



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**January 18, 2026**

*Shalom/Peace*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements**

**Call to Worship (VT #851):**

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**People: Jesus calls us to worship.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

**People: Jesus calls us to love.**

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**People: Jesus calls us to justice.**

Leader: We hear the call of Christ

*All: We worship together with joy.*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #797 We are People of God's Peace**

**VT #206 Seek the Peace of the City**

**First Reading:**

**Ephesians 4:31-5:2**

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**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**

**Pray** – for the Hasani family as they wait for word of their resettlement, for Becca as she travels to Cambodia with an MCC Learning Tour from January 21 to February and for others traveling over the next weeks.

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

### **Hymn: VT #150 Gentle God, When We are Driven**

### **Second Reading:**

#### **Luke 6:27-28, 36**

But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you...Be merciful, just as God is merciful.

### **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 #580 To Leave the Stones Thrown**

### **Sermon: Pursuing Peace with our Neighbors across the Aisle**

### **Hymn: VT #409 For We are Strangers no More**

**Benediction:** Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all. Peace is dynamic. Peace is generous, a right and a duty, each one feeling in the right place as part of this beautiful family.

\*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      Jan 18**

Speaker: Brad Schroeder      Worship Leader: Dave Feick  
Song Leaders: Michelle      Accompanist: Naomi  
Story: Brad      Sound: Matthew      Ushers: Anne/Bill  
Offering Counter Team: Diana/Shelley

**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. OMC Office, Thurs. KCC, Fri. OMC Youth

**Friday Coffee Time with the staff at 10:00 am**

**Birthdays this Week:** 18 – Kevin Boldt; 20 – Garry Harms

**Sunday Coffee:** Jan 18 - Louise

**From Brad:** I am wanting to gauge interest in beginning some intergenerational, mid-week small group options. This may look like forming a long-term group, short-term groups centered around a particular topic of interest, book study, support group centered around mental health or faith deconstruction/reconstruction, or something completely different depending on interest. If you may be interested in this, and/or have a topic you'd like to see discussed, please let me know (Phone: 306-361-0601. Email: oslermcpastor@sasktel.net). An expression of interest is not a commitment to being part of a group but will give me an idea of what people may be interested in. Thank you!

**CALENDAR**

**Sun. Jan 18 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**  
3:00 pm Luke's ordination

**Sun. Jan 25 - 10:00 am Sharon Murugiah from Shekinah speaking**

**Sun. Feb 1 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**

**Sun. Feb 8 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching**

Sat. Feb 14 – 9:00 am Annual meeting

**NEXT SUNDAY      Jan 25**

Speaker: Sharon Murgiah      Worship Leader: Brad Schroeder  
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben      Accompanist: Lynette  
Story: Wilf      Sound: Stephanie      Ushers: Benjamin  
Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Dave

## Refugee Resettlement Committee Update:

Our church has committed (\$35,000) to the sponsorship of the Hasani family, currently living in very difficult circumstances in Pakistan. Please consider helping us plan for their arrival by letting us know if you plan to donate to this sponsorship. Pledge forms are on a table at the back of the church and can be returned to Lynette Janzen (committee treasurer).

"**Contemplative checkin**" Wednesday evenings at 7pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** takes place this week (January 19-23). There are events happening throughout the week including prayer services each morning at different churches in Saskatoon. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details or talk to Pastor Brad or Pastor Luke.

## What is peace?

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**From Church Council:** As we plan ahead for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 14, Council has sent to the congregation an email with the proposed budget information. We have sent it out ahead of the meeting package so that you can have more time to think about the proposal, and speak with any member of council with guidance, questions, and comments. We are proposing keeping each of our pastors at 3/4 time, which would require an increase in donations. Please read the email (or ask Kathy for a copy) for more information. We appreciate your prayerful consideration.

**Urgent Request:** Nominating Committee is still looking to fill positions on the Education Committee and the Community Connections Committee. If we haven't reached out to you and feel that one of those Committees would be a good fit for you or we have reached out to you and you would like to reconsider please let us know.

**MennoMedia** sent a double order of Rejoice and Adult SS material so please help yourself to this material in the foyer.

**MCC Connects:** Join MCC for the Transformation Table, a free monthly opportunity to practice peacebuilding skills. This month, a Collective Advocacy workshop will be facilitated on Tuesday, January 20 from 7-9 pm at the MCC Centre. Change happens when we work together, and all are welcome to come learn how to work with community members, take action, and support neighbours affected by important issues. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, visit: [mcc.org/events/transformation-table](http://mcc.org/events/transformation-table)

**Join us for The Great Winter Warm-Up** as we send warmth and comfort in the form of blankets to people experiencing conflict and disaster around the world. You can donate towards the cost of comforter supplies or make your own comforter! Please visit this link for more details: [mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up](http://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up)

## **MC SASK Updates:**

Join MCC and the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC) for Migration, Displacement and Health: a North South Exchange on Saturday, January 31 from 10 am - 1 pm at the MCC Centre. At this workshop, Forced to Flee, a simulation of the refugee experience, will be facilitated and three speakers will share stories about migration, displacement, and health. A light lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, visit:

