



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

June 28, 2026

## *The Other Story*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** *from Hymnal: A Wordship Book #661*

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

**People:** We come seeking the cloud of your presence  
as we travel the way.

We come seeking your pillar of fire to light our darkness.

*All: Shine in our hearts O God, with the light of your love.*

*Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

### **Prayer of Invocation**

**Gathering Hymns:** VT #495 **Morning Has Broken**  
VT #1 **Summoned by the God Who Made Us**

**First Reading:** Genesis 22:1-14

After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"  
Abraham answered, "I'm here."

God said, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you." Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him.

On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?" Abraham said, "I'm here, my son."

Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?"

Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it, my son." The two of them walked on together.

They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. But the Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?"

Abraham said, "I'm here."

The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the dense underbrush.

Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place "the Lord sees." That is the reason people today say, "On this mountain the Lord is seen."

## **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**

**We pray** for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and everyone gathering at the parade festivities today, that all would experience God's inclusive love!

**We pray** for safety and joy as families plan vacations for the summer

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

#### **Hymn: VT #419      Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

#### **Second Reading: Matthew 10: 40-42**

"Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. I

assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded.”

**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 #722 Help Us to Help Each Other**

**Sermon: The Other Story**

**Hymn: VT #568 Christ Has No body Here but Ours**

**Benediction: *Ephesians 3:20-21***

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.”

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

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

**TODAY June 28**

Speaker: Jan Braun Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kathy Sound: Stephanie

Ushers: Dick/Benjamin Offering Counter Team: Diana B/Rachel

Coffee/Snack:

**There will be no Coffee/Snack** for July and August **BUT** if you have a special occasion you wish to celebrate with coffee and a snack, please let the office know to announce it 😊

**Yard Maintenance** for the week of June 29 – July 4 – Martens Funk family and Borne family

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

**No Friday Coffee Time** *until September*

**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:**

**Birthdays this Week:** June 29 – Karl Martens; 30 – Patty Friesen;  
July 1 – Phin Schroeder; 2 – Vanessa Stefaniuk; 2 – Luke Bushman

**Walk in the Pride Parade!** People of the LGBTQ+ community and anyone who wishes to support them are welcome as we publicly name that God's Love is for Everybody! A multi-church group including churches from MCSK will begin to gather around 11:30 in the parade lineup; those attending Sunday's worship service are given full permission to leave early to join! :) The parade route usually takes an hour to walk, and the actual start time depends on our group's place in the lineup.

**Financial update:** We have completed 5 months of our 2026 year, and in that time, donations are matching the budgeted amount. Our expenses are also in line with budget, leaving us with a deficit of approximately \$3,600. In the Restricted Funds, \$20,000 has been spent on roofing part of the church. 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**

**Shekinah is looking for volunteers** to help in the camp kitchen from July 13-17. Please text or call Audrey (306 270-3638), the convenor for that week, if you can help for a day or two or three.

**"Summer camps are coming up soon.** The Education Committee has a budget specifically for camperships. If you would like to access campership funding to help someone experience a week at camp this summer, please email Luke, at [oslermcpastor2@gmail.com](mailto:oslermcpastor2@gmail.com) to get an application form."

**MCC Connects:** MCC would like to extend a huge thank you to all who participated in this year's Relief Sale Festival! It was a beautiful day of fellowship and fun for all ages, and we couldn't have done it without the help of over 150 volunteers. With your generosity, and a \$50,000 matching offer, \$133,000 was raised to support relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ.

## **MC SASK Updates:**

## **Where's Len this week?**

Beginning on June 24, Len is on a short medical leave, so you won't be seeing him in your congregations until later in the summer. During this time, please contact Cynthia in the office and she will be able to direct you as needed. (MC Sask) (New)

**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, 2026, visit [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) for application forms and full eligibility details.

<https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/2026-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

**July 5: Forest church at Shekinah** 3pm. Add your blessing to the camp ministry as they begin to welcome campers. Hear the word in the world during outdoor worship; you never know what fresh insight you might encounter. All are welcome! (New)

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

**RJC Graduation** | June 28 - Please join us as we celebrate the class of 2026! Baccalaureate Service at 10:30am held at Rosthern Mennonite Church (3016 5th St, Rosthern). Graduation Exercises at 2:30pm in the RJC Auditorium (410 6th Ave, Rosthern) A live-stream option will be available at [rjc.sk.ca/grad2026](http://rjc.sk.ca/grad2026). All are welcome to attend!

**Shekinah Retreat Centre** is seeking a Maintenance Coordinator who is responsible for the care, maintenance, and safe operation of all facilities and grounds across the Centre's 287-acre property. Shekinah hosts summer camps, school programs, and year-round rentals. We are looking for someone who is hands-on, reliable, service oriented, and who embraces Shekinah's mission that all are welcome to experience the presence and glory of God. Link to online application:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/ApplicationForMaintenanceCoordinator> (New)

**Summer at Camp Elim** is almost underway, and we still have room available in all of our Camp Programs! We are a Mennonite Bible Camp located 30 min south of Swift Current on the beautiful shores of Lac Pelletier, SK. We love to encourage spending time in nature, growing

our faith, and building meaningful friendships. Notable activities include; Archery, Crafts, Kayaking, Canoeing, Wakeboarding, Waterskiing, and Tubing.

