



# 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

May 31, 2026

*Peace with Others*

## **Prelude**

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

**Call to Worship:** *Adapted from Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi  
(Prayer for Peace)*

Leader: Lord, make us an instrument of your peace: when there is hatred

*All: Let us sow love;*

Leader: When there are hurt feelings and injuries,

*All: May we be quick to pardon;*

Leader: When we doubt that things can change

*All: Give us faith in reconciliation*

Leader: When our minds are ruled by despair,

*All: May our hope grow;*

Leader: When there is darkness and violence

*All: Help us to be a shining light of peace*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #297 You Are Salt for the Earth**

**VT #813 Heart with Loving Heart United**

**First Reading:** Romans 12: 9-18

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status.

Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people.

## **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**

**Pray** for Amanda Dodge, who works for MCC and has spoken at our church. Her father passed away on May 19th.

- Our continued visioning process as a church, particularly our sessions today with Tim Nickel

- Torben as he recovers from a recent ankle surgery

**A special thankyou** to Diana, Steph and John for helping out with Theatre of the Beat!

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

**Hymn: VT #789      Be A Sower**

**Second Reading:** Matthew 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

### **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 #719      Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace**

**Sermon: Peace with Enemies**

**Hymn: VT #409 For We Are Strangers No More**

**Benediction:** May the Lord's peace grow deep within you. May it grow outside of you, spreading to all the places you go. Go in peace, spreading peace.

\*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 May 31**

Speaker: Brad Schroeder      Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Loretta, Kathryn      Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Luke      Sound: Matthew

Ushers: Harold/Lloyd      Offering Counter Team: Susan/Loretta

Coffee/Snack:

**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:** Wed: OMC Office; Thurs: NPMC; Fri: OMC Youth  
Sat: Picnic Prep; Sun: Sunday School Picnic

**Friday Coffee Time with the staff @ 10:00 am**

**Birthdays this Week:** June 2 – Helena Peters (91); 2 – Becca Bushman;  
4 - Wilf Buhler (80); 6 – Joe Guenther (80)

## CALENDAR

**Sun. May 31 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching *Trinity Sunday***  
11:15 am Workshop

Noon – Potluck lunch (*group C-M*)

**Sun. June 7 – 10:00 am Sunday School picnic** on the church grounds

Sat. June 13 – 10:30 am – 2:30 pm MCC Relief Sale

Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon

**Sun. June 14 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching *Baptism Sunday***

**Sun. June 21 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**

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

**TODAY: Workshop with Tim Nickel, M.Ed.** Courageous Conversations: Healthy Conflict in Church Communities.

Please come join in a learning session as we discern disagreements, misunderstanding, tension, and change. This interactive workshop will explore practical tools and reflective dialogue practices that help people engage conflict more constructively while remaining connected in community. The workshop is grounded in peacemaking, curiosity, and relationship-building rather than debate or persuasion. We would like to start workshop after church service, by 11:15 with first session, break for potluck lunch and resume by 12:30 till about 2:00.

**Sunday School Picnic:** Please come out for our Sunday School Picnic on June 7th. We will be outside on the lawn for a lovely service to celebrate another great year of Sunday School. This year you are invited to stick around to eat some food **AND** to stay for lawn games and activities! Please bring a lawn chair, and any lawn games you have!

**Hymnal and Bible Signing:** We have a tradition as a church to give a Voices Together hymnal to students who are graduating from High School, and to give a Bible to kids entering Grade 6 (entering youth group). Please consider signing these with a small inscription of encouragement, or listing a hymn/verse of encouragement for our young people to look at.

**The Sun and Rain/Snow** have done their magic – the grass is green and needs maintenance!!! The New Yard Maintenance Schedule is posted and has been sent out.

**"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."

**There is a need for volunteers** to make cream gravy for the MCC Relief Sale on June 13. Also needed are persons to make rhubarb sauce for this same event. If you are able to help please contact on of the Community Connections members: Casadi, Scott or John G

**MCC Connects:** Looking for ways to participate in this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 13? MCC is looking for volunteers to help the day run smoothly, from setting up to cleaning up. For all the opportunities, visit [mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved](http://mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved). In addition, we are seeking a variety of sweet and savoury baked goods for the bake

sale, contact Brent Guenther for more details at [brentguenther@hotmail.com](mailto:brentguenther@hotmail.com). Thank you for your support!

**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](http://mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved.html) <https://bit.ly/4mNiYJ5>

**For this year's Relief Sale Festival**, we are currently accepting items to be donated to the online auction, which runs from June 6-13. These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, gardening equipment, and more. For more information and to fill out the online form to donate, visit [mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved](http://mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved)

**Ten Thousand Villages Revisited** is happening again at the MCC Relief Sale on June 13th. If you have items from Ten Thousand Villages that you could let go of and donate for the sale, please bring them to the MCC Centre no later than June 5th. Thank you!

