MCC Connects: The Relief Sale Committee is in urgent need of volunteers. We are looking to fill the following positions: Friday night supper coordinator, pie booth coordinator, vereniki and sausage coordinator, and set-up/take-down coordinator(s). If you are interested in any of the following positions, or would like more information about volunteering, please contact Denise Martens at 306.270.9648 or denisemartens@gmail.com.

*Station Singers present "From Billy to Brahms - Love Songs for Spring" - Station Arts Centre Rosthern Apr 12 at 7:30 pm, and in Saskatoon Apr 14 at 2:30 (we do not have a venue yet). Tickets can be purchased at the Station Arts or from choir members. More details will follow in mid March.

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 4	Ladies Heart to Heart meeting, 7:00 pm
Mar 7	Executive meeting, 5:30 pm; Council, 7:00 pm
Mar 7	Choral Society practice, 7:00 pm
Mar 7	Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Mar 14	Choral Society practice & Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Mar 16	Youth meet @ Grismer's
Mar 17	Loose Change Sunday
Mar 21	Choral Society practice & Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Mar 24	Church Retreat @ Shekinah. No service @OMC.
Mar 25	Worship meeting, 7:00 pm @ Stephanie's
Mar 27	M & S meeting, 5:15-6:15 pm

Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song leader: Kathryn Janzen
Ushers: Harold L, Susan B
Sound: Dick Braun
Pianist: Lynette Janzen
Nursery: Sarah Buhler

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 3, 2019

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is King! The Lord is king over all people and all creation.

People: The foundations of God's throne are both justice and mercy. The name of our God is holy.

Leader: We come to God's courts with thanksgiving and enter the gates with singing and joyful praise.

People: May the Christ of glory shine in this place, and may the Holy Spirit meet us here.

Invocation

Hymns: Blue/HWB #46 "I sing the mighty power of God"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 99

Green/SJ #13 "My soul is filled with joy"

Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me Children's Time: Terri Lynn Friesen

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayers of the Church Offering / Offertory Prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB #301 "Joys are flowing like a river"

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Response to the Scripture:

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: Blue/HWB #75 "Holy, holy, holy"

Sermon: "Transfiguration Sunday" Terri Lynn Friesen

Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #389 "Take my life"

Spoken Benediction

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

Scent Free: We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products. Live Stream: For those wishing to join us for worship, but unable to attend in person, our services are live-streamed to our Facebook page. The recording will be paused during the sharing of joys and concerns. Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY:

- Centering Prayer in Classroom 1 at 9:15 9:30 am.
- **Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.
- Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:15 am.

THIS WEEK:

- Monday, March 4: Ladies Heart to Heart meeting 7:00 pm. Come out for a friendly match of Team Bible Jeopardy!
- Wed, March 6: Ash Wednesday Faspa, 5:30 pm. See announcement for more details.
- Thursday, March 7: Executive meeting, 5:30 pm
- Thursday, March 7: Council meeting, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, March 7: Osler Choral Society practice, 7 pm
- Thursday, March 7: Project Thursday craft night, 7:00 pm

Next Sunday, Mar 10: First Lent – "Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

by Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk Pianist: Lynette Janzen Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Children's Time: Jake Buhler Sound: Dick Braun Nursery: Marlene Campbell

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Susan Braun

UPCOMING SERVICES

singalong, camp (lawn) chairs.

Mar 17 Second Lent: St. Patrick for Mennonites: Patty Friesen

(Wear Green!). Loose Change Collection.

Mar 24 Third Lent: Church Retreat @ Shekinah Retreat Centre: 10:00 Coffee & Cinnamon buns, 11:00 Hymn Sing, Receiving New Member Kaytee, Blessing Terri Lynn on her leave, 12:15 Lunch, 1:15-4:30 Afternoon Games and Hikes, Cabin Tour, **4:30** Weiner Roast and Camp Singalong at the Chalet fire-ring. Suggested donation \$20/adult, Children/Youth Free. Bring table games, outdoor play clothes & skates, instruments for fireside

Mar 31 Fourth Lent: Lisa Martens-Bartel preaching

Patty's Week: Today: cross-country skiing; Mon: Heart 2 Heart; Tues: curling, visits; Ash Wed: office, supper conversation on death;

Thurs: exec, council; Fri: Office; Sat: MC SK.

Terri Lynn's Week: Today: speaking & youth Sunday School; Tues: visit; Wed: visit; Thurs: Exec/Council mtgs (pm); Fri/Sat: RJC visit, MC SK ADS.