Children's 1: July 5-10 (ages 7-12)

Day Camp 1: July 13-17 (ages 5-10)

Children's 2: July 19-24 (ages 7-12)

Teen Camp: July 26-31 (ages 13-18)

Day Camp 2: August 4-7 (ages 5-10)

Feel free to reach out to Wynn Bueckert at [elimdirector@sasktel.net](mailto:elimdirector@sasktel.net), or call him at 306-631-8463 for more information.

**International Witness in South Korea** // All are welcome for an afternoon of tea and conversation with Cheryl Woelk & Scott Kim, volunteer liaisons for Mennonite Church Canada's International Witness work in South Korea. Sunday, July 12, 2-4pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church. (New)

**Employment Opportunities** – CMU welcomes applications for sessional instructor positions in Music and Education as well as other opportunities. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for more information.

**Risk Taking and New Wine in New Wine Skins** - Ingrid Thiessen  
Many of our bible stories talk about people who took risks. Early adopters are such people. This inCERT tells of a few climate related early adopter stories including a link to the CBC program "What on Earth" which looks at fertilizer alternatives. Doyle Wiebe, a member of the Mennonite church, is trying one of those fertilizer options.  
<https://bit.ly/4xUzbBF> (New)CMU

**Online Short Course: Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible:** Sept. 16 – Oct. 27. Join Paul Keim, PhD, and Drew Strait, PhD, to study pertinent Scripture passages and reflect on how these texts contribute to a robust and biblically based practice of peace and justice today. This online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Aug. 26 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](http://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

### **SMYO Coffee Fundraiser**

Through Level Ground Trading Co., funds are raised each year to help youth attend SMYO retreats, for large assemblies and trips, and scholarships. To date over \$15,000 has been raised, and we are very grateful for this support!

Orders are welcome on an individual or congregational/corporate level. We collect orders until we can complete a full order (usually in 2 weeks), and our order takes approximately 5 business days to arrive. Large orders may be shipped directly to you - contact the office for details. No stock is kept on hand.

Contact the MC Sask office ([mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca) or 306-249-4844 ext 3) with any questions.

**You are invited to join the Mennonite Church Canada Annual General Meeting**—an opportunity to gather in prayer, hear the story of God’s work among us, and participate in shaping our shared future. Together we will celebrate ministry accomplishments, attend to faithful stewardship, and engage in meaningful discernment as we seek God’s leading for the next season. Come ready to listen, reflect, and offer your voice as part of our nationwide church family.

[https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/agm\\_2026](https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/agm_2026)

## **Climate Action**

**8 MC Canada congregations shared their stories about emissions reducing projects started in 2025.**

Watch the Emissions Reduction Grant

Celebration ( <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/29449> ) and Launch Party to catch a spark of energy for your congregation’s next energy efficiency project, and find out how to apply for cash from MC Canada to help you do it!

**Attention Worship Planners and Pastors** - Simplify worship planning for Fall of 2026 and celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1- October 4, 2026 using Leader Magazine’s Summer 2026 Issue - includes wonderful new worship material, written by worship leaders from across Mennonite Church Canada. Learn more here: Season of Creation – Leader Magazine

## **Indigenous Relations**

**Mennonite Central Committee and the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery** - are partners and supporters of the Certificate in Reconciliation Studies at St. Stephen’s University. Courses can be taken as part of the certificate program or individually, either for academic credit or audited. Check out this upcoming course offering:

Joining the Vulnerable in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery In this course, we will unpack the legal and policy structure that is the Doctrine of Discovery, the basis of land-tenure policy pertaining to Indigenous

Peoples in North America and around the globe. Writer, speaker and activist Sarah Augustine will share her life experience as an Indigenous woman to demonstrate its current impact, and lead discussion about how to resist and dismantle it in the context of Indigenous cosmology.

More details:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GYInrdJAvbQEDLHuxuReeUsPW2IVdeZV/view> (New)

**While Iran and Lebanon dominate the news**, the suffering of Palestinians remains dire and ethnic cleansing continues. Israel now controls almost 70% of Gaza's land and denies Gaza's 2 million people adequate food, medicine, and reconstruction aid. In April, 34 new Israeli settlements were approved in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, in defiance of international law. Palestinian Christians continue to call us to pray and act for a peace based on justice, and for strength to maintain their gospel witness in the Holy Land. -- from the MC Canada Palestine/Israel Network (New)

## CALENDAR

**Sun. June 28 – 10:00 am Jan Braun speaking**

**Sun. July 5 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**

**Sun. July 12 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**

**Sun. July 19 – 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking**

**Sun. July 26 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching**

### **NEXT SUNDAY – July 5**

Speaker: Brad Schroeder      Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leader: Michelle      Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Marlene      Sound: Stephanie

Ushers: Dick/Benjamin      Offering Counter Team: Diana B/

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