

*New Rejoice devotional guides are now available in the foyer.

*A study and worship resource for Lent At-Home: “Called and Shaped by Jesus” is now available to take home. You can pick up your copy in the foyer; next to the new Rejoice Devotional Guide.

*The Deacons are updating the Prayer Chain. See the bulletin board sign up sheet for those offering to be on the 2011 prayer chain.

*Tables for Sale: There are a few of the old 3' X 6' wooden tables left for sale @ \$50/table. These are being replaced by plastic tables. Please contact Sarah Hiebert.

*MCC Connects - Please pray for Mennonites, Lutherans and the Young Chippewayan Band members as they work together to gather the genealogical data to meet Federal Government expectations for the Young Chippewayan outstanding land claim at Laird. For further information see sk.mcc.org/aboriginalneighbours

Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
Scripture: Lynn Loewen
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Steve Rowan
This Sunday nursery care: Joanne Feick
Next Sunday nursery care: Diana Buhler

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 13, 2011

*Lent One: Shaped by Testing
The colour is dark blue*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship

Silent Reflection

“Ubi Caritas”

Jake, Kevin, Michelle and Kathryn

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

People: God protects us from all our trouble.

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance

**All: Therefore let all God’s people pray with thanksgiving
and worship God.**

Invocation

*Hymn: HWB #16

“God is here among us”

Confession:

Lord, our desire for control has separated us from you. In our stubborn independence, we have turned from your love. We hide our failure and guilt, yet we feel their weight both day and night. Here and now ... we acknowledge our sins before you and reveal our transgressions. We confess to the Lord ...

Hymn: HWB #530 “What wondrous love is this”

Time of Sharing

Silent Prayer and Prayer of the church

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven.

Our slate is wiped clean. We are free to follow Jesus in obedience and experience love in every test. Amen.

PRAISING AND HEARING

Drama

Children’s Time

Adeline Cox

Hymn: HWB #553 “I am weak and I need thy strength”

Old Testament Lessons: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7,

New Testament Lessons: Romans 5:12-19

Offering and Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanks

Hymn: HWB #137 “Forgive our sins as we forgive”

Sermon: “Shaped by Testing”

John Reddekopp

RESPONDING

*Hymn SJ #75

“Be still”

***Benediction:**

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked.

People: but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous.

All: For the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.

***Please rise**

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years old should be accompanied by an adult).

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages** begins at 11:15 a.m.
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00-7:30 pm – younger children
7:30-8:30 pm – older kids, youth and adults

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, March 16, 2011** 7:30pm Education Committee meeting
- **Thursday, March 17, 2011** 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting
- **Friday/Saturday March 18 & 19** MC Saskatchewan Annual Assembly in North Battleford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers:

- * **John Friesen**, in hospital recovering from back and neck surgery.
- * **Kim and Ian Osmond** as Kim begins chemotherapy treatment.

***MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions:** March 18 & 19, 2011 at Hope Mennonite Fellowship Church in North Battleford. Those interested in representing OMC as delegates are asked to talk to Carl Martens-Funk.

***Lent begins today.** Our Lenten theme is “**Becoming human: called and shaped by Jesus.**” During the Sundays of Lent, the focus will be on Jesus’ struggles and challenges of being human as God intended, in an inhuman world. We’ll also explore what does it mean for us to be the created and recreated images of God? Each Sunday of Lent will have a colour to represent the day’s theme.

***Loose Change Sunday** next Sunday, March 20.

***Stephanie Siemens** will share, in more detail, her recent experiences in Burkina Faso during the Sunday School time on March 27. The adult classes will not meet that Sunday so that they can attend her presentation.

***Are you 50 or older?** Are you interested in renewing your driving skills for today's traffic? Wildwood Mennonite Church is looking at hosting a course, over 2 consecutive days, between a Wednesday and a Friday. This is a free course; however, they need a minimum of 20 people to offer this course, so please call the Wildwood Mennonite office at 373-2126 if you are interested.

***Mennonite Disaster Service SK Unit** is responding to the June 2010 flooding in the Town of Maple Creek and we need you! We are looking for volunteers to drywall, mud and paint as well as do light electrical and plumbing work in three buildings. The team will leave Osler at 7 a.m., Monday March 21. For more information or to volunteer, call Merlis Wiebe 229 – 0696 or Ed Buhler 220 – 4543.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 2:15 - 17 (NRSV) ¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Genesis 3:1 - 7 (NRSV) ¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was

with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Romans 5:12 - 19 (NRSV) ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Psalms 32:1 - 11 (NRSV) ¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah* ⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah* ⁸I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. ¹⁰Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. ¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.