[www.eventbrite.ca/e/1980119159710?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1980119159710?aff=oddtcreator)

**January 30 & 31 | RJC Tournament of Memories:** Basketball & Curling| Join the fun at RJC's Alumni & Friends basketball and curling tournament. Come and play or watch the face-paced action in the RJC Gymnasium or at the Rosthern Curling Club (Jubilee Sports Centre). Cost to play is \$25/person, and lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC Dining Hall on Saturday (\$15/person, 10 & under free). To register please visit <https://www.rjc.sk.ca/event/tom/>. We hope to see you there! (new)

**Apply Now and Save \$500 at RJC!** | Are you, or is somebody you know planning to attend RJC High School in September 2026? Apply by February 1 and save \$500 (open to new students only). Head to our website at [rjc.sk.ca/apply](http://rjc.sk.ca/apply) to complete your application today! (new)

**January 30-February 1 // MegaMenno Youth Retreat // Shekinah Retreat Centre // Save the Date!** Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12170>

**Save the date!** The 2026 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be on March 13 & 14 at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Lodging will be available. Details will come out in the new year.

**Mark your calendars** for the 2026 de Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity. The speaker is Dr Jeremy Bergen, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College. These lectures are part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and will take place on Jan. 21 (Regina) and Jan. 22 (S'toon). For more details please see <http://ecumenism.ca/1485-2/>

**Rosthern Mennonite Church** invites applications for a full-time pastor to lead us in our vision statement: Making Jesus Real. The job description may be found on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/rosthernmennonite.church](http://www.facebook.com/rosthernmennonite.church)) with a detailed job description available upon request. For more information, or to inquire about applying for the position, please contact the RMC office at [rosthernmc@sasktel.net](mailto:rosthernmc@sasktel.net). (new)

**Mennonite Church Saskatchewan** is pleased to announce the position of Faith Development Minister. This position will focus on cultivating relationships and supporting the faith and leadership development of youth and young adults across MC Sask. This role reimagines our approach to youth ministry — moving away from an event-based model toward a relationship-driven, collaborative ministry that meets young people where they are. For full details about this position, please see the MC Sask website at <http://mcsask.ca/FaithDevelopmentMinister>. Applications and enquiries can be sent to [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca)

**Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking a full-time Office, Communications, and Financial Administrator** to join our ministry team. This position provides key support in three areas: Office Administration, Communications and Financial Administration. For a full job description see <https://mcsask.ca/officeandfinancialadministratorjobdescription> Applications will begin being reviewed December 1, 2025. If you or someone you know may be interested, please send a resume and cover letter to: [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca)

**CMU Employment Opportunities** | CMU invites inquiries and applications for Vice-President Academic, Advancement Events Coordinator, CommonWord Bookstore Associate, Campus Receptionist and faculty positions in Education and Social Work. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for more information. (new)

**InCERT: Solar Panels Meet Agriculture II:** The days definitely will become longer any day now. Think solar energy! Read about the effect 1700 sheep can have doing their work among solar panel farms. <https://www.leravi.org/they-placed-1700-sheep-among-solar-panels-and-the-animals-unexpected-behavior-surprised-researchers-16255/>

## **International Witness**

### **Prayer requests:**

Please pray for wisdom, strength and direction to continue proclaiming the Lord's message on the island of Puerto Rico. *José Luis Vargas, Puerto Rico*

Please pray for the stability of the currency of Malawi, which is decreasing in value on a daily basis. Economic hardship has also pushed some people to attempt house robberies. Pray for God's protection in our areas and the safety of church members. *Francis Kamoto, Malawi*

## **Mennonite Church Canada**

**Youth Choir Retreat!** Youth aged 13-21 are invited to a weekend of making music together. From Friday, January 30th to February 1st, enjoy singing and bonding with youth from across the country. Travel bursaries from Mennonite Church Canada are available for those coming from outside Toronto. Please contact Audrey Wichert about accessing a bursary by email at: [audrey.wichert@tumc.ca](mailto:audrey.wichert@tumc.ca) Read more: <https://mcec.ca/event/25068-2026-01-30-youth-choir-retreat-2025>

## **Climate Action**

Faith communities around the world are already responding to climate change with actions big and small. To hear about actions we can take to make a difference in our own communities, join Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Canada for an online study of Climate Pollinator by Sierra Ross Richer. February 19-April 16 (5 sessions) To find out more and to register, go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-book-study-2025.ca>

## **Indigenous Relations**

**Call to Prayer and Presence!** 30th Anniversary Commemoration of the 1995 Sacred Assembly is being planned for Winnipeg from January 23 to 25, 2026. Elijah Harper's Vision for a spiritual foundation to reconciliation, needs to be both remembered and revitalized now more than ever. Show up if you can – in person, financially and certainly with prayer. More info available at <https://www.commemorating1995sa.ca/> (new)