



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 19, 2025

RJC High School

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Words from RJC

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is like a single body that has many parts

All: It is still one body, though every part is different

Leader: Therefore the foot cannot say,

People: I am not part of the body;

Leader: Nor can the ear say,

People: I am not part of the body

Leader: The eye cannot say to the hand,

People: I do not need you;

Leader: Nor can the head say to the feet,

People: I don't need you.

Leader: If one part suffers,

All: All parts share the pain;

Leader: If one part is praised,

All: All parts share the joy

Leader: Together, we are Christ's body;

All: Each one of us is a part of it.

Prayer of Invocation

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

RJC Singers

I Dreamed of Rain

Hope Lingers On

First Scripture Reading - 1 John 4:7-16 (*Inclusive Bible*)

Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. Those who do not love have known nothing of God, for God is love. God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: by sending the Only Begotten into the world, that we might have faith through the Anointed One. Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and has sent the Only Begotten to be an offering for our sins. Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us. The way we know that we remain in God and God in us is that we have been given the Spirit. We have seen for ourselves and can testify that God has sent the Only Begotten as Saviour of the world. When any acknowledge that Jesus the Only Begotten, God dwells in them and they in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God in them.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing

Story for All Ages: Lanae Martens-Funk & Eunice Olubanwo

RJC Singers & Congregation

The Colouring Song

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – for all the people suffering from health concerns

-save travels for all the vacationers during this season

-proposed ceasefire for Israel-Hamas

Condolences – to the Martens' family on Harry's death

RJC Singers

Hold Me, Rock Me

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Hymn: VT #778 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Second Reading: Romans 12: 9-18 (*Inclusive Bible*)

Your love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of sisters and brothers. Try to outdo one another in showing respect. Don't grow slack, but be fervent in spirit: the One you serve is Christ. Rejoice in hope; be patient under trial; persevere in prayer. Look on the needs of God's holy people as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors - bless and don't curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same attitude toward everyone. Don't be condescending to those who aren't as well off as you; don't be conceited. Don't repay evil with evil. Be concerned with the highest ideal in the eyes of all people. Do all you can to be at peace with everyone.

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.

Student Sharing: Mikwanis Bird & Nora Bergen-Braun

RJC Singers

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Benediction

Grace for the meal: VT #71

Praise God (Doxology)

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

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY Jan 19 RJC High School

Speaker: RJC Students Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen

Song Leader: Adelle Sawatzky Accompanist: Brenda Epp

Story: RJC Students Sound: Matthew Ushers: Bill/Anne

Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck/Matthew Braun

Sunday School leaders: Stephanie/Bree

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

Coffee time at church – 10:00 am all are welcome

Patty's Week:

Luke's Week:

Birthdays: 20 – Garry Harms

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Jan 19 – Casadi

Jan 26 - Deacons

Please consider signing up to bring snacks &/or make coffee/clean up

CALENDAR

Sun. Jan 19 – 10:00 am RJC High School Choir

11:30 am Potluck – bring lots Group A-B help

Sun. Jan 26 – 10:00 am Patty Friesen Anabaptism 500th Birthday Party and Hymn Sing

11:00 Birthday Cake and Dutch Blitz and Crokinole in the MPR (bring crokinole boards and DB cards)

Sun. Feb 2 – 10:00 am Patty Friesen's Retirement Sermon

11:11 am Forum on Enneagram Part 2 with Amanda Dodge

Noon – Osler restaurant lunch with Amanda

Sat. Feb 8 - 9:30 am Annual General Meeting

Sun., Feb 9 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

11:11 am Patty's Roast – special coffee time

Sun. Feb 16 – 10:00 am

Sun. Feb 23 – 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our community raised \$822 for the **Christmas Giving project**. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Peace by Chocolate Book Club Book due - please return to lobby table.

Reminder: AGM on Saturday, February 8 starting at 9:30 am

Gospel of Luke CMU Zoom Bible Study Wednesdays, February 26-April 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Osler Mennonite Church Coffee Room

The quest stories in Luke belong to a cycle of seven stories in which someone approaches Jesus in quest of something vital for human well-being. Some of these quests are for physical healing, other kinds of healing, for release from alienation, social ostracism or other common human plights. Three of them take place early in Jesus's Galilean

ministry, three take place as he nears Jerusalem on his journey toward the cross. The last one, and the most poignant, takes place on the cross.

The motif of the quest, with its patterns of sifting priorities and overcoming obstacles along the way, can be a powerful prompt for our own spiritual reflection and growth as we move through the seasons of Lent and Easter. Join us as we study these Bible stories confessionally—or as though our lives depended on it.

Mary Schertz is Professor Emerita of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, happily living and worshipping in Elkhart, Indiana. Mary recently completed the Believers Church Bible Commentary on Luke which is available from Herald Press at MennoMedia or in Winnipeg at CommonWord.

MCC Connects: 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: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up>

On behalf of the Bethany Manor Music Committee, we welcome choristers to join us in song beginning Wednesday, January 15th. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, from 1:30p.m.-3p.m.at 110 La Ronge Rd. We will be pleased to present concerts on April 5th and 6th under the direction of Andrea Johnson. Please come and join us as we celebrate the gift of song! For further inquiries, please call 306-229-3288.

