



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 26, 2026

Peace with God

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: If there is to be peace in the world,

Many: there must be peace in the nations.

One: If there is to be peace in the nations,

Many: there must be peace in the cities.

One: If there is to be peace in the cities,

Many: there must be peace between neighbors.

One: If there is to be peace between neighbors,

Many: there must be peace in the home.

One: If there is to be peace in the home,

Many: there must be peace in the heart.

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #9 Come Away from Rush and Hurry
VT #373 As the Wind Song through the Trees**

First Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. But God shows his

love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church (VT# 901)

Prayers – for the family of Tena Friesen who died on April 17 – funeral service on April 27 at the Warman Bergthal church

-Doug and Eva remain in hospital

Condolences - to Kathy Boldt & family at the death of Kathy's brother John C. Wiebe of Calgary

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

Hymn: VT #332 In Christ Alone

Second Reading: 1 John 4:9-19

This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is

afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us.

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 #644 Healer of Our Every Ill

Sermon: Peace with God

Hymn: VT #680 Calm Me, Lord

Benediction: As you go from this place, may the deep love and peace of God settle deeper in your spirits. May you rest in the knowledge that God is for you. And may this knowledge lead you into sharing this love and peace with a world in need. Amen

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

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

TODAY APRIL 26 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Brad

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Wilf Sound: Benjamin

Ushers: Harold/Lloyd Offering Counter Team: Diana B/Loretta

Coffee/Snack: Kathy & Dick

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

Brad's Week: usual work days are 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.

Luke's Week: Tues. MCC Immigration Session; Wed. OMC Office; Thur. NPMC; Fri. OMC Office/Variety Night Prep; Sat. OMC Youth/Variety Night

Friday Coffee Time with the staff @ 10:00 am

Birthdays this Week: 26 – Eugene Penner; 27 - Jeremiah Bird; 28 – Edna Zacharias (87); May 2 – Brady Buhler

YOUTH CALENDAR

April 25th Mega Menno in Drake - Menno Run

May 2nd OMC Variety Night Followed by Karaoke

May 8th OMC Bake Off

May 16th-18th Retreat at Christopher Lake

OMC Financial update: Our first quarter showed that donations are ahead of budget for the year. This is common for the first quarter and we hope it is a sign of continued giving throughout the year. Our expenses are in line with budget, leaving us with a surplus of approximately \$1,600. Financial statements have been distributed by email, and you can see Kathy for paper copies. Thank you for your continued support of the OMC budget!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: The **Community Connections Committee** will be presenting another pizza/conversation on April 26th after church. Lynn Caldwell a good friend of Steph Siemens will be sharing her experience working with the situation in Gaza. Please plan to join us for this very important conversation.

"A small group working through the book *'The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today'* by Meghan Good will be meeting over the next couple months on every other Thursday at the church. If you are interested in joining, please speak with Brad." *Next meeting will be April 30th at 7:00 pm.*

A Creative Space: Let's bring in spring with some creativity! On Sunday evenings at 6:00-8 Casadi is facilitating an art space at OMC. This space is meant to build intergenerational community, inspiration, and enhance mental wellbeing. No experience is needed. Feel free to bring a friend. Ages 10 and up! Starts April 12-May 3; depending on interest. Please text Casadi at (306) 202-6791 if you'd like to join one or all of the evenings, or if you'd like to facilitate creating something.

OMC Variety Night – Saturday, May 2nd – 7:30 p.m. Come share a solo or group song, story, party trick, budding talent or hobby, dramatic reading, or other creative ditties! Perfection is discouraged.

May 9, 6:00 P.M. Potluck Supper, followed by an evening of celebration, reminiscing, singing, and sharing time with Hilda Franz, wife of Walter, who was pastor here from 1964-69. It's an opportunity to meet with other youth from that era, that have moved away but will be attending.

Sunday May 10 at 3:00-Saskatoon Chamber Singers at Knox United Church. Tickets through Michelle or at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/saskatoon-chamber-singers/events/may-2026/>

Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mennonite Nursing Home Auxiliary is hosting its annual May Day Tea Fundraiser. There will be a cake walk; door prizes and a light lunch. All proceeds will go towards a *Hotpress Labeler* for Sunrise Place and help with the cost of new cabinets for our Activity Department. If anyone is interested in bringing a cake for the cake walk, they can contact Alana at 306-232-4861.

