



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 13, 2025

Mark's Gospel

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: *Based on Psalm 67*

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make their face shine on us—

**Many: so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.**

One: The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.

**Many: May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear them.**

Invocation:

Hymns of Praise: VT #145 Touch the Earth Lightly

VT #156 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

First Reading: Mark 2:23-28

One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing

Story for All Ages: Becca

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Congratulations: Liam Boldt and Julia Herperger are engaged and plan to be married in 2026

Prayers: for meaningful experiences at summer camps - for Luke as he prepares to lead Bible studies at Shekinah this week

Thanksgiving: for the safe return of our Youth and delegates from the MC Canada Gathering in Ontario

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

Hymn: VT #287 Jesus Christ Is Waiting

Second Reading: Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve

baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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 #756 God, We Pause This Moment

Sermon: Jesus, Food and Sabbath

Hymn: VT #757 There's Enough for All

Benediction:

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

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

TODAY July 13

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Becca Sound: Matthew Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Loretta

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

Luke's Week: Leading Bible at Shekinah, Preaching on July 20th

For Pastoral care you may also call Dave 306-270-5031

Birthdays: 13 – Jean Harms; 16 – Dylan Martens;

19 – John Reddekopp (80)

Summer coffee will be made by deacons. There may not be snacks. If you would like to provide snacks for special occasions - please be in touch with Karl, Matthew B, Wilf, Lynette, Sarah B. If you would like a visit by deacons or pastors this summer please be in touch with them about that as well.

Church Yard Maintenance: July 14 – 19 – Luke and Youth

July 21 – 26 – Terry Stefaniuk and family

"From Brad Schroeder: *While my position here at OMC has not officially started, one of my main priorities is to get to know everyone on a deeper level. With that in mind, I'd love to meet for coffee and conversation with people beyond just Sunday mornings. Please consider this an open invitation to call or text me at 306-202-6597 if you have time and would like to meet up and chat. Thank you!"*

Nursery opportunity! There is a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who would like to care for young children (0-4 yrs old) in the nursery during the church service.

Seeking: OMC Librarian

The Ed Committee is on the lookout for someone who is passionate about books and interested in learning the role of OMC Librarian. Our ever-steady, long-serving, rockstar librarian, Ruth, is looking to close the chapter on her work as librarian, and pass on the role. They are big shoes to fill, but Ruth has kindly offered to help the next person learn the role. For more information on what the commitment entails, please reach out to Steph S, Naomi S, Casadi S, or Marlene C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MC Canada Gathering 2025 – It Happened!

Nearly 600 people gathered in Kitchener-Waterloo last week for the MC Canada Gathering at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate and the Youth Gathering at the University of Waterloo. With the theme “Each Gift,” the week was filled with learning, listening, celebrating and worship. What a time of connection and inspiration!

Celebrating Our 500 Years: Saturday July 26, 3:00 p.m. at the Mennonite Youth Farm, Rosthern. Join with fellow heirs of the Anabaptist Reformation in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the beginning of our Anabaptist faith family, and our 130 years in Saskatchewan. The afternoon will include music and storytelling. Supper will be available for purchase on the grounds. Bring lawn chairs.

Warman MCC Thrift Shop is hosting an MCC sponsored Youth Summer Camp. Admission is free

Fun & Interactive Activities for 12 years old & up

Wednesdays from 1pm – 4-pm July 9th to August 20th

For more details see the poster on the bulletin board.

Warman MCC Thrift Shop is hosting a Mini Carnival

Friday, July 25th 11:00 am – 3:00 pm on the street west of the building

Games area Jumpy Castle Face Painting Craft Corner

Free Admission!!

MCC Connects: Are you a young adult, or know a young adult, who is interested in exploring what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus in a complicated world? MCC's Seek program is a Christian discipleship program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for young adults aged 18-20 that runs from January to June every year. All assignment-related costs are covered for this unique opportunity to live in community, dig deep into the word of God, and explore the richness of Cambodian culture. Applications are open until August 4. Learn more at:

www.mcc.org/seek

MC SASK Updates:

We give thanks for our camps and pray for the campers this summer, for all camp staff, and others involved with Camp Elim, Youth Farm Bible Camp, and Shekinah.

In a busy, fragmented world, camp offers people an opportunity to pause, to immerse themselves in the beauty of creation, to open themselves more fully to God, and to experience a Christ-centered, holistic, community life.

May our camps be places where people
seek and find God's face in creation,
receive God's love in Christ,
and radiate God's Spirit in the world.

Bless the campers, God.

May their weeks at camp be filled with growth, adventure, faith, and fun.

***taken in part from Together in Worship, Camps with Meaning, adapted by Judith Friesen Epp (Canada), 2015. Home Street Mennonite Church (new)*

Please pray for all our congregations of MC Sask as we move into summer schedules. May God go with all of us through travels and the

various activities and challenges that we face this summer. May we all find times of refreshment and renewal. (new)

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 MC Sask Education Scholarship. Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is July 31, 2025, visit www.mcsask.ca for application forms and full eligibility details.

Planting trees is a carbon sequestration practice that we know about. We who live in the prairies also know that grassland is a common landscape that needs protection. Prairie grasslands store billions of tonnes of carbon dioxide in their soil, playing a critical role in the mitigation of climate change, yet over 80 per cent of Canada's grasslands have been lost. They are the single most threatened ecosystem in Canada. Read about the work based at the University of Alberta that is promoting management to care for range land in the prairies.

<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/science/news/2025/april/catg-climate-action-through-grazing.html>

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. (new)

From the Canadian Mennonite magazine – July 11, 2025

The farmer's market is halfway to Doris's house where I would interview her for our *Life in the 100s* feature, so I stopped to buy asparagus for Doris, who turned 102 this week (July 10).

Her daughter answered the door. Phyllis has lived with her mom for four years, enabling Doris to stay at home, even if she is more of a night owl than her early-bird daughter.

Doris sat in a comfortable chair, prongs from an oxygen cannula the only visible sign of age. Phyllis offered tea, saying I could choose among their collection of China cups. After I picked a turquoise cup and saucer, Doris asked if I too had pretty cups. I do.

After we had talked for an hour, Doris said, “I’m glad to meet you, though you’re taller than I expected. You’ll probably read my obituary soon.”

“I hope you can see your story in print,” I said.

Last Christmas, Doris told her family she was ready to die. Still, her memory is clear and she says she is “in too good health.” She says of her seven children and 16 grandchildren, “I’m very interested in their lives. Each one is precious to me.” She was pleased to have a visit the day before from “a lovely young friend,” and later spied a squirrel and one of a pair of cardinals that visits her regularly.

As I left, Phyllis gave me Moravian stars Doris had made from remnant paper strips. Doris gives stars to all her visitors.

Susan Fish

CALENDAR

Sun. July 13 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

11:15 am Council mtg

Sun. July 20 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Noon – Bag lunch hosted by the Education committee

Sun. July 27 – 10:00 am Chris Buhler speaking

Sun. Aug 3 - 10:00 am Music Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY July 20

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kathy Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Dave

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