MC Sask News:

MC Sask Youth Retreat, Jan. 31- Feb 2 at the Shekinah Retreat Centre. We are so excited to have a weekend of worship, community-building, and fun! We hope your youth can plan to join us! This year we managed to keep Kirsten Hamm-Epp around for a little longer as our speaker, and we also anticipate the retreat band (Zac Schellenberg and Clay Buhler) to make an appearance! Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11925>

John and Margaret Friesen Lecture Series – A two-part lecture series titled, “Anabaptist Peace Witness – Historical Significance and Today's Mission,” with Dr. Astrid von Schlachta, Head of the Mennonite Research Center and lecturer at the University of Regensburg, takes place on Thursday, January 23 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM CST at CMU. Visit cmu.ca/friesenlectures for more information and livestream feeds. (new)

RJC Open House | 5:30pm January 17, 2025 Prospective families & students in Grades 5-11 are invited to RJC's Open House! The event will include dinner, a school and dormitory tour and a student variety show, "Friday Night Live". Each stop of the tour will provide an opportunity to learn more about RJC's academics, athletics, arts, faith and community programming; including information specific to our Grade 9 GROW program and other grade-based initiatives. Interested students and families are invited to pre-register at rjc.sk.ca/openhouse.

RJC Tournament of Memories: Basketball & Curling | January 31 & February 1, 2025 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 pre-register please visit rjc.sk.ca/tom. We hope to see you there!

Apply Now and Save \$500 at RJC! | Are you, or is somebody you know planning to attend RJC High School in September 2025? Apply by February 1 and save \$500 (open to new students only). Head to our website at rjc.sk.ca/apply to complete your application today!

RJC announces the addition of Grade 9! In response to parental and student requests, and in an effort to expand and enhance our school program and mission, RJC High School is pleased to announce the addition of grade 9 for the 2025/2026 school year. Grade 9 is the natural intake for most high schools in the province, and an increasing number of students and families have requested this program. We are excited to now provide this opportunity for our students. For details go to <https://www.rjc.sk.ca/2024/12/04/rjc-announces-addition-of-grade-9/>

Save the date! The MC Sask Gathering 2025 (annual delegate sessions) will be held at RJC High School on March 7 & 8, 2025. The theme is "Differences for the Common Good". All are welcome to attend. More details available soon

Shekinah Winter Family Fun Day: Monday, February 17. 11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating and broomball. Bring a lunch and join us in the chalet for hot chocolate! (new)

Friday, February 14 – Please join us for our Hearts for Refugees fundraising dinner at Eigenheim Mennonite Church (8 kms west of Rosthern on Hwy 312). Two settings: 5:00 pm or 6:30 pm. RSVP by phone or text: (306) 232-7447. Admission by donation. (new)

**Tuesdays: February 18 – March 25, 2025 10:00–11:00 AM CT
Canadian Mennonite University Zoom Class @ Nutana Park
Mennonite Church East Classroom.**

2SLGBTQ+ in Church: Further Stories and Perspectives. How can we in the church learn to accept and include queer people in more loving ways? Can we bridge the gap between heart and theology when our hearts signal compassion but theology signals rejection? This class continues on from the 2024 Xplore course with an expanded planning team and presenters. Session topics will be more related to pastoral care questions and the practical realities of being queer, or being an ally, in a congregation that might be "all over the map" on this topic. Throughout the course there will be relevant scientific data presented to provide context to the discussions.

Planning Team: Janessa Nayler-Giesbrecht, Pastor at Jubilee MC; David Wiebe, retired MB Conference Executive and Educator; John Unger, retired Pastor and Past President of Concord College; Mal Fast, retired Neurologist; Gerald Loewen, Retired Clinical Psychologist. Please call Patty Friesen 306-260-6069 with questions.

Beginning on January 18, 2025 the Anabaptism at 500 Read-a-thon will be available to stream online and will conclude on January 21, 2025, with a live-streamed worship/celebration in Goshen, Indiana (USA) as we read together the final passage from Revelations and celebrate the launch of the Anabaptist Community Bible. Available at info@MennoMedia.org. (new)

**Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is celebrating
Anabaptism at 500 with a series of events:**

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Celebration Kickoff: The Radicals will be shown at Wildwood Mennonite Church.

Are you attending the Anabaptism at 500 celebrations in Zurich?

Please let us know so we can connect you with others attending and pray for you. Email the office at mcsask@mcsask.ca or call us at 306-249-4944. (new)

Pentecost Service: A service featuring choirs and supper is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Youth Farm

Donations: Donations to support the Anabaptism at 500 initiatives can be made at www.mcsask.ca/giving designated "Anabaptism at 500"

Canadian Mennonite Publishing Service seeks its next Publisher (.8FTE, remote work, starts May 2025). Read more at canadianmennonite.org/employment (new)

Pray for the pastors and leaders in Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. As the new year begins, pray for guidance, wisdom and peace as they lead us in these times of uncertainty and turmoil.

NEXT SUNDAY Jan 26 *Anabaptism 500th Birthday*

Speakers: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Wilf

Sound: Stephanie

Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Sandi MacArthur/Garry Boldt

Sunday School Leaders: Loretta/Olivia

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