



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 24, 2024

Memorial Sunday

God will shelter us

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: On this Memorial Sunday, we worship you God: our Creator who gives life, Jesus who died and rose again, and the Spirit who sighs with us in our sorrow.

C: We gather in grief and gratitude to release loved ones to God's care, to comfort one another, and to name the hope we have for this life and the life to come.

Prayer of Invocation: Everlasting God, you are our refuge and strength, a shelter in this time of need. Console us with your presence today - ease our loneliness, dispel our fears, and revive our hope. Send your Holy Spirit to carry us through our sorrow and into the comfort of your love, now and forevermore through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymns of Praise: VT #617 When Peace like a River

VT #638 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

First Reading: Revelation 7:14-18

“For this reason those who have died are before the throne of God and worship God day and night within the temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 – those who are grieving loved ones today

-those recovery from surgeries (Frieda, Will Martens)

-those dealing with injuries

-Emmett's diabetesversary

Hymn: VT #644 Healer of Our Every Ill

Second Reading: Mark 15:33-41

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, who followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him, and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

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 #625 Far Above the Noise of Life

Sermon: Dying for Beginners

Ritual of Remembrance

L: O Ancient of Days, you have been our dwelling place from generation to generation. Here, in your Ground of Love, even death becomes a time of seed planting, from which new life eternally springs forth.

All: We give thanks, O God, for your life and love that have no end.

L: On this day we remember those who have gone before us in faith, hope and love. We feel the pain of their physical absence but trust in their continued spiritual presence in the great cloud of witnesses who bless and sustain our daily living.

*All: We give thanks, O God, for your life and love that have no end.
Amen.*

Candle Prayers to Remember Our Loved Ones Who Have Passed

Hymn: VT #643 Come, Ye Disconsolate

Benediction: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

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

TODAY Nov 24 Memorial Sunday

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Lynette Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Lynette Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Dick/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Loretta Sawatzky

Sunday School Leaders: Loretta, Zoe, Emmett

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

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am – *note change to winter hrs.*

Patty's Week: Tues. Advent planning; Weds. office; Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Wed. OMC Office Hours; Thurs. KCC; Fri. Market

Prep/NPMC Youth; Sat. Osler Christmas Market

Birthdays: 24 – Ruth Buhler, 28 – Jake Buhler (82), 29 – Zoe

Schellenberg, 30 – Cheyenne Buhler

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Nov 24 – Bergen Braun Family

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov 24 – 10:00 am Patty Friesen

11:11 am Deacon mtg with new members in Room 3

11:11 am Community Connections mtg in Patty's office

Thurs. Nov 28 – 7:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Sun. Dec 1 – 9:00 am Advent Choir practice

Sun. Dec 1 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman Daniel in the Lion's Den

11:11 am Forum with Fawzia and Alia Harani

Noon Potluck – group M-Z helping

Gingerbread House Auction – for Youth Fundraiser

Sun. Dec 8 – 9:00 am Advent Choir practice

Sun. Dec 8 – 10:00 am Patty Friesen – Second Sunday of Advent

In preparation for our Annual Meeting on Feb.8 @ 9:30, Committee chairpersons- please email your year end report for the AGM booklet to Loretta no later than January 5th.

Tues. Jan. 7 @ 7 p.m. OMC Book Club: Peace by Chocolate - books coming end of Nov. Contact Jan Guenther if questions. Zoom option available if weather bad.

Sunday, January 12, 2025, Baptism and new members There will be 4 joining OMC - others welcome too. Please talk to Luke or Patty.

From Canadian Mennonite: With the Canada Post strike, your December print issue will be delayed. Sign up for digital delivery to get it by email on November 29. CM sends an email each Friday and attaches a PDF copy.

Sunday, we will be lighting candles for our loved ones who have died. For those who need help please raise your hand and a deacon will get the name of your loved one and light a candle for you. *For those on-line - please text Deacon Matthew Braun at 306-209-9954 with the name of your loved one you would like announced in church.*

Deacons will be meeting with new members at 11:00 in Room 3 to share our faith stories - if anyone else is interested in joining the church through baptism or transfer of membership on Jan. 12 - please join us.

