



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 22, 2023

Season of Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Welcome to Lois Siemens who serves as Spiritual Coordinator at Bethany Manor for the last 5 years.

Jake Buhler, Dick Braun, and John Reddekopp, are at Shekinah today attending the annual sessions of the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada. Once every 10 years, the local historical society hosts a national gathering in Saskatchewan. Pray for safe travels.

MC Sask wants/needs your feel back re: camps. Please take note of the longer announcement.

Christ Candle: We light the Christ candle to welcome God's presence.

Gathering Hymns: VT #437
VT #273

"The Lord is My Light"

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 27*

Leader: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: God is our stronghold and refuge in days of trouble, and will keep us safe in the shelter of God's sacred tent.

Leader: Day after day, we seek Your face and the assurance of Your holy love:

People: Lord, do not hide Your face from us or turn away from your servants in anger.

Leader: One thing we ask of Creator God;

People: That we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, and gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.

Leader: Beloved of God, enter this worship with thanksgiving, for God is among and within us!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

“But there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish! In the past God humbled the land of Zebulun, the land of Naphtali; but in the future God will bring glory to this Road to the Sea, this Land beyond the Jordan, this Galilee of the Nations.

The people walking in darkness are seeing a brilliant light—upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows light is shining!

God, you have made the nation greater—you have brought them abundant joy! They celebrate in your presence as with the harvest celebrations, or as warriors celebrate when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the weight on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressors—you have shattered it

Children’s Gathering Song: VT #762 “This Little Light of Mine”

Children’s Time: Adeline Cox

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Prayers - for those recovering from COVID

- for climate events such as flooding in California
- for the upcoming Shekinah Youth Retreat next weekend
- for Susan Bueckert and her continuing decline in health

Thanksgiving - for those who have served on executive, council and committees these past years - some are taking a much-deserved break

-Patty preaching at Bethany Manor and Luke at Nutana Park

Joys – congratulations to Jean & Gary Harms on the birth of their first great-grand child

Hymn: VT #715 “Longing for Light”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he went back to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town near the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, the way to the sea on the far side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who lived in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of

death a light has dawned.” From that time on, Jesus began proclaiming the message, “Change your hearts and minds, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” As Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he watched two brothers—Simon, who was called Peter, and Andrew—casting a net into the sea. They fished by trade. Jesus said to them, “Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of humankind.” They immediately abandoned their nets and began to follow Jesus.

Jesus walked along further and caught sight of a second pair of brothers—James and John, ben-Zebedee. They too were in their boat, mending their nets with their father. Jesus called them, and immediately they abandoned both boat and father to follow him.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of heaven and healing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses among the people. His fame spread throughout Syria, and people suffering from illnesses and painful ailments of all kinds—those who were demon-possessed, those who were epileptic, those who were paralyzed—were brought to Jesus, and he healed them. Large crowds followed Jesus, coming from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and Transjordan.

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 #283 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Sermon: “That Part of God We Ignore”

Hymn: VT #540 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Benediction: May God, the Living God who brought all things into being, bless you with freedom from fear reminding us that we are called God's beloved. That we are not alone. That peace is possible. The One who walks behind us, beside and ahead of us, walks with us now. We carry the light of Christ with us into the world. *Extinguish candle*

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP**January 22** *Season of Epiphany*

Speaker: Lois Siemens

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Anna Accompanist: Lynette & guitars

Children's Time: Adeline Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

*Kid's S.S – Kaytee Edwards, Youth S.S – Matthew Braun***Office Hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday****Patty's Week:** Today: preaching Bethany Manor; Mon-Fri. Going "south" for Moose Jaw holiday**Luke's Week:** Wed from home, Thurs office OMC & NPM; Fri office; Sat Youth**Birthdays:** none this week**Snack/Coffee Schedule:** Jan 22: Diane McKinnell

Jan 29: ?? Please consider signing up

YOUTH CALENDAR**January 21st:** 7pm - Game Night at Schellenberg Residence**Fri-Jan. 27-Sun.** Jan. 29 - Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre**CALENDAR****Jan 22 10:00 am Lois Siemens speaking****Jan 29 10:00 am Alex Tiessen speaking**

Feb 4 9:30 am Annual Congregational mtg – zoom option

Feb 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

Feb 12 10:00 am Katherine Penner speaking

Feb 19 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

NEXT SUNDAY January 29

Speaker: Alex Tiessen

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Michelle

Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Vanessa

Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

*Kid's S.S – Sarah Buhler, Youth S.S – Stephanie Siemens***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*You're welcome to have lunch with Lois at the Osler restaurant after coffee/SS in backroom to discuss sermon, Bethany Manor or your favourite movie.

***Feb 5** – During the morning service, Luke Bushman will be received as a member upon reaffirmation of his faith

MC Sask Updates:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Jan. 18 – 23. A listing of events in Saskatchewan can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11229>

Save the date! MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions March 11, 2023 at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. Details available soon!

Annual reports for MC Sask and MC Canada are available on the MC Sask Website at

https://mcsask.ca/resources/congregational_resources

Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for a Program Director. This individual will be primarily involved in running our School Group and Summer Camp programs. This position can be seasonal or up to full time if combined with other work. Please email ron@shekinah.ca for more information

RJC Tournament of Memories: Basketball & Curling Feb 3 & 4/23

Join the fun at RJC's Alumni & Friends basketball and curling tournament. Come and play or watch the fast-paced action in the RJC Gymnasium or at the Rosthern Curling Club (Jubilee Sports Centre). Cost to play is \$25/person, and lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC Dining Hall. To pre-register please email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca. We hope to see you there!

