



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: *Carol Penner*

Leader: God of Hope,
we come into your presence this morning
with confidence that you will meet us here.

**People: Where there is sadness, bring joy;
Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;
Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope**

Leader: Let this place be a sanctuary,
a safe haven for us,
a home for holy words and songs and prayers
as we devote ourselves to you.

We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen

Invocation *Katherine Hawker*

From fears that paralyze us;

Heal us, O Lord.

From illness that strangles us;

Heal us, O Lord.

From sorrows that weigh us down;

Heal us, O Lord.

From aimlessness that plagues our visions;

Heal us, O Lord.

Hymns of Praise: VT #101 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns

VT #11 Mountain of God

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born and a time to die;
- a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill and a time to heal;
- a time to break down and a time to build up;
- a time to weep and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek and a time to lose;
- a time to keep and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
- a time to love and a time to hate;
- a time for war and a time for peace.

Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing

Story for All Ages: Luke

Offering Prayer

Song for Meditation VT #670

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Thanksgiving for much needed rain

-Peter Lippmann is having his licensing service at Wildwood this morning

Prayers -Meserete Kristos Church (MKC) facing religious persecution in Ethiopia from extremist factions.

- The people of Gaza being subjected to forced famine. Pray world leaders will intervene in time to save lives.

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

Hymn: VT #209

We Dream of a Turning

Second Reading: Acts 3: 17-21

“And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

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.

Turn, Turn, Turn – Ben Buhler

Sermon: Turning Toward God: Sin and Salvation

Hymn: VT #703 Rain Down

Benediction

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

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

TODAY May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Speaker: Jake Buhler Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Loretta, Benjamin, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Luke Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

Offering Counter Team: Jim, Stephanie

Sunday School: Naomi/Dylan

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

Luke's Week: Tues. Ed. mtg; Wed office; Thurs. work from home;

Fri. RJC Chapel & NPMC Youth; Sat. OMC Youth

For Pastoral care you may also call Dave 306-270-5031

Birthdays: none this week

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: May 25 – Louise

June 1 - ???

CALENDAR

Sun. May 25 – 10:00 a.m. Jake Buhler speaking

11:10 am Amanda Dodge sharing on MCC learning tour

Sun. June 1 – 10:00 am Terry Stefaniuk speaking

11:15 am – Congregation mtg re: Visioning Workshop

Sun. June 8 – 10:00 am Outdoor Service on the Church yard

Sun. June 15 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder speaking

Yard Maintenance Schedule for June 2 – 7 – George Janzen & family

June 9 – 14 – Lloyd Sawatzky

& John Gascho

Duties Include: Mowing grass on the cemetery and the church yard, including the west side and north side up to the street. (*The town has been mowing the east part from the trees to the street*).

Whipper snip around the concert and blow debris from the concrete and grave markers. Blow debris off the mower before parking it back in the garage. If you have problems with equipment or ?? please contact Dick Braun (306-230-1071), Eugene Penner (306-220-3844) or Lloyd Sawatzky (306-281-2247). It is your responsibility to trade with someone if the week you are assigned does not work for you. *Thank you all for the help in keeping the church property in such great shape.*

You will need the key to the garage door – it is in a church Mailbox – second from the top row - right-hand side. Please remember to return it.

Youth Schedule

Sunday May 25th Amanda Dodge and Pollinator Garden Proposal

Saturday May 31st 7-9 pm Escape Room and Board Game

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Trustees: Please note the church yard maintenance schedule, and contact the office if the assigned week doesn't work for you.

Executive: Quarter 1 Financial Update: Thank you for your continued support of Osler Mennonite Church's mission and work, including your financial gifts. From January 1 - March 31, 2025, we have received donations income of \$53,000 which is 23% of what was budgeted for the year. In that same time period, we have expenses of \$39,000 which is 16% of what was budgeted for the year. We have lower expenses due to having a vacancy in one of our pastor positions. Please don't hesitate

to reach out to me if you have any questions. With thanks, Christy Martens-Funk

From your Worship Committee: Tell us a story. We want to hear your family stories, reconciliation stories, human interest stories. Perhaps you have some visual art that you'd like to share and talk about. We need speakers for July 6 and August 3. If you have a story to tell, please talk to a member of the Worship Committee.

Community Connections is looking for some dressers or chest of drawers that people would be willing to donate. If you have, please talk to John G, Kaytee, Alex or Scott. Thankyou

From our custodians: When tables and chairs are used for personal or congregation use, please remember to wipe down all tables before placing them back in the chair room AND take care in stacking chairs so that they are not damaged from *misaligned* stacking.

Seeking: OMC Librarian

The Ed Committee is on the lookout for someone who is passionate about books and interested in learning the role of OMC Librarian. Our ever-steady, long-serving, rockstar librarian, Ruth, is looking to close the chapter on her work as librarian, and pass on the role. They are big shoes to fill, but Ruth has kindly offered to help the next person learn the role. For more information on what the commitment entails, please reach out to Steph S, Naomi S, Casadi S, or Marlene C.

From the office: If you are currently receiving REJOICE but wish to discontinue, please let the office know otherwise it will be reordered for you. A subscription is available to any member of the congregation just inform the office if you wish to try this Daily Devotional material.

Pray for Hasani Family

Our application for sponsorship of the Hasani family is expected to be approved in early 2026.

This project will see the parents and 3 sons come from Pakistan to reunite with the daughters, Fawzia and Alia in Saskatoon. In the meantime the conditions for the thousands of Afghan refugees in Pakistan is extremely difficult.