### **MC SASK Updates:**

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

This weekend Len will be in Regina. On Saturday he will be attending a luncheon to recognize and celebrate the years of dedication and service that Otto and Florence Driedger have given to CoSA South Saskatchewan. On Sunday, Len will be at Grace Mennonite to help celebrate a baptism and membership acceptance service. Please remember both these events in your prayers. (MC Sask) (New)

**Join us on Sunday June 7th** from 2pm - 5pm for an afternoon of camp activities, a hot dog roast, and plenty of fun! Meet the summer staff, experience your favourite camp activities, and explore everything Shekinah has to offer."

**June 7: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm.** This month, we welcome participants in Shekinah's open house to join us for outdoor worship. Also, we will celebrate the 5-year anniversary of Forest Church @ Shekinah so celebrate with a piece of cake and a hot dog over the fire! Curious first-timers, old friends, regular attenders: 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.

**The Fruit Machine** Documentary Night // Saturday, June 6, 7 p.m. // Wildwood Mennonite Church (1502 Acadia Drive) // All are invited to this showing of the documentary film. This joint event between WMC and the Queer Community. During the 'Cold War', in the atmosphere of fear of spies and blackmail, Canada's Queer Community was especially targeted by the Canadian Government, military and law enforcement. They were deemed a particular threat to national security because of who they were, so a means (way) to find, expose, and remove their perceived threat was needed – enter the Fruit Machine. (New)

**RJC Musical: The Prince of Egypt** | 7:00pm June 25, 26 & 27 Join us in the RJC Auditorium for this year's musical production. Tickets are on sale now. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Tickets can be purchased at [rjc.sk.ca/musical](http://rjc.sk.ca/musical). Contact the school 306-232-4222 to request wheelchair/accessible seating. We hope to see you there!

**Dormitory Dean (Youth Worker) Opportunity** at RJC | RJC High School is seeking a collaborative and committed individual to support and mentor students in the girl's dormitory, alongside our team of dormitory staff. This role involves providing supervision and guidance to students after school hours and overnight, fostering their personal growth and leadership, and contributing to a safe and welcoming campus environment. For the full job description, visit [rjc.sk.ca/employment](http://rjc.sk.ca/employment). Resumes or further questions can be directed to [executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca).

**The Mennonite Nursing Home** is looking for part-time housekeepers and laundry workers. Qualifications: Hard working and organized; team player; must be available to work rotation shifts (no nights) weekdays and weekends. We offer: Medical and Dental benefits and a Pension Plan. Please drop off resumes at the Nursing Home office or email to [dawn.wolff@saskhealthauthority.ca](mailto:dawn.wolff@saskhealthauthority.ca)

### **Grasslands Supporters of the World Unite!**

The United Nations has declared 2026 the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists. Grasslands, perhaps because of their unassuming appearance, have been overlooked for their critical role in biodiversity, water regulation and purification, carbon mitigation (grasslands account for 34% of the world's carbon sink, just under the

39% that trees offer), and even the development of human culture around the world. Planet Wild tells more about this.

<https://planetwild.com/blog/why-do-we-need-grasslands>. Closer to home, Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan promotes the celebration of Native Prairie Appreciation Week, coming up this third week of June. Teachers and land managers especially can find helpful guidance here. <https://www.pcap-sk.org/upcoming-events/npaw>. Joanne Paulson writes about some of the projects that the University of Saskatchewan has taken on to protect grasslands by managed fires and solid practices in managing rangeland.

<https://news.usask.ca/articles/research/2026/usask-agbio-research-saving-prairie-grasslands.php>. One information panel at the visitors' centre in Val Marie, SK, gateway to Grasslands National Park, provides a quick background to the importance of grassland to our planet: "Grasses are extremely resilient. They can be chewed, trampled, burned, broken and continue to grow! Extensive root systems protect grasses from fire. Yet fire and grazing remove excess thatch, strengthening grass among other plants that compete for sunshine, soil and moisture. In one famous experiment, a researcher measured all the roots of a 4-month-old rye plant and discovered that the total combined length of the roots laid out from tip to tip was ...620 km...!" (New)

## **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! (New)

**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) (New)

**It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we share the news of the sudden and unexpected passing of our colleague and friend, John Fumana.** John has faithfully served in the role of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) Executive Coordinator since 2020. He passed away on May 15, 2026 as he and his wife Lucie were landing in Montreal, Canada. This was to be the beginning of a month-long trip visiting Canadian churches and supporters to talk about AIMM's ministries in Africa. No doubt this is coming as a shock to many of you, as it is to us. We ask you to prayerfully remember John's family, friends, the AIMM community, as well as all those whose lives have been touched by John's presence and work. -From AIMM (New)

**NEXT SUNDAY – June 7 Sunday School Picnic**

Education Committee along with Luke Bushman and Youth

Sound: Matthew Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Food will be supplied Offering Counter Team: Susan/Dave

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