



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 17, 2026

"The Opposite of War is..."

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Holy God, you are our Rock and our Fortress – in you we trust.

*All: We gather to worship you,
seeking your strength and your mercy.*

One: Shine the Light of your favour upon us O God – in you we trust.

*All: We gather to worship you,
seeking the light of your love and peace.*

One: Faithfull God, your unfailing love is our blessing – in you we trust.

*All: We gather to worship you.
Our future rests in your hands as we are held securely
within the power of your strong yet tender grasp. Amen.*

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #49 All Who Are Thirsty
VT #162 The Love of God**

First Reading: *a summary of Exodus 35*

**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 Eva as she remains in hospital

Thanks – Doug's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the congregation for their support

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

Hymn: VT #680 Calm Me, Lord

Second Reading: *Tom Yoder Neufeld translation of Romans 12:9-21*

Exercise mercy with hilarity!

Loathe what is evil!

Stick to what is good like crazy glue!

Compete fiercely with each other for who can give greater honour
to the other!

Baffle those around you with what you're prepared to put up with when
it comes to your own comfort and safety!

Identify so strongly with the needs of your brothers and sisters wherever
they are on the globe that they become your own!

Chase after strangers with love!

Bless those who are out to get you!

Party with those who have much to be grateful for,
and weep with those whom life has ravaged.

Hang out with those who are on the margins of society,
and assume they're wiser than you are!

Whatever you do, don't hit back,
but surprise your tormentors with subversive kindness.

That's how you win over evil.

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 #712 Beauty for Brokenness

Sermon: "The Opposite of War is..."

Hymn: VT #713 Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Benediction:

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

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

TODAY **May 17** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
Speaker: Lois Siemens Worship Leader: Terry Stekaniuk
Song Leader: Kathryn, Ben, Loretta Accompanist: Lynette
Story: Lynette Sound: James
Ushers: Lanae/Carl Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/
Coffee/Snack: George/Lynette

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: Wed. OMC office; Thurs. NPMC; Fri. OMC office/Youth; Sat. Green project (?)

Friday Coffee Time with the staff @ 10:00 am

Birthdays this Week: 18 – Susan Braun; 18 – Kathryn Janzen;
21 – Henry Funk (80)

CALENDAR

Sun. May 17 – 10:00 am Lois Siemens preaching

Sun. May 24 – 10:00 am Heather Peters speaking *Pentecost Sunday*

Sun. May 31 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching *Trinity Sunday*

Sun. June 7 – 10:00 am Sunday School picnic on the church grounds

Sat. June 13 – 10:30 am – 2:30 pm MCC Relief Sale

Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon

Sun. June 14 – 10:00 am Brad Schoeder preaching *Baptism Sunday*

Sun. June 21 – 10:00 am Brad Schoeder preaching

Sunday School Picnic: Please come out for our Sunday School Picnic on June 7th. We will be outside on the lawn for a lovely service to celebrate another great year of Sunday School. This year you are invited to stick around to eat some food AND to stay for lawn games and activities! Please bring a lawn chair, and any lawn games you have!

Hymnal and Bible Signing: We have a tradition as a church to give a Voices Together hymnal to students who are graduating from High School, and to give a Bible to kids entering Grade 6 (entering youth group). Please consider signing these with a small inscription of encouragement, or listing a hymn/verse of encouragement for our young people to look at.

NEXT SUNDAY – May 24 *Pentecost Sunday*

Speaker: Heather Peters Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leaders: Loretta, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Jake Sound: Benjamin

Ushers: Lanae/Carl Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Kevin

Coffee/Snack:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Connections is asking for 5-6 volunteers to serve as ushers to help with greeting, seating and the merchandise table before and after the TOTB show at Wildwood Mennonite Church on May 21st at 7:30 pm. Please speak to any Community Connections committee members if you would be able to help out in this way..

There is a need for volunteers to make cream gravy for the MCC Relief Sale on June 13. Also needed are persons to make rhubarb sauce for this same event. If you are able to help please contact one of the Community Connections members: Casadi, Scott or John G

MCC Connects: Looking for ways to participate in this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 13? MCC is seeking donations for a "Ten Thousand Villages Revisited" table, baked goods, and plants. In addition, we are also in need of items for our online auction, artisan table participants, and volunteers for a variety of tasks. For more information, visit mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved or call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555. Thank you for your support!

MCC is looking for volunteers to help this year's Relief Sale Festival run smoothly on Saturday, June 13 at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon. Volunteer duties include: serving food, preparing food, dishwashing and other clean up, set up, and more. If interested in volunteering or other ways to get involved, visit mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved.html <https://bit.ly/4mNiYJ5>

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week?

