

Hello OMC Community,

July 12, 2020

Worship Services:

- **Please join us on our Facebook page for our July 12 worship service at 10:00 am.**

Sermon: Julie Bergen; Worship leader: Nora Pederberg; Song leaders: Dayna Goerzen, Ben Buhler; Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk; Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Anne Peters.

- For our alternate Casual Sundays (once a month) we are happy to collect videos of people sharing children's stories, art lessons, musical or scriptural reflections for our Facebook page. Please contact Dan Richert for how best to submit these. Thank you, Garry for sharing a farmer's view.
- **Upcoming Facebook Services:**

July 19 – Theme: “We are God’s children” Sermon: Patty Friesen,

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox Song leaders: Michelle McKinnell, Loretta Sawatzky;

Piano: Melanie Boldt; Children’s Time: Kathy Braun,; Sound: Doug McKinnell;

Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, John Gascho

July 26 - No Service

Aug 2- Worship Leader and Sermon: George Janzen; Song Leaders: Kathryn Janzen,

Michelle McKinnell, Ben Buhler; Pianist & Children’s Time: Lynette Janzen;

Sound: Stephanie Siemens; Ushers: Bill & Anne Peters

FROM THE RE-OPENING COMMITTEE:

If you would like to attend the live taping of the Saturday, July 18th service please phone or email Loretta to put your name(s) on the list.

The re-open committee has set up a configuration of seating to keep people 2M apart and all attending MUST wear masks. We are going to add additional people slowly starting with an additional 10 people. This is above the 6-8 people who are not able to watch on Facebook. They would be allowed at each taping.

Loretta will keep a list of all who want to attend. The first 10 who call or email with all the names in their group will be invited for the July 18th taping. After that taping, the next 10 on the list would be invited for the next taping. The list would grow as more asked to attend and Loretta would simply take the next 10 and when she reached the bottom of the list, take the rest from the top of the list.

She will contact you the Wednesday before the taping/service to see if you want to come. This is necessary because the ushers need to have a list of all who are attending and check off the names when they arrive. I am not sure how long this will be required but until we all can attend as we once did, we will try to design ways to keep people physically apart and safe and slowly increase the numbers that can attend.

As soon as is safely possible, we will return to having our worship services on Sunday morning and will continue to live-stream on our Facebook page. We will still have to restrict the number

of people attending. These guidelines are continually evolving and we will keep you updated as they do. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Thanks, Re-opening Committee

Other Church Activity

- **Friendship Inn:**

OMC regularly supports the Friendship Inn by serving meals every second month. COVID-19 has limited our ability to serve in person and the Friendship Inn is no longer able to accept food donations at their door. They continue to serve the community and still require financial support. We would like to make a donation to the Friendship Inn for their July 18th serving.

This would have been our next date that we would have served in person. The Friendship Inn estimates their cost per meal at \$2500-\$3500 where they serve between 500-700 people. The Friendship will appreciate any support we can provide at this time. We look forward to updating you all on how much OMC can raise for July 18th!

Please send your donation via e transfer or check directly to the church treasurer with a note designating your gift to "Friendship Inn" by July 14th.

- **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!
- **Vacation Bible School:** This year OMC will not be hosting a VBS program. However, we have checked out this at home VBS household resource from Illustrated Ministry! Education team is happy to reimburse families for the at home registration fee involved. More information and registration can be found following this link https://store.illustratedministry.com/collections/new-arrivals/products/compassion-camp-family-edition?ck_subscriber_id=233663276
- **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 Check-Ins:** We will be meeting as a youth group on Thursday's at 7pm starting on July 2nd. If your youth is interested and you have not yet received the zoom link, email Nora at oslermcpastor2@gmail.com

- **Mosaic Sunday School class:** There will be **NO Mosaic Zoom class this Sunday, July 12**, but will resume the following Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic
Follow the link below to join Zoom Mosaic
class <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365452436?pwd=bDQ5QkhIclNjdENXS1pBTVgxWT Fvdz09>
- **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.

Care & Connection

Prayers: Remember to pray for each other as we journey through re-opening and beyond. -safe summer for all.

- **Congratulations to Michelle Sawatzky and Dave Wilks on the birth of a baby girl – Claire Nicole Sawatzky, 8 lbs 11 oz, on June 29. The proud grandparents are Lloyd and Loretta Sawatzky**
- **Wednesday, July 15th: Birthday celebration for Susan Bueckert's 95th birthday! You are invited to join OMC folks for an outdoor, safely distanced gathering at the Bueckert farm on July 15th at 3:00pm. Bring your own lawn chair and beverage, and come for a cupcake and socially distanced visiting.**
If you can't make it to the birthday gathering, remember the option to mail birthday cards to Susan. Mail to: Box 164, Osler, S0K 3A0. E-mail dhbueckert@gmail.com ([note correction](#)). You may start mailing cards now.
- We are having a **wedding card shower for Dayna and Matthew**. Please mail a card anytime to 1601 Ruth St. East, Saskatoon, S7J 0L7 or email to dayna8@live.ca.
- **Patty's Week:** Tues. worship prep, wedding sermon; Wed: staff meet, admin, 95th birthday; Fri. office; Sat. recording.

Holidays: July 19-26 Wolf Willow Winery, July 26-Aug. 3 AB to see Mom and doing Dayna and Matthew's wedding. Please call George for emergencies 306-280-1775. I will check my cell.

- **Nora's Week:** Working Mon, Wed, Fri next week.

Community Announcements

MCC Connects: Join us in Growing Hope! Sponsor your acre before July 15th and you will receive a package of flax seed to grow at home. By sponsoring an acre for \$300 you are helping to extend the table. Through Grow Hope we are building a bigger table that reaches from Saskatchewan to Syria and Lebanon, to Bangladesh and Nepal, to Ethiopia and Congo and South Sudan. We are demonstrating care and compassion for people we will probably never meet, and we want to let them know that they are not alone – they are welcome at our table. Learn more at www.growhopesk.ca!

AMBS webinar: Mourning Our Losses Together During COVID-19: The Good News of Biblical Lament: Tuesday, July 21, 2–3 p.m. EDT. This free webinar — back by popular demand! — is for those experiencing loss and those journeying with them. Participants will explore the three-act movement of biblical lament as a faithful response to God. Registration required. ambs.edu/mourningourlosses

**Blessings to you and yours,
Loretta Sawatzky,
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