

Hello OMC Community,

July 5, 2020

Worship Services:

- 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.
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- **Upcoming Facebook Services:**
July 12 - Sermon: Julie Bergen; Worship leader: Nora Pederberg;
Song leaders: Dayna Goerzen, Ben Buhler; Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
July 19 – Theme: “We are God’s children” Sermon: Patty Friesen,
Worship Leader: Adeline Cox Song leaders: Michelle McKinnell, Kathryn Janzen,
Piano: Naomi Schellenberg, Children: Lynette Janzen, Sound: Stephanie Siemens
July 26 - No Service

FROM THE RE-OPENING COMMITTEE:

Hi all. For those who could not attend the Semi Annual meeting on June 20, here is some background. On June 19, we had 8 additional people in church for the taping of the service. The re-open committee has set up a configuration of seating to keep people 2M apart and all attending MUST wear masks. After the taping we had a discussion with both the worship team and the re-open committee. The result is that we are going to add additional people slowly starting with an additional 10 people for the taping Saturday, July 4. 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 4th 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.

So if you would like to attend the live taping of the next service on Saturday, July 11th or the following Saturday, please phone or email Loretta to put your name(s) on 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

****The Re-Opening Committee at OMC** is applying the rules and recommendations set out by the Government of Saskatchewan in how we move forward in opening the church. However, there is room for interpretation and it would be really helpful to know what the OMC Community is thinking. The survey is quick and anonymous. If you would like a paper copy of the survey please ask Karl Martens.

Please fill out this quick anonymous survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3P2KBYH>

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:** Every Sunday at 11:00am we will be holding a Zoom class. The password is: Mosaic Follow the link below to join Zoom Mosaic class <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365452436?pwd=bDQ5QkhIcINJdENXSlpBTVgxWT&Fvdz09>
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- **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
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- 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.

- **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-Thursday: Waskiesu. Friday: office, visit. Saturday: worship, pre-marital.

Holidays: July 7-9 Waskiesu, 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:** Nora is taking this week off from all emails,& phone calls.

Community Announcements

MCC Connects: Celebrate MCC's 100th birthday by participating in the Go!100 challenge!

One hundred years ago MCC was formed in response to the needs of people fleeing what is now known as Ukraine. Today, we are again coming together to respond to the needs of people around the world - especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. To celebrate our birthday and raise money for MCC's work, we are challenging you to do 100 of something. Read 100 poems, walk 100 kms or donate 100 items to MCC Thrift. The possibilities are endless!

Learn more at mccsk.ca/go-100!

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,
Adeline, in the office this week for
Loretta Sawatzky,
Administrative Assistant
Osler Mennonite Church, Osler, SK**