Sunday, December 1 – Next Sunday: First Advent will begin with 9:00 a.m. Advent choir practice in the sanctuary, followed by 10:00 service, 11:00 Forum in the sanctuary with Fawzia and Alia Harani sharing about their family in Afghanistan and possible refugee sponsorship.

12:00 is Potluck - M-Z please help set-up and clean-up. Please bring vegetarian dishes and label dishes with pork in it for our Muslim guests. The youth will be auctioning their gingerbread houses during the potluck.

Upcoming Christmas Concerts with OMCers:

Please let us know what we have missed.

Sun. Nov 24, 3:00 p.m. Braden with Greystone Singers at Knox United

Sun. Dec. 1, 3:00 p.m. Dayna with Golden Hour at A Very Shekinah Christmas, Shekinah Retreat Centre

Sun. Dec 1, 7:30 p.m. Matthew, Lucy, Rhonda with Warman Community Band present A Night at the Movies at the Warman Communiplex Theatre.

Sun. Dec. 8, 2:30 p.m. Doug with Saskatoon Men's Chorus, Zion Lutheran Church at bottom of Broadway Bridge

Fri. Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. Theresa, Lynette and Kathryn with Handel's Messiah, Knox United

Sat. Dec. 14, 2:00 p.m. Theresa, Lynette and Kathryn with Handel's Messiah Singalong, Knox United Sun.

Sun. Dec. 15, 2:00 p.m. Michelle with Saskatoon Chamber Singers, Knox United

Thurs. Dec. 19, 7:00 pm Nora and Lanae with RJC Christmas Music Program. This concert will feature the Concert Choir, RJC Singers and Concert Band and is sure to put you into the Christmas spirit right in time for the school break!

Anna, Lois, Lyle with Bethany Choir

Due do the Postal Strike our materials from MennoMedia are delayed which means the **Rejoice** will likely not be here for December 1. They have sent a digital copy which I will pass on. For those needing a printed copy, let the office know and we will print some for you

Do you feel lost trying to navigate changes in your life? **Falling Upward: Life as a Spiritual Journey**, is an online course from the Center for Action and Contemplation, based on Richard Rohr's content on the concept of Falling Upward. It offers wisdom for transformation and self-discovery. Join us on Wednesday evenings at the church beginning October 23rd, at 7:00 pm, for this 15-week course and discover what it feels like when the soul finds its fullness. *Talk to Dave, Harold, or John G for further details.*

Friday, December 6th, 2:30 p.m. at the Osler Library Michelle Crawford, Volunteer Coordinator at the Warman MCC Thrift Shop will share her experience from a recent MCC Learning Tour to Uganda

MCC Connects: Join MCC for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to practice peacebuilding skills. This month, You Got Booked will be facilitated on Tuesday, November 26 from 7-9 pm at the MCC Centre. All are welcome to learn how identity, poverty, and incarceration are connected by moving through a life-sized board game. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/transformation-tuesdays>

MC Sask News:

A Very Shekinah Christmas Sunday, December 1 at 3 p.m. Enjoy Christmas goodies and the beautiful harmonies of Golden Hour. Funds raised go towards the purchase of additional snow removal equipment


RJC Dine & Donate in support of Good Neighbours Food Centre | 5:00-7:00pm, Monday, December 9, 2024 You're invited to a perogy & sausage supper prepared by the RJC kitchen staff in support of the Good Neighbours Food Centre in Rosthern. Admission is by donation and all proceeds raised will go directly to GNFC for Santa's toy shop and food aid for families in need during the Christmas season. The supper will take place in the RJC High School dining hall in our dormitory building. All are welcome!

