



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 21, 2025

Anabaptist 500

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: from Psalm 113

*All: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord;
Praise the name of the Lord.*

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forever.

**P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L: The Lord is high above all nations,
and God's glory above the heavens.

P: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high.

L: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes.

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Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #130 Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)
VT #4 Christ Is Our Cornerstone**

First Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Jake

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers: Betty Friesen who is home from hospital

Thanks:

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

Hymn: VT #397 The Church's One Foundation

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-11

Brothers and sisters, I couldn't talk to you like spiritual people but like unspiritual people, like babies in Christ. I gave you milk to drink instead of solid food, because you weren't up to it yet. Now you are still not up to it because you are still unspiritual. When jealousy and fighting exist between you, aren't you unspiritual and living by human standards?

When someone says, "I belong to Paul," and someone else says, "I belong to Apollos," aren't you acting like people without the Spirit? After all, what is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants who helped you to believe. Each one had a role given to them by the Lord: I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

I laid a foundation like a wise master builder according to God's grace that was given to me, but someone else is building on top of it. Each person needs to pay attention to the way they build on it. ***No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.***

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 #575 Faith of the Martyrs

Sermon: So Great a Cloud of Witnesses

Hymn: VT #390 In Christ There Is No East or West

Benediction: May God's grace sustain us;
may Gods' love surround us;
may God's calling lead us to the fullness of life.

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

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

TODAY Sept 21

Speaker: Ken Bechtel Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Loretta Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Jake Sound: Steph Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Diana /Kevin

Office Hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday

Luke's Week: Wed. TiM class, NPMC staff; Thurs. KCC; Fri. RJC Leader Day; Sat. work from home; Sun. OMC; Mon: Executive mtg

Brad's Week: this week only it will be Mon. Tues. Wed. but his usual work days will be 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 his new work number.**

Coffee Time with the OMC staff will be back in October!!

There may or may not be treats but there will be good conversation 😊

Birthdays this Week: 22 – Margaret Dyck; 23 – Rob Borne; 24 – Chris Buhler; 25 – Christy Martens Funk; 26 – Tena Friesen (93)

Sunday Coffee: Sept 21 – Cornie & Sarah Guenther

Sept 28 – *please sign up*

Church Yard Maintenance: Sept 28 – Oct 4 – Garry Harms

Council is looking for delegates to attend the MCC AGM scheduled for *Wednesday, September 24 from 6:30 -9:00 pm.* Anyone interested should speak with Shelley, Ben or Steve.

Community Connections is exploring a volunteer opportunity at the Good Neighbours Food Centre in Rosthern - there are various opportunities on Tuesdays and Fridays. Time commitments vary from an hour to an afternoon. Interested in getting involved? Talk to Alex or Kaytee if you would like some more information.

InCERT: The Osler Youth group together with the Climate Emergency Response Team (CERT) have created a series of interviews. Watch the first interview "Effects of Climate Change in Guatemala and Areas of Hope" at <https://mcsask.ca/news/12097-incert-sept-9>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Education Committee: We are hoping to start a nursery time during Sunday worship service. Please contact someone on the education committee if you are interested in helping out and getting on the schedule.

Since, kids church is moved to the Sunday school hour, this is a reminder that the kids activity table is open and people are welcome to use it!

Casadi, Naomi, Stephanie, Marlene *Education Committee members*

Mosaic Class is a motley crew that gathers in the Nursery at 11:15-ish and is facilitated by Casadi and Melanie. We share what's happening in our lives, how it intersects with our faith, and most times, we have more questions than answers. We laugh, cry, debate, listen, learn, and no matter what, we support one another in friendship. Everyone is welcome to join.

“ **The adult bible class** will *begin classes Sept 21*. It will follow the curriculum as prepared by Mennonite Church Canada/USA. Each participant gets a quarterly booklet in advance. Texts are chosen from new and old testaments. The curriculum is cutting edge that requires cutting edge participants” Jake Buhler

MCC Connects: Join MCC for the Transformation Table, a free monthly opportunity to practice peacebuilding skills. This month, the Kairos Blanket Exercise will be facilitated on Monday, September 22 from 6:30-9 pm at the MCC Centre. All are welcome to this interactive activity that builds understanding of the shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Snacks and

refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, visit: <https://mcc.org/events/transformation-table>

September 24, 6:30-9 pm: The MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to saskoffice@mccsk.ca. We will celebrate the past year of MCC ministry in SK and hear stories from Janet Plenert about the breadth of Anabaptism across the world after 500 years and how MCC and Mennonite World Conference are able to witness together to God's love for all.

MCC is hiring a Senior Accountant! Are you passionate about not-for-profit accounting and ready to join a fabulous team in Saskatoon? Put your skills to work for something bigger: supporting relief, development, and peace here at home and around the world. We're looking for someone who's detail oriented, solves complex problems, loves a good spreadsheet, and wants their work to make a real impact. Apply today at mcc.org/careers

MC SASK Updates:

Prayer: Lord of the harvest, we pray for the safety of all those who plant, tend, and gather the food that sustains us. Guard them from accidents and illness, and grant them wisdom and strength for their demanding work. Bless their efforts and ensure a bountiful and safe harvest for their families and communities, (new)

Praying for each other: We pray that the pastors who attended the MC Sask Pastor's Retreat at Missinippi this past week left refreshed and inspired. (new)

Sunday, September 21 at 7 p.m. EST: This month we return to our *Elephant at the Border* series, a follow-up to last spring's sessions (Peace Week: Elephant at the Border | Mennonite Central Committee). The first webinar, "Discipleship and Citizenship**," is **this Sunday, September 21** at 7 p.m. EST (*Brought to you by MCC Ontario and Mennonite Church Canada*). (new)**

September 23 -26, 1pm – 4:30 EST “Leading the Church Through Times of Conflict” (Online) Spots still available. Facilitated by Betty Pries and Malcolm McKinlay, as part of the Conflict Management Certificate Program at Conrad Grebel University College. Details and registration at uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/leading-church-through-times-conflict

October 3 & 4 RJC Tournament of Memories: Alumni & Friends Volleyball & Soccer - Join us for a weekend of connecting with friends through sport. Register a volleyball team or as an individual (\$25/player). Soccer will only take place October 4 (\$10/player) at 9:00am, pre-registration is not required for soccer. On Saturday, lunch will be available in the RJC dining hall for \$15/person (10 & under free). To register or for more info, visit rjc.sk.ca/tom. We look forward to a fun-filled weekend of friendly competition, community, and connection!

October 4: You are invited to the Shekinah Burger Bonanza Fundraiser @ the Timber Lodge! Doors open at 5:30, supper served at 6:30. Entertainment by *The Willie Sons*. Admission by donation (Receipts issued for the amount greater than \$45).RSVP at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/SHEKINAHRETREATCENTREFALLFUNDRAISER>

October 9, 7pm (CDT): Help shape a nationwide conversation about new churches and church renewal. Across Mennonite Church Canada, individuals and small groups are dreaming new things. Maybe it's a new congregation, worship gathering, or ministry. Maybe it's an experiment to bring new life, vitality, or purpose to an established congregation. We welcome you to join others in the sharing, dreaming, and conversation. Bring your questions and your stories to a nationwide online event on Oct. 9, 7pm (CDT)! Register here: [https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-events/revitalization\(new\)](https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-events/revitalization(new))

November 10-14: CMU and MC Sask present History and Identity: From Reformation to Global Movement, a week-long intensive course in Saskatoon, SK In this course, students will survey the development of the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition from its medieval origins through its transformation into a global movement. We will trace the development of Mennonite identity and theology over the last 500

years, paying particular attention to the ways that history can be a source for theological discernment. Available as a credit course or a personal enrichment course Details and registration available at www.mcsask.ca under coming events. (new)

Bake muffins for the USask Good Breakfast. Do you make delicious, nutritious muffins? Would you like to help university students facing food insecurity get a healthy start to their day? The USask Faith Leaders Council is looking for a few MC Sask congregations to donate 5-12 dozen **healthy, nut free** frozen muffins on a regular, ongoing basis to the Good Breakfast program. Started in 2019 at the inspiration of MC Sask Faith Leader Kirtsten Hamm-Epp, the Good Breakfast welcomes 50-100 students three mornings a week to a healthy meal and warm community. If you'd like to help support this ministry, contact MC Sask Faith Leader Josh Wallace at pastorjoshwallace@gmail.com for more details. (new)

Mennonite Action is a movement of Mennonites, Christians, and friends following in the example of Jesus Christ, who called us to live as active peacemakers, standing firmly on the side of the downtrodden and the oppressed. We take public action against the occupation of Palestine and for a world where all God's children are free. MA holds monthly mass calls (Zoom meeting) to discuss their ongoing work and talk about ways you can get involved.

The mass call for September is THIS THURSDAY, September 25th, 6pm.

Please go to: <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/call> to sign up. (new)

Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a full-time Admissions Communications Coordinator position (one-year term, salaried with benefits). Visit cmu.ca/employment for details.

Xplore– CMU's Xplore extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Consider taking a course on depolarization, Anabaptists at 500, understanding Roman Catholicism, the book of Daniel, the book of Ruth and more. Courses begin September 23rd. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from

your community. For course information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore

Climate Action - Emissions Reduction Grant to improve your church building's efficiency, reduce energy usage and environmental impact. Get ideas for projects and learn how to apply at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/climate-action/ERG> Applications are due Sept 30, 2025 – APPLY now!

Common Word – Upcoming Book Event
Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7:00pm (CDT). Book launch of *White Women. Get Ready.* Join author, artist, and anti-racist organizer Amanda Gross as she shows how white women have been groomed to uphold systems of oppression and how to help upend these violent structures. Join us in person or by livestream –<https://www.commonword.ca/go/4271>.

Youth Schedule

Sept. 19th: Fireside and Sharing Night
Sept. 26th: Games and Bible Lesson Night
Oct. 3rd: Mega Menno Corn Maze
Oct. 10th: NO YOUTH, THANKSGIVING
Oct. 17th: Fall Dinner and a Movie Night
Oct. 24th: Games and Bible Lesson Night
Nov. 1st: Mega Menno: Glow Games and Guest Speaker

CALENDAR

Sun. Sept 21 – 10:00 am Ken Bechtel speaking
Sun. Sept 28 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching – Communion
Tues. Sept 30 – 7:30 pm Community Connection mtg
Sun. Oct 5 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

NEXT SUNDAY Sept 28 Communion
Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leader: Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi
Story: Luke Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Dick/Susan
Offering Counter Team: Diana /Shelley

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