It may be the long weekend but you can still find Len preaching in one of the MC Sask congregations. This Sunday he will be at First Mennonite Saskatoon sharing from John 15 about Jesus as the vine that connects us. Please pray for all our congregations as we try to stay connected with each other and with Jesus, our root and our strength.
(MC Sask) (New)

Theatre of the Beat is back with their new show *Invisible Threads* on Thurs, May 21, 7:30pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church (1502 Acadia Drive). This investigative drama follows a well-intentioned retail employee who discovers a factory worker's handwritten note inside the new pair of jeans he's folding. As he begins to pull at the threads, he's entwined in a sprawling overseas network that leads right back home. Tickets are available at the door, pay-what-you-can (suggested \$20).

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/invisible-threads-at-wildwood-mennonite-church-saskatoon>

Before Invisible Threads: Theatre of the Beat is hosting a FREE pre-show event called: "Clothing Swap, DIY Mending & UpCycling."

Bring some clothing for swapping, or mending, and make your own custom "TOTB Merch" by adding embroidery, patches, or hand-carved linocut prints. This event is Bring Your Own Clothes - and Theatre of the Beat will provide the rest.

RJC Spring Concert | Tuesday May 26, 7:00pm Join us as we celebrate the spring season with the RJC Spring Concert! Featuring performances by RJC's Concert Choir, Singers, Concert Band and Dance Class, and showcasing artwork from RJC's curricular art programs. Admission is by donation. Thank you for supporting the youth & arts in our community!

RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 30 Join us at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf, fun, and connecting with friends at RJC's annual Golf Classic. The day begins at 11:30am with registration and pre-game activities, followed by a 1:00pm shotgun start. Cost is \$175 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner. Guests are also welcome to join for dinner after golf for \$25 per person by RSVP to development@rjc.sk.ca. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more details and to register.

Dormitory Dean (Youth Worker) Opportunity at RJC | RJC High School is seeking a collaborative and committed individual to support and mentor students in the girl's dormitory, alongside our team of dormitory staff. This role involves providing supervision and guidance to students after school hours and overnight, fostering their personal growth and leadership, and contributing to a safe and welcoming campus environment. For the full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca/employment. Resumes or further questions can be directed to executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

YFBC Spring Fundraiser Meal on Tuesday, May 26. Come for supper starting at 5:00pm and then head off to the RJC Spring Concert! You will also hear from our interns and some stories from their trip to Nicaragua and Mexico this winter. Admission is by donation. (New)

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for sessional instructor positions in Business, Music, and Conflict Resolution Studies. Other opportunities include a renewable contract position for a Women’s Basketball Head Coach. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

Mennonite Church Canada is seeking a full time General Administrative Assistant to provide a presence at the reception desk for Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church Manitoba offices. To learn more about this opportunity, view the full job description here: (<https://tinyurl.com/msdfn773>)

Young Adults are encouraged to join with Dr. Malinda Elizabeth Berry to learn about Mennonite theology in study and action. Register here for one or all of her sessions.

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGJp5dzBcp8_5QjliLjBaLK87r26GpXCwATW-Qzj0p7YTIzw/viewform?pli=1)

Climate Action

Simplify worship planning for Fall of 2026 and join Christians around the world in recognizing the Season of Creation from September 1-October 4, 2026!

Leader Magazine’s Summer 2026 Issue includes wonderful new worship material, written by worship leaders from Mennonite Church Canada for your use. https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/Season_of_Creation_2026

Indigenous Relations

Call to Prayer! The Walk in the Spirit of Reconciliation (May 29-31) is an ecumenical gathering in BC’s lower mainland of solidarity and witness to promote healing from the harms done by colonization and residential schools. Throughout the walk participants will be hearing stories, visiting sites of significance, attending workshops and sharing meals with Indigenous knowledge keepers and historians. Pray that relationships of understanding, trust, respect, and humility are nurtured throughout the course of the walk. (New)

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

Waste Not...

Andy Arthur the MCC Thrift coordinator for Saskatchewan recently went to Kenya with a small team from MCC Thrift and MCC Advocacy office to meet with local MCC partners and those affected by large volumes of textile waste being shipped to countries like Kenya.

Kenya receives 200,000 tons of used clothing every year from North America, Europe and China. 40% of what arrives in clothing shipping containers is just waste. Nairobi the capital city has a market where 100,000 people work selling these secondhand clothes. What doesn't sell often ends up being dumped in the river. These leech vast quantities of micro plastics into their drinking water and can even cause flooding. Dandora dump site is the biggest in East Africa, it is filled with textiles, plastics and other garbage. It is 73 acres and parts are 150 feet tall. Lots of the clothing in the garbage will have come from places like North America and Europe, sending them unusable clothing. And sending so much that usable clothing becomes garbage as well.

MCC Thrift shops in Saskatchewan sell hundreds of thousands of clothing articles each year. We are working to increase upcycling initiatives like turning damaged t-shirts into rugs. We are partnering with researchers to try and find opportunities for larger scale recycling. The average Canadian buys 70 new items of clothing and accessories each year. Many of these will be used only briefly. You can help by choosing thrift first when buying clothing and mending your own clothing. Or you can volunteer with MCC Thrift to help sort clothes or be part of upcycling projects. (New)

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