

Upcoming In Sanctuary and Live-Stream Facebook Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.:

Sunday, August 16: Worship Leader: Dave Feick, Sermon: “The View from Under the Table and The View from the Church Mower” by Patty Friesen and Katherine Penner, Sound: Stephanie Siemens, Song Leaders: Kathryn Janzen, Loretta Sawatzky; Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg; Children’s Time: Nora Pederberg; Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, John Gascho

Sunday, August 23: Sermon: Nora Pederberg; Worship Leader: Julie Bergen; Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Dayna, Pianist: Lynette Janzen; Children’s Time: tba; Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk, Ushers: Harold Loewen, Anne Peters.

Sunday, August 31: Patty Friesen preaching: How Howard Thurman's Understanding of Jesus Shaped the Civil Rights Movement

Sunday, September 6: Alex Tiessen preaching

Sunday, September 13: Fall Kick-Off: New Member Sharing by Lois Siemens and Matthew Stefaniuk.

Bag Lunches following worship. Please bring own lawn chair and own bag lunches/drinks for churchyard. Gym and other SS rooms for safe distance if raining.

FROM THE RE-OPENING COMMITTEE: (Doug, Louise, Bill, Karl, Patty):

We have lots of room available in the sanctuary if you are someone who wants to worship in person. **Please leave Loretta a message (306-239-2133) or text 306-281-2237 if you'd like to come.** On Sunday, August 16, we are back to every Sunday at 10:00 in the sanctuary through the fall as we live-stream for worshippers at home. Thank you to everyone who is willing to help lead worship, sound, singing, children's time, ushering and preaching.

Other Church Activity

- **New Members:** With joy we receive **Lois Siemens and Matthew Stefaniuk** as membership transfers from Superb Mennonite Church **on Sunday, September 13** our “Fall Kick-Off”. We have been blessed by Matthew's gifts for a long time and hope to include Lois' gifts which may be other than Sundays as she works as Spiritual Care Coordinator at Bethany Manor. Lois' address is 208-438 Russell Road, Saskatoon, SK S7K 6K9, pastorlois@sasktel.net, 306-370-4312.
- **Deacons Announcements:**
 - Deacons Sharing with New Friends & New Members: Tues. Aug. 25, 7:00 p.m. Churchyard and Zoom.
 - Deacons' Zoom Communion First Sundays at 5:00: September 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6. Zoom links will be put in bulletin and will be the same. Service is short and sweet at twelve minutes.
 - Upcoming Deacon Events: -Sun. Oct. 18, Heather Ewen-Peters from MCC SK will be preaching about trauma healing. She will do a mid-week Zoom or video for us as well.
 - Winter Study in January with Canadian Mennonite University Virtual Portables. Check out the options on CMU website for a variety of topics we could explore together.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1:00 pm Zoom/Phone Bible Quiz on Biblical Eats** - link coming. We will have 2 teams of 2 (Saints and Angels). Each team will get a chance to answer and if they cannot - the question goes to the audience. Please let Patty know if you would like to be on a team. We will record and post on Facebook for others to enjoy.
- **September Newsletter submissions due by Sept 3rd.** Please consider sharing what scriptures, music, jokes, books, movies, games, outdoor activities you've been enjoying these past months.
- **Sunday School Teachers:** Education committee is in the process of planning for this Fall's Sunday school programing for our kids. This means that we are in need of volunteer teachers in order to evaluate how we

can best move forward. If you are interested in teaching Sunday school for children or youth this fall please contact Pastor Nora at oslermcpastor2@sasktel.net

- **Summer Kid's Catch-Up:** We are inviting all our kids to an online hangout every Wednesday 12:30pm on Zoom. Please email Nora oslermcpastor2@gmail.com if you are interested and have not already received the link!
- **Hey Kids - You are invited to a weekly MC Sask digital Sunday school at 9:30am.** This 20-25 minute Zoom gathering will include a song, a story, and a time to share and pray (and show off your weekly craft). Shared leadership will be needed. If you are interested in a) signing up your kids, b) leading some of the sessions, or c) have some questions, please contact Josh Wallace at churchengagement@mcsask.ca.
- **Youth Summer:** Mega Menno Online Friday August 21 7:00pm, OMC Youth Catch up Thursday August 27th 7:00pm. Email Nora at oslermcpastor2@gmail.com if you need the link.
- **Mosaic Sunday School class:** Every Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic Follow the link below to join Zoom Mosaic class
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86011190577?pwd=aTcvZnZwZUQ2dTFKYnk5bnhJQmdSdz09>
- **Sunday School on Print:** Jake Buhler is sending out weekly mini lessons to members of the Adult Sunday School Bible Class. Please e-mail Jake if you would like to be on the -mail list for these lessons jakelouisebuhler@sasktel.net
- If you have any announcement you would like included please send them in to oslermcoffice@sasktel.net by Thursday evening.
- **Nature Church Weds. 11:00-11:30 a.m.** for 7 adults in the flower garden at Anna's Orchard (Stucky's farm on Neuhorst Road). Come for a brief service (included) and stroll thanking God for flowers and all gifts of creation. Bring scissors for a bouquet to take home. RSVP to Patty 306-260-6069, oslermcpastor@sasktel.net. Others may use this resource in their own gardens
- **The Artist's Way OMC Zoom:** A drop-in 12 week study on spirituality and creativity by Julia Cameron. Books available from the public library for personal work with group support Tuesday nights 7:00-7:45 - September 14-December 1. Zoom link to follow. For more info, contact Patty.

Care & Connection

- **Prayers:** Teachers: Michelle (VP Prince Philip), Dayna (student teaching Lloydminster), Ian (Davidson High School); bus drivers Lloyd and Harold, students and parents preparing to return, Lina Alnouri's family in Lebanon.
- **Patty's Week:** Tues: worship prep at home; Wed: office,, exec zoom mtg; Fri: office.
- **Nora's Week:** Working Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Note that Nora will be taking holidays August 24th - 31st.

Community Announcements

- **Shekinah's next volunteer day on Saturday, August 15.** We will be focusing on wood cutting and gathering to fill the woodsheds around Shekinah.
Key information:
Working hours: 9am-4pm (or end early if the job is done)
Meeting place: The picnic tables in front of the Chalet (if individuals arrive past 9am we ask them to either wait at the picnic tables until someone comes with further instructions or try to track down Craig)
Lunch: We ask volunteers to bring their own food and drinks for the day
Intake Form: We are asking that all volunteers fill out a form with contact info and a short questionnaire about COVID-19 for contact tracing purposes. This form can be filled out and emailed to me or handed to me during the volunteer day. The form is attached to this email.
What to bring: We are asking volunteers to bring a chainsaw and gloves.
Please contact Craig Friesen 1-306-945-4929 if you have any questions or know of anyone that would like to come out for the day.

- **Hello from The Shekinah Move-A-Thon Committee!** We are holding our Move-A-Thon (formerly known as the Shekinah Bike-A-Thon) fundraiser on September 19th, 2020. It will be a virtual event and all instructions are on our website. Please visit our website <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon> to register and take time to view the "inspirational" videos updated weekly which highlight examples of how you can MOVE! Thank you.
- **Friendship Inn:** Thank you to everyone that answered the call for donations to support the Friendship Inn. You have generously donated \$1,180 in the past few weeks and a total of \$2,115.00 since the pandemic started. Way to go, OMC community!!!!

Congratulations to Leonard and Marge Boldt. They celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on July 31!



Blessing to you and yours