



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 20, 2026

Wisdom from Ecclesiastes

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 42*

L: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul long for you, O God.

P: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

L: My tears have been my food, day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

P: I remember as I pour out my soul how I led them in procession with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving.

All: Why are you downcast, O my soul, and why so disquieted within me? Hope in God for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #90 Masithi: Amen

VT #78 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:1-14

The words of the Teacher of the Assembly, David's son, king in Jerusalem:

Perfectly pointless, says the Teacher, perfectly pointless.

Everything is pointless.

What do people gain from all the hard work
that they work so hard at under the sun?

A generation goes, and a generation comes,
but the earth remains as it always has.

The sun rises, the sun sets;

it returns panting to the place where it dawns.

The wind blows to the south, goes around to the north;

around and around blows the wind;
the wind returns to its rounds again.
All streams flow to the sea, but the sea is never full;
to the place where the rivers flow,
there they continue to flow.
All words are tiring; no one is able to speak.
The eye isn't satisfied with seeing,
neither is the ear filled up by hearing.
Whatever has happened—that's what will happen again;
whatever has occurred—that's what will occur again.
There's nothing new under the sun. People may say about something:
"Look at this! It's new!" But it was already around for ages before
us. There's no remembrance of things in the past, nor of things to come
in the future. Neither will there be any remembrance among those who
come along in the future.
I am the Teacher. I was king over Israel in Jerusalem.
I applied my mind to investigate and to explore by wisdom all that
happens under heaven. It's an unhappy obsession that God has given to
human beings.
When I observed all that happens under the sun, I realized that
everything is pointless, a chasing after wind.

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 Becca's mother as she recovers from a heart attack
-for healing for Margaret Boldt's broken arm

Prayer for the Church

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

Hymn: VT #549 Be Thou My Vision

Second Reading: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Additionally: Because the Teacher was wise, he constantly taught the
people knowledge. He listened and investigated. He composed many
proverbs. The Teacher searched for pleasing words, and he wrote
truthful words honestly.

The words of the wise are like iron-tipped prods;

the collected sayings of the masters
are like nails fixed firmly by a shepherd.
Be careful, my child, of anything beyond them!
There's no end to the excessive production of scrolls. Studying too
much wearies the body. So this is the end of the matter; all has been
heard. Worship God and keep God's commandments because this is
what everyone must do. God will definitely bring every deed to
judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or bad.

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 #531 Holy Presence, Holy Teacher

Sermon: Hope in Hevel

Hymn: VT #522 O Blessed Spring

Benediction:

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

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

TODAY Sept 20

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Lynette Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Susan/Carl

Offering Counter Team: Susan/Loretta

Potluck lunch – group A & B in charge

Snack/Coffee has started. Please consider signing up to bring a snack
and make the coffee

Yard Maintenance

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

Friday 10:00 am Coffee Time with staff

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:

Birthdays this week: 22 – Margaret Dyck (83); 23 – Rob Borne;
24 – Chris Buhler; 25 – Christy Martens Funk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for the wonderful celebration! Griffin and Vanessa are both appreciative of all the work that went into it and the thoughtful gifts. Special thanks to Lynette for being the point planner. OMC holds a special place in Vanessa's heart and Griffin has felt so welcomed by everyone. They know that there's potluck today, but if anyone is looking for something after church, they will be at the forestry farm (weather permitting) in the afternoon opening gifts and hanging out. Reach out to Terry for directions.

*The MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting is on **Wednesday, September 23 from 6:30-9:00pm**. Anyone can register for this virtual AGM by visiting <https://mcc.org/events/mcc-saskatchewan-agm>, or by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555. If you are willing to attend as a delegate for our congregation, please let the nominating committee know! (Kathryn, Steve, Louise)*

If anyone is interested in helping out in the Nursery during worship, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or talk to anyone on the Education Committee.

Church Council decided that our congregation is due for a new Photo Directory and as such they have instructed the office to start the process. **The process!!** – IPC photo company has been engaged and they will be here **November 20 and 21 to take your photo**. More details will be shared as they become available.

Bulletin Board – check for the copy of the latest council minutes.

- For those of you who might not read the Canadian Mennonite, check for a copy of the article written about our own Luke Bushman.
- Student Bursary forms
- Nursery Help signup sheet
- Snack/Coffee signup sheet

Forever in motion, a physical activity program geared for older adults, will begin September 16. This drop-in class begins at 10:00 am and runs every Wednesday & Friday until April. **Staying on Your Feet**, a program aimed at improving your balance will begin September 15. This 12-week course that is intended for weekly attendance, runs from 9:30 – 11:00 am each Tuesday. It will cover various topics and feature

guest speakers. All sessions are led by persons with Leader's Certificates from the Saskatoon Health Region. Both classes are free to attend at the Osler Community Hall. Check the posters on the bulletin board for more details.

MCC Connects: MCC Saskatchewan's 8th annual Peace Conference, *The Grass is Still Growing: Returning to the Spirit & Intent of Treaty*, will be held on Saturday, November 7 at Station 20 West in Saskatoon from 9am-4:30pm. Through a special partnership with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner, we will take a close look into the original meaning and covenantal intentions of Treaty, and explore the implications of living as Treaty people in Saskatchewan today. For more information and to register, visit <https://mcc.org/events/2026-mcc-peace-conference>.