RJC Christmas Concert | 7:00pm, Thursday, December 19, 2024 You're invited to join us as we celebrate the Christmas season at RJC! Featuring performances by the RJC High School choirs and band, directed by Adelle Sawatzky. The concert will take place in the RJC Auditorium at 410 - 6th Avenue in Rosthern. Admission by donation. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Interested in solar panels to ease your dependence on carbon fuels? Wayne MacDonald from Wildwood Mennonite in Saskatoon briefly describes this church's process in acquiring solar panels for their building. Check it out at <https://mcsask.ca/solar-panels> (new)

The fall 2024 MC Sask UPDATE is now available! Get details about the MC Sask Town Hall Meetings happening this fall, transitions & staff updates, the Malipayon Peace Hub fundraising campaign and more! Go to <https://mcsask.ca/mcsaskupdate> for details!

Wednesday, December 4 from 5:00-7:00, the Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting their annual Christmas Fundraising Supper. Menu is Slow Roasted Beef and Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Salad and all the fixings! Admission is by donation. Come support the camp and learn about the ministry.

The Youth Farm Bible camp is asking for donations of used Christmas decorations, artificial trees , blacksmith items, antique bowls, vases, table wear, fabric materials, feed bags etc to help create a Bethlehem scene at our annual corn maze Christmas event in December. Contact Jacob at 306-212-0325 or jacob@yfb.ca

Andrea Enns-Gooding has been hired as the new Spiritual Care Coordinator at Bethany Manor. She began on November 17 and will work with Lois until November 27. We are grateful for Lois's many contributions and we look forward to working with Andrea. (new)

CMU Discover Weekend – Do you live outside Winnipeg and want to learn more about CMU? Come to our Discover Weekend on November 28-30. You'll experience all the excitement of a Discover Day, plus two nights in residence and an off-campus excursion to get to know Winnipeg. Visit cmu.ca/experience for more information and to register.

Christmas at CMU Create your own concert by wandering CMU's heritage building while enjoying music by CMU ensembles, festive decor, cookies, and hot apple cider. Saturday, November 30 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Come early or stay late to visit our Christmas Market in Marpeck Commons featuring 20+ vendors and CommonWord's annual Christmas Sale. Market open from 1:00-7:00 PM. Visit cmu.ca/christmas for details and livestream link.)

From the Trustees:

Osler Mennonite Church owns a *Maigropen* (Cauldron) that has been used by Ladies Aid groups for project such as making soap for MCC. Since it has not been used in the past 30 years it will now be offered for sale. The asking price is \$350. Church members will be given the first chance – this ad will be open for 10 days and then we might have a prospective buyer. If you are interest please contact Dick Braun ph 306-230-1071. **(Ad open until Tuesday, November 26)**

Shekinah's firewood blitz: Shekinah has deadfall! Do you have a chainsaw and friends that enjoy some spending a few hours out in the beautiful crisp fall air? Contact Kent at 306 945-4929 to let him know when you would like to come out and help prepare Shekinah for winter!

"OMC Youth Fundraising: Our OMC group trying to get to the MC Canada Nationwide Youth Gathering scheduled for July 2-5, 2025 at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, ON. There will be two opportunities to help raise funds at the end of November.

1) The Osler Christmas Market. We have purchased a table at the Osler Christmas Market, taking place November 30th, from 10-2:30. If you have crafts, baking, or other goods we can sell at our booth we would appreciate contributions.

2) Gingerbread Auction. On December 1st, during our church potluck the youth group will be auctioning off hand crafted, artisanal gingerbread houses."

Youth News

November

Saturday 23rd Gingerbread Houses Pt. 2

Saturday 30th Christmas Market (10-2:30) and Handing Out Hot Chocolate (7-9:30)

December

Sunday 1st Potluck and Gingerbread House Auction 12:00-1:00

Saturday 7th Mega Menno Christmas at OMC 7-9

Tuesday/Wednesday 10th or 11th Bethany Manor Serving

Saturday 14th OMC Youth Christmas Party 7-9

NEXT SUNDAY Dec 1 First Sunday of Advent

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben, Benjamin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Luke Sound: Matthew Ushers: Bill/Anne

Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck, Matthew Braun

Sunday School Leaders: Stephanie/Bree/Nora

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