***Like to Sing?** Choir rehearsals will begin at Bethany Manor for a Spring Concert on Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. beginning January 23. 110 La Ronge Road in the Fellowship Centre.

All are welcome to join us.

Duff Warkentin – Director

Verna Olfert – Pianist

***Visit CMU -** The next CMU Campus Visit Day takes place on February 3, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Enjoy a tour of the campus, meetings with professors and current students, a financial aid presentation, opportunities to ask questions, and a treat from folio café! Visit cmu.ca/campusvisit.

***Mathematics for Human Flourishing: A Public Lecture with Dr. Francis Su** – How can mathematics connect to our deepest human longings, such as for beauty, truth, or justice? Math is a deeply human enterprise that when properly engaged builds virtues like persistence,

creativity, and an expectation of enchantment. Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 PM at CMU. Visit cmu.ca/sir for details and livestream

***MC Canada:** Thank you to each and every one who gave the gift of money, time, and energy to Mennonite Church Canada programs and ministries in 2022. Know that your gifts are welcomed and treasured by all who receive them. May God's blessing of grace and peace be with you.
Doug Klassen, Executive Minister, MC Canada

***Indigenous Relations:** You're invited to join a Zoom-based book study of "Walking Together" as part of the reconciliation journey. Authors Neill and Edith von Gunten bring a wealth of wisdom to the work of reconciliation, having connected and collaborated with Indigenous communities in Manitoba and beyond for almost fifty years. Open to participation across Canada. Hosted by MCEC. Begins on Feb. 15. Details and registration via link at <https://mcec.ca/event/21748-2023-02-15-walking-together-book-study-feb-15>

***MCC Connect:** Join us for The Great Winter Warm-up as we send warmth and comfort in the form of blankets to people experiencing conflict and disaster around the world. You can donate towards the cost of comforter supplies or make your own comforter! Please visit this link for more details and to watch the Journey of a Comforter:
<https://mcccanada.ca/great-winter-warm-up>

MC SASK CAMPS

We need your feedback and input about camp. Summer camping ministry for children and youth, retreats, camp facilities, have all been an integral part of the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan landscape for decades. MC Sask Council is currently working with Tim Nickel of Fifth Business Consulting, to take a deep dive into our three camps and their programs, and your participation and input is vital.

Regardless of your age, past involvement, or opinion, you are invited to speak to the future of MC Sask camping ministry. Young and old. Near and far. There are three different ways your voice can be heard over the coming weeks.

The purpose of the meetings is:

- To learn more about the conference camps and camping programs,

- To develop thinking and ideas on the topic of camping ministry,
- To elicit the views of congregation members and attendees on the three MC Saskatchewan camps and the program as a whole.

In-person meetings will be held in four locations, and anyone is welcome at any meeting:

- Rosthern Mennonite Church, on **Monday, January 23** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- Wildwood Mennonite Church, Saskatoon, on **Wednesday, January 25** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- Grace Mennonite Church, Regina, on **Monday, January 30** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current, on **Tuesday, January 31** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

There will also be **online meeting (Zoom)** opportunities on the following dates:

- **Thursday, February 2** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- **Friday, February 3** from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

To receive a Zoom meeting link to either of these meetings please email Tim, with which meeting you want to attend, and Tim will send you the link. Please RSVP to tim.nickel@fifthbusinessconsulting.ca by January 31.

Here is the link to the MC SK Camps survey. We ask that you announce at your service and, if you have one, distribute through your email lists. Also, please post the link on your website.

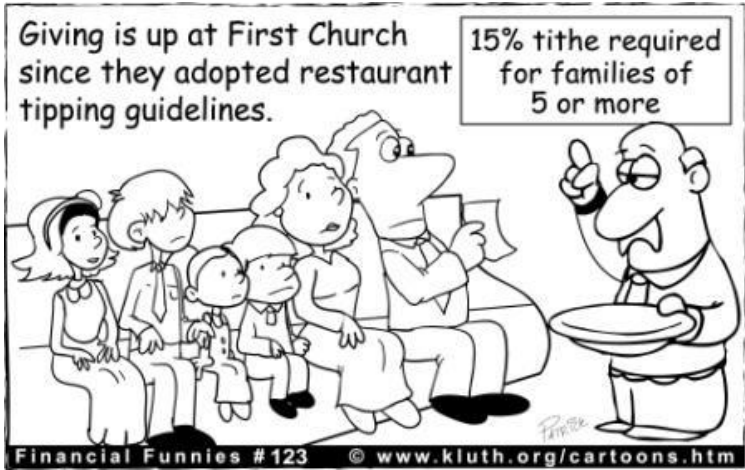
Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/32Y92WS>

Thank you for giving your voice to this important work.

MC Sask Council, mcsask@mcsask.ca and **Tim Nickel**, tim.nickel@fifthbusinessconsulting.ca

Thoughts for the week...

- “Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.” — ...
- “Opportunities don't happen, you create them.” — ...
- “Love your family, work super hard, live your passion.” — ...
- “It is never too late to be what you might have been.” —



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