Remember in Prayer:

-Patty's Patrick on sabbatical in KS -Terri Lynn's last weeks of work

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"A big thank-you to every one of you, my wonderful "faith family", for your support these past few weeks. You have honored Art and in our pain have blessed us. God bless you all!" Edna & family

- *Tuesday, March 26: Youth Farm Bible Camp Vereniki Supper 5:00-7:00 pm at the Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.
- *Prayer materials for Lent: Check out the 'Grit & Grace' purple booklets in the church entrance for a prayer and reflection guide for Lent. Written for groups, or for individual reflection. Take one home or for a friend; more copies are available.
- *The season of Lent is rapidly approaching. This season is a time of reflection, fasting and prayer as we prepare for Easter. Whether you're looking for a family or adult study, a DVD series, or a book of prayers, CommonWord has something for you. Resources can be found at http://www.commonword.ca/go/1451.
- *Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat, April 6, 9am 4pm at the Shekinah Retreat Centre. Join with others as we continue the season of Lent in silence, stillness and simplicity. This retreat is designed to increase awareness of our desire for God and deepen our longing for communion with God. Cost \$50. No refunds. Registration may be transferred to another if you can't make it. Registration information on the bulletin board.
- *You are invited to a viewing of the film 5 Broken Cameras on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00pm at MCC Centre (600-45th St. W., Saskatoon).
- *5 Broken Cameras* is an Oscar-Nominated film created by an Israeli and Palestinian peace activists. The story follows the nonviolent protest movement against Israel's Separation Wall in the Palestinian village of Bil'in. The story is told through the lens of 5 different cameras a Palestinian activist used to document the life cycle of the demonstrations. http://5brokencamerasthemovie.com/
- *Friday & Saturday, March 22-23: Annual Women's Retreat at Shekinah. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

- *We will have a **brief congregational meeting today,** right after Worship and before coffee, to vote on Nora Pederberg as Terri Lynn's maternity leave replacement.
- *Ash Wednesday, March 6, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Supper and Conversation: Let's Talk About Death It Won't Kill Us. Bring food to share- we will have a light meal of cheese, bread, veggies, spreads, and fruit in the coffee room.

If you have questions about death - please write them and put in basket for Ash Wednesday discussion.

5:30 - Welcome to Ash Wednesday - the reminder of our mortality, Prayer, 5:35 - 6:10 Meal and Table Conversation: Our earliest experiences with death and the most meaningful funerals we've attended, 6:15-7:00 - Slow Grief and Our Pondering Questions About Death and Grief.

- *"Project Thursdays", 7:00-8:30 pm: Are you in the middle of a crafting project or would you like to learn to knit? People are welcome to bring their own craft project or bring needles and yarn and learn to knit. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in knitting prayer shawls. Julie and Brandee are coordinators. Talk to them if you have any questions.
- * March 8 & 9 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions *Deepening our Walk with Christ* with guest speaker David Fitch, at Zoar Mennonite Church (Waldheim). Sessions begin Friday at 7 pm, concluding at 4 pm on Sat. www.mcsask.ca for more information.

March Youth Events:

- **there is NO MegaMenno event at the Annual Delegate Sessions (ADS) in Waldheim.
- **Saturday March 16: Glen & Sandra Grismer have offered to host the youth at the acreage for a special youth night. They will have the opportunity to try some blacksmithing (under Glen's guidance!) and to hear about the Grismer's recent backpacking trip "God and the West Coast Trail"! Please wear old clothes for blacksmithing something you wouldn't mind getting a dirty or a small hole in.

*Calling alumni, A Buncha Guys alumni, fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, grandfathers, and friends of RJC: Come join the RJC ManChoir for one song at Choirs and Cakes on March 10. A short rehearsal at 6:30 pm in the RJC Chapel will prepare you for the event, "Choirs & Cakes", that starts at 7:00 pm.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 99 (from the Inclusive Bible)

YHWH reigns, and the nations tremble! You who are enthroned on the cherubim, let the earth quake!

YHWH is even higher than Zion, and exalted above all the nations; let them praise your Name, Great and Awesome One:

"You are holy and mighty, a Leader who loves justice, who established honesty, justice and righteousness in Israel! You have done this! We exalt you YHWH, YHWH, and we worship at your footstool. You are holy!"

Miriam, Moses, and Aaron were among them, and Samuel too was among those who invoked the Name; they called on YHWH and God answered them. YHWH spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they obeyed the decrees and statutes God gave them.

YHWH, YHWH, you answered them. For them, you became God the Forgiver even though you punished their evil deeds.

"We exalt you, YHWH our God, and we worship at your holy mountain; for you, YHWH our God, are holy!"

Exodus 34:29-35 (from the NRSV)

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant [f] in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount

Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with God.

Luke 9:28-36 The Transfiguration (from the NRSV)

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.