. Please plan to join us for this very important conversation.

OMC Variety Night – Saturday, May 2nd – 7:30 p.m. Come share a solo or group song, story, party trick, budding talent or hobby, dramatic reading, or other creative ditties! Perfection is discouraged.

May 9, 6:00 P.M. Potluck Supper, followed by an evening of celebration, reminiscing, singing, and sharing time with Hilda Franz, wife of Walter, who was pastor here from 1964-69. It's an opportunity to meet with other youth from that era, that have moved away but will be attending.

Bulletin Board – letter from MDS thanking us for our donation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Connects: Did you know that MCC Saskatchewan has local programming in addition to supporting international relief, development, and peace? You're invited to the MCC Centre in Saskatoon (600 45th Street West) on Thursday, April 23 for a come-and-go Open House! From 4-7 pm, enjoy food and explore activity stations as we share about our local programs that are making an impact right here in Saskatchewan. Admission is free and all donations will go to support local projects. For more information, call (306) 665-2555.

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week?

This Sunday Len is visiting Pleasant Point Mennonite Church for a Seder meal which is connected to the Jewish Passover. The night before Jesus was arrested, and then crucified, he and his disciples celebrated the Passover. This is a feast to commemorate the Jewish deliverance from Egyptian slavery. Christians also embrace this same theme of liberation. The meal will be led by a Jewish friend who will share the significance and symbolism of the Seder meal. (MC Sask) (New)

April 24, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm | RJC Spend-A-Day Prospective students in Grades 7–11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC! You'll shadow a current student, attend chapel, enjoy a meal in our dining hall, and explore music, sports, and dorm life. Meet teachers, connect with future classmates, and discover why RJC is a vibrant, welcoming community. Come spend a day with us and see what we have to offer! Visit rjc.sk.ca/spend-a-day to register.

April 25 5:30 doors open | Puttin' on the Ribz 2026 at the Shekinah Retreat Centre Timber Lodge Shekinah Annual Fundraiser in partnership with Carmen Corner Meats. Join us for an evening of gourmet ribs dinner, and live entertainment. Tickets are \$75 per person, or \$550 for a table of eight. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Reach out to us at 306-945-4929 or office@shekinahretreatcentre.org for more information. Click the link below or visit the website to purchase tickets. <https://bit.ly/4sEWb4C>

Shekinah Summer Camp registration is now open! Go to <https://bit.ly/4cjsBMC> to register or visit our website for more details.

Get to know MDS! Join us for an evening of information about MDS (and our national project in Denare Beach, SK) and music by bluegrass and gospel group "BJ and Friends". **Monday, April 20 at 7:00 PM** at the West Portal Church, Saskatoon. There will be lots of desserts, but an RSVP to mdscanada@mds.org is helpful in preparations.

Our next MegaMenno Event is Menno Run! On Saturday, April 25, 4-7 p.m. at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake. Bring \$5 for pizza supper. Carpooling will be arranged, as needed. Please rsvp to your youth leader or respond to this email, so we can arrange rides. Come prepared to play outside.

What is Menno Run? This town-wide game is based on the historical flight of Mennonites from Russia in the late 1800s. In the game, the leaders take on the role of the “Russians,” while the rest of the students are grouped into “families” trying to flee. The goal? Work together to make it through a series of checkpoints to find freedom without getting caught. But if even one family member is caught, the whole group is sent to “jail” to complete a series of hilarious (and sometimes ridiculous) challenges before they can continue, think chubby bunny, wall sits, dance challenges, or saltine crackers + whistling. 🐰 🧑🏻 🧴 (New)

Theatre of the Beat is coming back to Saskatchewan this May. If your congregation is interested in hosting a performance or workshop in your community, please contact the MC Sask office or Theatre of the Beat directly. Their current production is Invisible Threads which explores the realities of human trafficking, enforced labour, and unfair working conditions - issues that may feel far away, but exist here in Canada as well as globally. The story begins when a clothing store employee discovers a note sewn into a pair of imported jeans, sparking a chain of revelations about wage theft, unsafe workplaces, and the hidden systems that enable exploitation.

A world event that sits heavily on our hearts is the conflict taken on by Israel and the USA in Iran. Climate Adam, a climate scientist well known for his activity on YouTube, addresses how deeply the issues and resolutions of the world's problems, including climate action and pursuing peace, are deeply interconnected in this video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgdwM_oBE0U (New)

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