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***Songfest** 2010 invites you to join us March 19 and 20, 2010 for the annual songfest in First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

***RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction** - Sunday, March 7, 7:00 pm.

Youth Farm Bible Camp News:

*Their annual Vereniki and Sausage Supper at the Rosthern Mennonite Church on Tuesday, 5:00-7:00 pm.

* At-Home **Lent resource booklets** are in the foyer.

* Mark your calendar: **Family Swim Day** in Saskatoon on **March 20**. More details to follow. Sponsored by the Deacons committee.

Worship Leader: Glen Grismer
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
Scripture: Sandra Grismer
Sound: Dave Klassen
Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Russ Friesen
This Sunday nursery care: Lucy Friesen
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH



Osler, Saskatchewan
**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 21, 2010

Lent 1

HOLDING ON, LETTING GO

Focus Statement: With God as our dwelling place and the Holy Spirit empowering us and revealing the way, we learn to trust the Word within our own hearts.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to worship and silent preparation

***Theme song SS# 63**

“God, fill me now”

GATHERING

***Call to Worship:**

L: For centuries the chimes have called us to worship. They declare a holy time, a time of God near.

P: Any time is holy when we gather in God's presence.

L: We look for holy places in our homes and churches, in our communities, along roadways, and even in the deepest wilderness.

P: Any place is holy where we call out and God answers.

L: We gather to begin a holy journey, the journey of Lent; a journey seeking what to hold on to, and what to let go.

P: All journeys are holy when we walk with Jesus and leave our doubts and fears behind.

L: The chimes have called us once again, so we gather at this holy time, in this holy place, to journey with Jesus.

All: Lord, help us to find “holy” in your presence every step of the way.

***Hymn: HWB# 6**

“Here in this place”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Sunday School** – A new rotation starts today for the grades 1-6 classes. For the next three weeks the students will be focusing on the topic of “What is forgiveness?” The teacher/leaders are **Lynette Janzen** (Art), **Christy Martens-Funk** (Stories), and **Kevin and Melanie Boldt** (Drama). The gathering time is lead by **Leslie Allaby**; **Erica Doucette** teaches the nursery/kindergarten class.

*If you would like to order **Easter Lilies** through the church, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. They will be available for pick up Easter Sunday.

* **Potluck** and congregational discussion on Sunday, February 28.

*We are updating the **Prayer Chain**. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

***Kids Clubs** –we are still looking for volunteers to co-ordinate and help with clubs. Will you volunteer for this opportunity? If so, please contact **Adeline or Leslie or any member of the Education Committee**.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11 (NRSV) ¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was

my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4:1 - 13 (NRSV) ¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. Lord your God to the test.’”