MCC Connects: MCC is looking for volunteers to help this year's Relief Sale Festival run smoothly on Saturday, June 13 at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon. Volunteer duties include: serving food, preparing food, dishwashing and other clean up, set up, and more. If interested in volunteering or other ways to get involved, visit mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved.html

We're Better Together

Tuesday, April 28, 5:00 - 8:30PM, MCC Saskatchewan, 600 45 St W, Saskatoon SK, S7L 5W9

The session has two parts—you can join either or both:

- At 5pm, take part in Forced to Flee, a 90-minute simulation of displacement devised by the Canadian Food Grains Bank. Details at <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/resources/forced-to-flee/>

- At 7pm, learn about the We're Better Together campaign, supported by now over 200 organizations nationwide, to build public support for a policy of welcome. At a time when government policy towards refugees is becoming less welcoming, we are committed to coalition-building to enable strong advocacy on behalf of refugees. Food will be available between the two sessions. Attendance is free but please register (so we know rough numbers for food) at: <https://mcc.org/events/transformation-table-were-better-together>

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week?

This week Len travelled to Elkhart, Indiana to attend the semi-annual board meeting of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). Len was recently appointed as the MC Sask rep on the board. AMBS is jointly owned by MC Canada and MC USA. (MC Sask) (New)

May 3: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. Josh Wallace offers his perspective on the theme "The word in the world." All are welcome! Rubber boots might come in handy... (New)

Shekinah Summer Camp registration is now open! Go to <https://bit.ly/4cjsBMC> to register or visit our website for more details.

The Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre invites you to a fundraising banquet on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner catered by Friesens Bigway in Rosthern, with entertainment to follow by Sterling Boehm. Admission is by donation. Help us meet our goal of a new roof for the museum building.

Theatre of the Beat is coming back to Saskatchewan this May. If your congregation is interested in hosting a performance or workshop in your community, please contact the MC Sask office or Theatre of the Beat directly. Their current production is Invisible Threads which explores the realities of human trafficking, enforced labour, and unfair working conditions - issues that may feel far away, but exist here in Canada as well as globally. The story begins when a clothing store employee discovers a note sewn into a pair of imported jeans, sparking a chain of revelations about wage theft, unsafe workplaces, and the hidden systems that enable exploitation.

RJC Spring Concert | Tuesday May 26, 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, and showcasing artwork from RJC's curricular art programs. Admission is by donation. Thank you for supporting the youth & arts in our community! (New)

RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 30 Join us at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf, fun, and connecting with friends at RJC's annual Golf Classic. The day begins at 11:30am with registration and pre-game activities, followed by a 1:00pm shotgun start. Cost is \$175 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner. Guests are also welcome to join for dinner after golf for \$25 per person by RSVP to development@rjc.sk.ca. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more details and to register. (New)

Mennonite Church Canada

Continuing Education Bursaries Available

The Mennonite Church Canada Company of 1000 bursary committee is reminding prospective applicants to submit their bursary requests by May 15. Bursaries of up to \$500 per course are available to support continuing education. If you have questions or would like guidance, please speak with your Regional Church staff person responsible for pastoral leadership.

Indigenous Relations

On May 5, Communities across Canada will gather for vigils and walks to raise awareness and care for the families of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women. As congregations of MC Canada, we can bring prayers for our hurting neighbors in this season. Here is a prayer to use from a Candlelight Vigil for MMIW – written by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy (Oglala Lakota).

https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/MMIW_Vigil.pdf

‘Our hearts are heavy as we come to you, God, seeking your mercy and grace for Indigenous women and girls who have been taken from us too soon. Provide the families and communities with comfort and peace. We pray for guidance and strength as we fight for justice on their behalf. We will not forget those who have lost their lives or the love that remains in their wake. Today, we honor their memory in prayer, grateful for the hope you provide in times of heartache and injustice. Hear us as we offer our prayers and plea for justice. AMEN’

Water is life! Pray for Water Protectors everywhere. A planned geological repository for nuclear waste storage in Ontario lies on the watersheds of the Rainy River and the Wabigoon River, which both flow to Lake Winnipeg. Free Grassy/Grassy Narrows Solidarity is leading the movement to protect the water, which means protecting all of us! The risk of nuclear waste storage might be out of sight but the dangers are extreme and irreversible. Take Action by signing up for their newsletter and show up when and where we are invited.

<http://freegrassy.net/>

Inspirational quotes of the day

- You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. ...
- Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow. ...
- In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. ...
- The only time you fail is when you fall down and stay down.

Community Connections is asking for 5-6 volunteers to serve as ushers to help with greeting, seating and the merchandise table before and after the TOTB show at Wildwood Mennonite Church on May 21st. Please speak to any Community Connections committee members if you would be able to help out in this way..

CALENDAR

Sun. Apr 26 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Noon – Pizza/conversation with Lynn Caldwell

Sat. May 2 – 7:30 pm OMC Variety Night

Sun. May 3 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Mon. May 7 - 6:00 pm Education mtg

Sun. May 10 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Sun. May 17 – 10:00 am Lois Siemens preaching

NEXT SUNDAY – May 3 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben Accompanist:

Story: Wilf Sound: Doug

Ushers: Dick/Benjamin Offering Counter Team: Jim/Rachel

Coffee/Snack:

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