



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 23, 2025

Anger and Forgiveness

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 37:3-11

L: Come, let us join together for worship!

Let us trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and practice faithfulness.

Take delight in the Lord,
and God will give you the desires of your heart.

P: Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in God, and God will bring it to pass.

**God will bring forth your righteousness as the light
and the justice of your cause like noonday.**

L: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for God;

P: Let go of anger and forsake wrath.

L: Salvation is from the Lord;
God is our refuge in times of trouble.

All: The Lord helps us and rescues us.

**Let us join together in worship and praise the God
in whom we find refuge.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

VT #47 God of Our Strength

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’”

Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Lynette

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers –

Thanksgiving –

Condolences

Candle Prayers for inner and world peace

Hymn: VT #43 God, Be the Love

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-36

But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good

to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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 #664 Be Still, My Soul

Sermon: “If you build it...”

Hymn: VT #636 Spirit, Open My Heart

Benediction

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

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY Feb 23

Speaker: Dave Feick Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Lynette Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Lanae/Carl

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Kevin Boldt

Sunday School – Naomi, Bree

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

Coffee time at church – 10:00 am all are welcome

Luke’s Week: Wed. OMC office; Thurs. KCC; Fri. OMC Youth; Sat.

Sermon prep

Birthdays: 25 – Simon Clark; 27 – Bruce Sawatzky

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Feb 23 – Diana & Ben

Mar 2 - Loretta

2025 OMC Directory Updates

Many of you have changed your landlines to cell numbers only, so please check the **DRAFT COPY OF THE DIRECTORY** (*on the back table*) and make any corrections to it.

2025 MC Sask Gathering (annual delegate sessions)

March 7 & 8 at RJC High School. Please let Shelley Penner or the office know if your interested in being a delegate.

Anabaptism at 500

Change the date!

Due to a conflict with another event, we are moving the date of the celebration. Watch for the new date available soon! (new)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gospel of Luke CMU Zoom Bible Study Wednesdays, February 26-April 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Osler Mennonite Church Coffee Room

The quest stories in Luke belong to a cycle of seven stories in which someone approaches Jesus in quest of something vital for human well-being. Some of these quests are for physical healing, other kinds of healing, for release from alienation, social ostracism or other common human plights. Three of them take place early in Jesus's Galilean ministry, three take place as he nears Jerusalem on his journey toward the cross. The last one, and the most poignant, takes place on the cross.

The motif of the quest, with its patterns of sifting priorities and overcoming obstacles along the way, can be a powerful prompt for our own spiritual reflection and growth as we move through the seasons of Lent and Easter. Join us as we study these Bible stories confessionally—or as though our lives depended on it.

Mary Schertz is Professor Emerita of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, happily living and worshipping in Elkhart, Indiana. Mary recently completed the Believers Church Bible Commentary on Luke which is available from Herald Press at MennoMedia or in Winnipeg at CommonWord.

<https://www.cmu.ca/community/xplore>

Join the MC Canada Solar Panel Panel [not a typo!]

Join the nationwide conversation between congregations with solar panels and those who are thinking about it via Zoom, April 26, 7:00-8:30 pm CST. Email Sandy Plett <splett@mennonitechurch.ca> to register and receive a Zoom link.

MCC Connects: *Introducing Reserve 107: A Path Forward*, the sequel to *Reserve 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies*. This documentary shares the ongoing story of the Stoney Knoll First Nation, Mennonites, and Lutherans as they work together to right the wrongs of the past. Premiere showings will be held in Saskatoon at 7 pm on February 27 at St. Thomas More College and at 3 pm on March 2 at Lakeview Free Methodist Church. Additional regional screenings will be announced. For more information, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/reserve-107-path-forward-premiere-screenings>.

The story of Reserve 107 is important for all Canadians. This story has been told in the 2016 documentary *Reserve 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies*.

Much has happened in the years since that film was made and we are so excited to let you know that a new film: *Reserve 107: A Path Forward* is now available for you to view. This powerful update, produced by Rebel Sky Media, highlights truth-telling, reconciliation, and the impact of Indigenous-settler cooperation.

We would like to invite you to attend one of two Saskatoon premiere screenings:

Feb 27, 7 PM – St. Thomas More College

March 2, 3 PM – Lakeview Church

We've raised \$14,000 so far, but we need another \$14,000 to complete the film and support launch events. Your donation, large or small, will help bring this important story to communities, including Stoney Knoll First Nation descendants.

To donate, please send contributions to MCC Saskatchewan by phone (306-665-2555), cheque or clicking on the link below (noting "Stoney Knoll Fund" on your cheque or over the phone).