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week? On Sunday this week, Len will be speaking at Langham Mennonite Fellowship for Peace Sunday. This is the beginning of a busy fall of speaking in the congregations around MC Sask but if you would like to have Len come and speak in your congregation, please contact the office or Len directly. (New)

TODAY: Call to Prayer for Peace—an Interfaith Service: Sunday, September 20, 7:00 pm at Wildwood Mennonite

The tragic conflicts this year in Gaza, West Bank, Lebanon, and Iran have overwhelmed us with their immense human cost. But violence also rages in the Ukraine, Sudan, and many other places, even in our land and in our communities. We join in solidarity as people of faith from different religious traditions to pray for peace throughout the world. We need each other. We lament the destruction. We pray for God's peace and justice because we have not been able to solve this by ourselves. Join us as we as we remember those who are suffering and pray for peace in the places of conflict.

Season of Creation Celebration: Sunday September 27, 2:30pm MCSask CERT invites you to join an outdoor liturgy celebrating God's creation, on the Meewasin Trail in Saskatoon. Meet at the Pioneer Memorial Cairn, at the junction of Saskatchewan Crescent and Broadway Avenue (northeast corner). Come with suitable footwear for walking and clothed for the day's weather. The liturgy takes us through the Genesis 1 creation narrative, side-by-side with current scientific understandings, and will offer us a time for worship and wonder. (New)

Nutana Park Mennonite Church has started their Kids Club and Choir program. It runs Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:15 at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, and is for kids in grades 2-6. There is a short peace lesson, choir singing and then the grades are divided up for various activities. The activities are crafts, cooking, textiles and woodworking. It costs \$50 per registration. To register please visit the online form here: [NPMC Kids' Club and Choir 2026-2027 – Fill in form](#)
We are also looking for helpers at the various activities. Activity leaders can plan the curriculum and lead, but we need helpers particularly in textiles and the kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Luke Bushman (oslermcpastor2@gmail.com)

RJC Alumni & Friends Tournament: Volleyball & Soccer | October 2 & 3 Join us for a weekend of connecting through sport. Register a volleyball team or as an individual (\$25/player). Soccer takes place October 3 at 9:00am (\$10/player); pre-registration is not required. Lunch will be available in the RJC dining hall on Saturday for \$15/person (10 & under free). To register or for more info, visit rjc.sk.ca/aft. We look forward to a fun weekend of friendly competition and connection!

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.

Call to prayer for Orange Shirt Day: Creator God we pray for the generations of children who have suffered from the harmful legacy of the Residential Schools. We pray that the lasting pain and trauma may find healing, over time, through your Grace and through our collective reckoning in facing the truth of our national and church history. We pray for healing for the ancestors and the descendants, for the victims and perpetrators of culture genocide. May we remember this history for the sake of a shared future where such atrocities may never be repeated again. (This prayer is adapted from a Prayer Resource crafted by 'Activists Living with Disabilities' - a working group of the Coalition to Dismantle the DofD) (New)

New orange-shirt design for 2026 from Native Northwest by Indigenous artist Deanna Samuel. Order this or another design to remember the victims and survivors of residential schools – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/orangeshirt>. (New)

The ongoing devastation of Gaza reminds us to pray and work for healing and justice where the wars of adults have traumatized children and fed cycles of revenge and hate. Since October 7, 2023, some 21,000 children in Gaza have perished from Israeli bombs and snipers, and from blocked access to food and medical care. Tens of thousands of others have been injured. In the initial Palestinian militant attacks and Israeli response, some 50 Israeli children were also killed, and others kidnapped. For more information and an opportunity to sign a parliamentary petition, visit MC Canada Palestine/Israel Network at <https://mennonitechurch.ca/pin>

Community Peacemaker Teams is marking its 40th anniversary! To celebrate this milestone, CPT is hosting a special online gathering on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 am CDT that brings together stories spanning four decades of peacemaking, solidarity, and transforming violence and oppression. Sign up at cpt.org/forty. (New)

"The Osler Fire Department is looking for volunteers as Medical First Responders for local calls. Pay for calls and training is provided. If interested please contact oslerfire@townofosler.com"

Osler Mennonite Church,

We are reaching out on behalf of the Osler Events Committee. We're getting ready for Osler's first Hometown Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 3rd at Memorial Park, and we'd love to get people from all across our community involved!

As part of the festival, we're hosting some fun Hometown Harvest competitions, including a Chili Cook-Off, Pie Bake-Off, Homemade Preserves Competition, Largest Pumpkin Competition, and our Harvest Pet Parade.

We thought there might be some talented bakers, cooks, gardeners, canners, or proud pet owners in your congregation who would have a lot of fun joining in! Everything is free to enter, there are prizes to be won, and most importantly, we're hoping to create a fun, wholesome day that brings our community together.

Would you be willing to help us spread the word by putting up the attached flyer at the church, including it in your church newsletter or

bulletin, or simply passing it along to your congregation? We would really appreciate the help getting the word out!

Registration is open now and closes September 30th. Anyone interested can email oslereventscommittee@gmail.com to sign up.

And who knows... maybe we'll even see a little friendly competition between our local churches! 😊

Thank you so much for helping us spread the word. We hope to see you and your church families at the Hometown.

From the Town of Osler/Events Committee

See bulletin board for the poster.

CALENDAR

Sun. Sept 20 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching - *Ecclesiastes*

11:10 am Sunday School begins for all classes

Noon - “Kick off to Fall” POTLUCK Group A-B

Sun. Sept 27 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching - *Job*

Sun. Oct 4 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching - *Psalms*

Sun. Oct 11 – Luke Bushman preaching - *Thanksgiving*

NEXT SUNDAY – Sept 27

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Brad Schroeder

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Marlene Sound: James Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Diana/Dave

Snack/Coffee: Casadi

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