



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 16, 2026

Lessons from the Trail

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

“Come, God’s people, let us worship the Living God, The God of yesterday and tomorrow, The God who makes the present moment holy and crowns us, his people, with blessings.”

Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #120 For the Beauty of the Earth
VT #9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

First Reading: Job 38:1-21

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man;

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made the clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

and said, 'Thus far shall you come and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?
"Have you commanded the morning since your days began
and caused the dawn to know its place,
so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment.
Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken.
"Have you entered into the springs of the sea
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.
"Where is the way to the dwelling of light,
and where is the place of darkness,
that you may take it to its territory
and that you may discern the paths to its home?
Surely you know, for you were born then,
and the number of your days is great!

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

We pray for Ben who has an ankle surgery scheduled
-for the victims of wild fires in B.C. and elsewhere in Canada

Prayer for the Church:

Leader: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

All: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

All: Humbled by the gift of grace;

humbled by the invitation to begin again.

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in this community,
I am glad:

All: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

All: Thank you all; thank you, God.

"Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission."

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

Hymn: VT #514 I Saw a Tree by the Riverside

Second Reading: Job 38: 22-38

“Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,
or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,
which I have reserved for the time of trouble,
for the day of battle and war?

What is the way to the place where the light is distributed
or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?

“Who has cut a channel for the torrents of rain
and a way for the thunderbolt,

to bring rain on a land where no one lives,
on the desert, which is empty of human life,
to satisfy the waste and desolate land,
and to make the ground put forth grass?

“Has the rain a father, or who has fathered the drops of dew?

From whose womb did the ice come forth,
and who has given birth to the hoarfrost of heaven?

The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

“Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades or loose the cords of Orion?

Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season,
or can you guide the Bear with its children?

Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?

Can you establish their rule on the earth?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts
or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens
when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

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 #806 Called by Earth and Sky

Sermon: “Lessons from the Trail”

Hymn: VT #847 You Shall Go Out with Joy

Benediction: *from Romans 15:13* - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen.

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

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

TODAY Aug 16

Speaker: Luke Bushman

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Kathryn, Ben

Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Kaytee

Sound: James

Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Shelley

Yard Maintenance for Aug 17 – 22 – Dan Schellenberg family

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

No Friday Coffee Time *until September*

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. ***He will be away Friday the 21st***

Luke’s Week: Tues. – Thurs. NPMC fall planning; Fri. OMC office

Birthdays this Week: 16 – Gaye Guenther; 19 – Lloyd Sawatzky; 20 – Jim Dyck (80); 21 – Bill Peters (82)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 30 Snack & Coffee time –Everyone is welcome to join the Wedding Shower celebration for Liam Boldt & Julia Herperger. You’re encouraged to sign the card in the lobby to offer your congratulations. Gifts are always appreciated, and for those who’d like the option, you may contribute to a communal cash gift the day of.

MCC Connects: MCC invites your prayers for the people of Colombia following the magnitude 7.4 earthquake that struck on August 10. MCC is currently assessing the situation with our local partners and determining a planned response for those affected. To donate towards emergency assistance, call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555 and stay tuned for more donation details.

On Monday August 17, we're celebrating National Thrift Shop Day!

This is a day to celebrate the value of thrift shops in our communities, and we encourage you to visit your local MCC Thrift Shop in Saskatoon, Warman, Rosthern, Lanigan, Herbert, or Swift Current for special sales. (New)

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week?

This past week I participated with faith leaders in a meeting with the mayor of Saskatoon to discuss how we can deal with acts of hatred and violence in our community. There are no quick solutions to these issues but we all need to continue the conversation.

This Sunday I will be staying close to home and preaching at Mount Royal Mennonite. (New)

Registration is open!

Once again this fall MC Sask is offering a CMU course in Saskatoon. This year's course is Anabaptist Peace Theology and Gender Justice, and it will be taught by Susanne Guenther Loewen. The course will be on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm to 4:15 pm from September 10th until December 3rd, online and in-person at the MCC Centre. CMU students can register for this course now. For those interested in taking it for personal development: <https://mcsask.ca/events>

Save the Date! Wildwood Mennonite Church 50th Anniversary // October 16-18, 2026 // To honour 50 years of being WMC, the church is planning a celebration weekend! This will be a weekend to share stories and memories and join together in worship.

MC Sask's CERT (Climate Emergency Response Team) is sponsoring a TREE PLANTING event in mid to late September. Tree seedlings which are native to this region will be harvested from local properties and transplanted into a river lot at Fish Creek. Please join us as we strive to care for creation through biodiversity, wildlife habitat and carbon capture. Call Cynthia at MCSask (306 249-4844) indicating your interest. Claire Ewert Fisher will follow up with details as they develop.

Simply Superb, the singing group from Superb Mennonite Church, reunites for one night of music and stories at The Barn Playhouse on TONIGHT! at 7 p.m. The concert supports Wonderland Theatre's 2027 season. Our group debuted at the MC SK conference in Swift Current

then spent the next five years performing around Saskatchewan for churches and communities. Tickets are on sale at The Barn Playhouse website: <https://www.barnplayhouse.com/box-office/>

You can find more details about the event here:

<https://wonderlandtheatre.company/whats-on/simply-superb-again/>

Summertime Prayers! July and August mark the season when a number of Mennonite congregations and individuals spend time visiting Indigenous Communities, whether it is a culture camp, learning tour, treaty days celebrations, a pow-wow or to offer day camps or vacation bible school. Prayers that all of these summertime interactions work together to build kinship, understanding and demonstrate God's love for all.

Receive up to \$3000 from Mennonite Church Canada's Emissions Reduction Grant to improve your church building's efficiency, reduce energy usage and environmental impact. Get ideas for projects and learn how to apply here or watch this video for inspiration! Applications are due Sept 30, 2026!

We are proud to partner with the creators of Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization (by Elaine Enns and Ched Myers) to bring "Throughlines" directly to you - at a significant discount! Visit <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4455> for more information and access to your exclusive Canadian discount code.

CALENDAR

Sun. Aug 16 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching

Sun. Aug 23 – 10:30 am Outdoor Joint Service on the Buhler yard

Sun. Aug 30 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Sun. Sept 6 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

NEXT SUNDAY – Aug 23 *Outdoor Service at Wilf & Ruth Buhler*

Note start time change to 10:30 am

Our members are asked to bring a salad to the Potluck Lunch

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