For questions, contact Randy Klassen at (randyklassen@mccsk.ca) or by replying to this email. Thank you for your support!

MC Sask News:

2025 MC Sask Gathering (annual delegate sessions)

March 7 & 8 at RJC High School.

A working copy of the report book, complete with agenda is now available!

Check it out and register at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11890> (new)

Praying for each other: Please pray for the people of First Mennonite as they welcome their new pastor, Calvary DeJong. Calvary began in his role on February 18. We pray God's blessing on Calvary, his wife Lacey, and their children as they begin this ministry. (new)

We are hiring! Shekinah Retreat Centre is currently looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic Booking Coordinator/Event Host. For details on this full time position, please go to <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/> and scroll down to career opportunities.

Shekinah is hosting a "Whodunit Extravaganza" March 14-15.

Shekinah is hosting its first ever murder mystery night! Doors open at 6:30, buffet opens at 7:00. Guests will enjoy a gourmet buffet while solving an exciting Whodunit Friday evening. After a peaceful sleep in the Timberlodge, they will solve the second one while enjoying a brunch buffet. Registration is \$155 per person. Registration deadline is Feb 24th. Register at

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/CSIShekinahWhodunitExtravaganza>

Puttin' on the Ribs is happening on March 15th at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$65/person or \$425/per table of 8. RSVP by March 9th. Tickets available at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org

RJC Grade 9 Open House | 6:00pm Wednesday, March 5 Are you a Grade 8 student or parent transitioning to Grade 9? If so, this event is for you! Come to RJC's Grade 9 Open House to learn about our Grade 9 GROW program and the unique opportunities you can find at RJC! Register for the Grade 9 Open House at rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Songs & Sweets | 2:00pm Sunday, March 9 We invite supporters, alumni and friends to help us to celebrate the legacy of music and generosity with the RJC community at Songs & Sweets: A Fundraising Concert & Cake Auction. The afternoon will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery, and feature performances by RJC Singers, Nutana Park Church Kids' Club & Choir and North Sky Chorale. Please RSVP for the event at (306) 232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca. We hope you join us for this lively & fun-filled fundraising event!

RJC High School Employment Opportunity | Teacher RJC High School is inviting applications for a full-time teaching position beginning in the 2025/2026 school year. The ideal candidate will teach from a whole student perspective and be actively engaged in school and community programming. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to the president, Ryan Wood, at executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca no later than Friday, February 28, 2025. For more information, please review the full job description on our website.

Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2025 will feature vibrant and diverse worship experiences. Mennonite Church Canada is excited about the inspiring and transformative worship experience being planned for the upcoming Gathering 2025. The event promises to be a unique opportunity to celebrate the gifts of each participant in a rich and diverse worship setting, where creativity, hospitality, and unity will take centre stage. Read more at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45193>

MC Canada Youth Gathering 2025

Each Has a Gift 1 Peter 4:10

Ready for an unforgettable summer? Youth Gathering 2025 is happening from July 2–5, 2025 at the epic University of Waterloo campus

Estimated costs: ~\$400/person for registration, ~\$600/person for travel. Please Contact Evan (youthminister@mcsask.ca) with any questions.

YOUTH NEWS

February 28th: Snacks and Chats @ OMC 7-9pm

I am looking for a snack volunteer as well as some folks to stick around as second adults in case of an emergency. We will play lots of games, eat some snack, and have a short Bible lesson following up on our previous lesson.

March 8th: ADS Youth Involvement (Afternoon)

Evan is looking for some youth who might want to participate in part of the Annual Delegate Sessions. Here is what he wrote "We are looking for some youth to be a part of the Annual Delegate Session on March 8th. This would include helping with communion and opportunities for youth to either share a bit about what being in youth is like, reading scripture, and/or playing an instrument during any hymn singing. Please think about joining us! Contact Luke or Evan if you want to be involved (youthminister@mcsask.ca)

CALENDAR

Sun. Feb 23 – 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking

Wed. Feb 26 – 9:30 am Bible Study – Gospel of Luke

Sun. Mar 2 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Loose change Sunday

Sun. Mar 9 – 10:00 am Sharon M from Shekinah speaking

1st Sunday of Lent

Mon. Mar 10 – 6:00 pm Executive mtg

7:30 pm Council mtg

Tues. Mar 11 – 4:30 pm Worship mtg @ John's house in S'toon

Sun. Mar 16 – 10:00 am Henry Funk speaking

NEXT SUNDAY March 2

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Dayna, Lynette Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Kaytee Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Loretta Sawatzky

Sunday School – Karl, Eli & Dylan

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis