

\* **Bethany Manor Spring Tea: Saturday, May 7, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**  
Proceeds will go towards new chairs for the choir. Everyone is Welcome!

\***RJC Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, May 7, 5:00 pm** - In conjunction with the May 7th RJC Golf Tournament, there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet to publicly thank all those who gave of their time and talents to create our new **Student Gathering Space**. The transformation of the former boys' shower and washroom to the beautiful Student Gathering Space is indeed miraculous and needs to be celebrated! If you are interested in attending this banquet, call or email the school by Monday, May 2 to reserve your seat or table (306 232-4222 or [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)). Banquet tickets: \$20. The Gathering Space official opening will be Sunday, May 15 (Spring Concert.)

\***MCC Connects** – Care for creation by choosing eco-friendly recycling and reusing. Bring useful items no longer needed to your nearest MCC Thrift Shop. Discover the thrill of unique brand name items without brand name prices when you shop Thrift. Build a healthier community by volunteering at a Thrift Shop. See [sk.mcc.org/thriftshops](http://sk.mcc.org/thriftshops).

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Worship Leader: Dave Feick  
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen  
Scripture reader: Charlie Clark  
Sound: Abe Braun  
Ushers: Susan Braun, Russ Friesen  
This Sunday nursery care: Maryann Braun  
Next Sunday nursery care: Jennifer Rowan

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
May 1, 2011

### *Easter Sunday 2*

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

**Call to Worship:** (from *Voices United*)  
**We are not alone**  
**we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**  
**who has created and is creating,**  
**who has come in Jesus,**  
**the Word made flesh,**  
**to reconcile and make new,**  
**who works in us and others**  
**by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**  
**to celebrate God's presence,**  
**to live with respect in Creation,**  
**to love and serve others,**  
**to seek justice and resist evil,**  
**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**  
**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**  
**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

Invocation:

Leader: Lord, we take refuge in you.

**People: You are our God, our chosen portion.**

Leader: With you at our right hand, we will not be shaken.

**People: Our hearts will be glad, and we will rejoice in you.**

*All: Lord, we take refuge in you. Amen.*

**\*Hymns: HWB #267 “Christ has arisen”  
HWB #282 “Proclaim the tidings near and far”**

**Sharing of joys and concerns**

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children’s Time

Jennifer Rowan

**Hymn: SS #101 “The risen Christ”**

Offering and Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanks

New Testament Lesson: John 20:19 - 31

**Hymn: HWB #570 “We walk by faith”**

Sermon: “We are not alone” Jake Buhler

RESPONDING

**\*Hymn: HWB #16 “God is here among us”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Please rise**

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**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.

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**TODAY**

- **Congregational meeting** immediately following the worship service this morning.
- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

**THIS WEEK**

- **Wednesday, May 4, 7:00pm** – OMC Book Club meeting
- **Thursday, May 5, 7:30pm** – Church Council meeting

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Remember in your prayers:**

- \***Irvin Driedger**, who had a serious stroke.
- \* **John Friesen**, continuing rehabilitation therapy at City Hospital.
- \* **Kim (and Ian) Osmond**, as Kim is undergoing chemotherapy.

**\*There will be a congregational meeting after the morning service today**, to accept the reviewed financial statement for 2010. Also, at that time council will bring a recommendation to the congregation that Gordon Allaby receive a sabbatical leave for the purpose of rest and spiritual renewal, beginning July 10 and ending on August 22, 2011. Mennonite Church Canada feels it is beneficial to both church and pastor that sabbatical leaves occur, and Council agrees that Gordon, after serving our congregation for seven years, should take some time to recharge and be rejuvenated. Deacons and Worship Committee will take on extra responsibilities for that time.

**\*Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 pm:** meets to discuss the book "Unless" by Carol Shields. Also, some copies of the next book: “Shanghai Girls” will be available from Jan Guenther at Wednesday’s meeting. “Shanghai Girls” will then be discussed at the next meeting to be held on June 8, 2011, 7:00pm.

**\*Next Sunday, May 8: RJC** will bring the worship service at our church. A Mother's Day potluck will follow at noon. RJC students and leaders will be joining us for lunch, so please bring a little extra.

**\*Thank-you!** to all who participated in the church cleaning and work day.

**\*May 6, 5:00-8:00 pm: A Community fundraiser** for Kimberly and Ian Osmond. Kim has stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma, will be having 8 months of chemo treatments, and is unable to work. Donations of chili, buns, and pies are needed, as well as volunteers for set up, dishes, and clean up during and after the supper. This is greatly appreciated by the family. To donate or volunteer assistance, call Eileen McGill @ 239-2160 or Heather Wall @ 239-4210.

**\*Your Sunday School teachers** for the current 3-week rotation are Lacey B., George J. & Jennifer R. The topic of learning will be "The Parables of Jesus".

**\*Munsch on This:** Calling EVERYONE! We (Craig and Steph) have written a hilarious play for us, as a church family to put on. But we need your help! We will need people for acting, set design, costumes, sound, and lighting. Practices will be held mainly Sunday afternoons, and also some evenings closer to the performance dates. Dress rehearsal: June 12; Performances: June 17th and 18th. We are very excited about this and hope for an inter-generational activity. Please talk to Craig or Stephanie to get involved!

\*The Deacons are planning a Sunday evening "**Welcome to Spring**" **Wiener roast on May 15 at 6:30pm**, weather permitting.

**\*2011 Applications for the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Student Education Fund Scholarship** are available for students planning to attend Rosthern Junior College next year. Please contact Leslie A for more information about this \$500.00 scholarship. Deadline for application is July 31, 2011.

**\*Mennonite Church Canada Assembly** will be held in Waterloo, Ontario this summer. If you can donate **air miles** to delegates attending on behalf of our church, please talk to a council member.

**\*Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2011: "It's Epic: Remembering God's Future"**, in Waterloo, Ontario, this summer (July 4-8), will include many friends, a special Sarah Harmer concert, awesome worship music and inspiration overflowing. Information and online registration can be found at: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1500](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1500) or by calling 1-866-888-6785.

**\*On this Many Peoples Sunday**, the eve of the federal election in Canada, pray that those who are elected to positions of authority will be inspired to tackle issues of poverty, climate change, militarism, human trafficking, and questionable systems of justice that effect people at home and around the globe. Pray that God's family will seek new ways of encouraging leaders to seek expressions of peace and justice.

#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**John 20:19 - 31 (NRSV)** <sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.