Community Connections: We are looking for more volunteers to make 5 or 6 gallon pails of rhubarb sauce and cream gravy for the MCC Relief Sale. MCC would like rhubarb sauce prepared in advance (let us know if you need rhubarb), but cream gravy will be prepared the morning of the sale at Forrest Grove Church. Please talk to Alex if you are interested in helping, or would be available to volunteer at the relief sale. alextiessen15@gmail.com or 306-212-0463.

SHEKINAH KITCHEN HELP NEEDED for OMC week **August 4-7.** Lloyd and Loretta have committed to cooking at Shekinah for children's camp. Please consider giving a day or two of your time to help feed hungry kids, counsellors and CIT's. Accommodation provided in the Timber Lodge. Please contact Lloyd or Loretta to sign up!

MCC Connects: Join us under the big tent at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon for our annual Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 14 from 11 am - 3 pm, with Artisan Booths opening at 10 am. There will be good food and fun for all ages. Please visit mccskreliefsale.com for all the details, including opportunities to volunteer for a variety of tasks.

MCC is looking for volunteers for this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 14 at Forest Grove Community Church.

Volunteer duties may include: serving food, preparing food, set up, or clean up. If interested, and to learn about other ways to get involved, like contributing the bake sale, plant sale, online auction, or artisan booths, please visit www.mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved.html

MC Sask News:

Praying for each other: Join Backyard Church in inviting God to draw us into relationships with folks who find themselves at the edges of faith. Join us in asking God to show up for so many folks hurting or barely holding on. Join us in seeking to learn to celebrate with those celebrating and to weep with those who are mourning. (new)

The spring MC Sask Reflections is now available! (formerly known as the UPDATE) Check it out at <https://mcsask.ca/Reflections-May-2025>

June 1: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. Outdoor worship will dovetail with the camp open house activities. Come for the singing, stay for the connections built with new friends and old ones too. All are welcome! (new)

Shekinah Open House: Sunday June 1st, 2pm - 5pm

Come enjoy wall climbing, zip lining, and crafts between 2pm and 5pm on June 1st. Hot dog roast will start at 4pm This is a free event, no registration needed!

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 MC Sask

Education Scholarship. Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is July 31, 2025, visit www.mcsask.ca for application forms and full eligibility

Come celebrate Anabaptism 500 Years with Gareth Brandt at Rosthern Mennonite Church, May 31 and June 1. Gareth will guide us through reflections on the beginning of the Anabaptist Movement through to contemporary interpretations of the movement for our lives. He will use visuals, lectures and biblical reflections to animate his presentations. Join us Saturday 10:00 to 2:00 (please bring a bag lunch) and again for worship on Sunday morning at 10:00. Please let us know if you are coming for these FREE presentations: rosthernmc@sasktel.net or 1 (306) 232-5577. *(new)*

The Sask Mennonite Youth are looking to do a fundraiser by way of a Hot Dog lunch on Saturday, May 31. If you don't want to bring a bag lunch, you will have the opportunity to purchase or donate for hot dog, beverage and chips.

We are looking forward to having you at this learning weekend.
Denise Epp for Rosthern Mennonite Church

Anabaptism at 500 events with Gareth Brandt June 6 at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Join us to view an art gallery and hear poetry readings from 3-5 pm followed by the presentation "What happened 500 years ago & why it still matters today" by Gareth at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to these free events. Hosted by Wildwood Mennonite Church, First Mennonite Church and Aberdeen Mennonite Church. *(new)*

Celebrate with Us! Join Herschel Ebenfeld Mennonite Church as they celebrate their 100th anniversary on June 7 & 8. On June 7 the celebrations begin at 1 pm, with choir practice at 4 pm, a BBQ at 5 pm and a program at 7pm. On June 8 the Church Service begins at 10:30 am followed by a catered lunch and visiting. Please RSVP by May 8 to

herschelmennonitechurch@hotmail.com or to Devin at
306-831-8890 (new)

Join us in celebrating our 100th Anniversary! Fiske Mennonite Church is celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, June 15. Worship begins at 10:30 am in the church followed by a catered lunch at the Fiske hall. The afternoon will feature reflections, a slide show, ball games and ice cream! RSVP by May 31 to
fiskemennochurch@sasktel.net or call 306-831-9723.

RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 24 Join us at the Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf in support of RJC's athletics program. Beginning at 11:30am with registration, lunch and pre-game activities, with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. This year, we are excited to host our evening dinner in the brand-new Valley Regional Park clubhouse! Cost is \$175/golfer which includes lunch, cart, dinner & 18 holes. Guests who would like to join us at the dinner following golf, are welcome to RSVP to development@rjc.sk.ca for \$25/person. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more details and to register.

RJC Spring Concert | Tuesday May 27, 7:00pm Join us as we celebrate the spring season with the RJC Spring Concert! Featuring performances by RJC's Concert Choir, Singers, Concert Band and Dance Class. Showcasing artwork from RJC's curricular art programs. Admission is by donation, a live-stream option will be available at rjc.sk.ca/springconcert. Thank you for supporting the youth & arts in our community!

RJC Summer Sports Camp | Aug 11-14 Looking to develop your sports skills? Youth entering Grades 7-12 are invited to join us this summer at RJC for a 4-day sports camp! Facilitated by University level athletes and offering development in Volleyball, Basketball, Football or Soccer. The camp runs from 9:00am-3:30pm each day and includes lunches and a t-shirt for each participant. Cost is \$250/athlete with discounts offered for additional children. Register today at rjc.sk.ca/sportscamp!

NEXT SUNDAY June 1

Ascension of the Lord

Speaker: Terry Stefaniuk

Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leaders: Loretta, Kathryn, Ben, Dayna Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Marlene Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

Offering Counter Team: Diana/Kevin

Sunday School: Lynette/Olivia

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