\*Camperships are available for the MC Saskatchewan summer camps. Please contact Anna Peters or the church office to apply.

\*Bethany Manor Staff invites you to a **Fundraiser on May 24 at 7 p.m. in the Bethany Fellowship Centre** for Shirley Mierau, who is a hairdresser at Bethany. Shirley has had two major cancer surgeries and her recovery will take longer than first hoped. Come join us for an evening of music, fellowship and refreshments. All proceeds will go directly to Shirley.

\* Everyone is invited to a Warman Community band concert on Sunday, May 29, 2:30pm at the Warman Gospel Church.

\*MCC Connects – *No Waste Wednesdays* is an online blog on how to waste less and live more sustainably. It's a motivator, noting something small to work on each week to make a difference. It encourages us to actively live our Christian faith in caring for creation. See sk.mcc.org for a link to the blog and other resources.

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Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
Scripture reader: Stephanie Siemens

Sound: Abe Braun

Ushers: Susan Braun, Russ Friesen

This Sunday nursery care: Adeline Cox Next Sunday nursery care: Tracy Baudais

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# OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH



Osler, Saskatchewan A Welcoming Christian Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service May 15, 2011

## Easter Sunday 4

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### **GATHERING**

Call to Worship: Psalm 23

Invocation:

Leader: Shepherding God, we smell the green of your pastures.

People: and long for rest;

Leader: we see the sparkle of your quiet waters

**People:** and yearn to be refreshed. Leader: To you we lift our empty cup.

All: Fill us with goodness and mercy beyond measure. Amen.

\*Hymns: HWB #124 "O worship the Lord" HWB #345 "God sent his Son"

## Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

## PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time (Loose Change Sunday) Youth and Jake Buhler

Hymn: SS #99 "The Lord's my Shepherd"

Offering and Offertory Music Prayer of Thanks

New Testament Lessons: John 10:7-10 and Acts 2: 42-47

Hymn: HWB #355 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

Sermon: "Fenced In" Gordon Allaby

**RESPONDING** 

\*Hymn: HWB #411 "I bind my heart this tide "

\*Benediction

\*Please rise

## We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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 11:15am.
- "Welcome to Spring" wiener roast today at 6:30pm. Bring your own wieners, buns, lawn chair and a favourite snack to share. The Deacon committee will provide everything else.

#### THIS WEEK

- Wednesday, May 18, 7:30pm Education Committee meeting
- Thursday, May 12, 7:30pm Worship Committee meeting

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Remember in your prayers:

- \*Irvin Driedger, in City Hospital after a serious stroke.
- \* John Friesen, continuing rehabilitation therapy at City Hospital.
- \* Kim (and Ian) Osmond, as Kim is receiving chemotherapy.
- \* Menno Epp, who is also receiving chemotherapy treatments.

- \* Condolences to the family of Nancy Neufeld, age 87, of Warman, who died on May 7, 2011. Nancy, grandmother to Clinton (Rachel Buhler) Neufeld, was Warman's postmistress for many years.
- \*Resolution requests for the MC Canada Assembly 2011 in Waterloo this summer (July 4-8) must be processed through our church council. Please contact Louise today, if you would like to submit a resolution (the deadline is May 15th). Our delegates to the MC Canada Assembly are John R., Jake B. and Gordon A. Share your opinion with these delegates about MC Canada's restructuring and the proposal to change the Assembly from meeting annually to every other year. (www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1500)
- \*On Sunday, May 22, 2011, Erica Doucette will be baptized and received as a member of Osler Mennonite Church.
- \*Today: ROSTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE has much to celebrate this spring and invite all to be part of those celebrations today. At 2:00 pm RJC will celebrate the **Grand Opening of the new**Gathering Space join the ribbon cutting! Following the Opening, we will hear joyous music as the students present a Spring Concert at 2:30 pm in the gymnasium. The concert will be followed by a Mortgage Burning The residence mortgage is completed! Yahoo! Refreshments will be served in the dining hall.
- \*Tonight at 7:30pm: Spring Concert at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, featuring the Adult Choir and various musicians at NPMC. Everyone is welcome!
- \*OMC Book Club is reading "Shanghai Girls" by Lisa See this month. Please see Jan Guenther for a copy of the book or for more information. The Book Club will meet on <u>June 8th</u> for discussion.
- \*Business leaders, congregations, related partners, individuals: You are invited to **support the Mennonite Church Canada Assembly** in Waterloo, Ont. this summer by **advertising your sponsorship** of this national church event. Details: <a href="www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1524">www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1524</a>. Thanks for supporting your national church!

\*Gene Stoltzfus was the founding director of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). Marking the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Gene's death last March is the release of *Create Space for Peace*, a stirring collection of experiences and insights gained on a passionate, joyous 40-year journey of peacemaking. Gene's wife Dorothy is doing a book signing and reading at McNally Robinson on Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Art Alcove. She is also presenting at a brown bag lunch session at Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan, Tues., May 17, 12 noon. See: <a href="http://www.createspaceforpeace.info/">http://www.createspaceforpeace.info/</a>

\*WALK4JUSTICE – 2011 Walk4Justice is embarking on another journey in 2011 from Vancouver, BC to Ottawa, Ontario to raise and increase awareness of the plight of murdered and/or missing women and children and the suffering of their loved ones. The 2011 walk from Vancouver to Ottawa will take place from June 21 to September 19. See the bulletin board for more details.

\*Please pray for all the flood affected residents of Southern Manitoba as they vacate their homes for what could be several weeks, followed by many months of rebuilding. Ask God for safety and health of the many weary volunteers, provincial leaders who must make difficult decisions. Thank God for the preparations thus far that have kept thousands of people safe.

- \* Roll with the Declaration! KAIROS Cross-Canada Action in support of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. See the bulletin board in the foyer for a poster with details of the cross-Canada Banner train, which will stop in Saskatoon (June 16<sup>th</sup>) and other places, before arriving in Ottawa on June 20<sup>th.</sup> Please go to <a href="http://www.kairoscanada.org">www.kairoscanada.org</a> for information or contact members on the MC Sask. Ministries Commission to discuss this initiative (your church office has the contact information)." Also see: <a href="http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/take-action/the-land-our-life/roll-with-the-declaration/">http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/take-action/the-land-our-life/roll-with-the-declaration/</a> for more information.
- \*Mennonite Church Canada leadership has had to reduce ministries and other budget items by \$500,000 for the coming year. Mennonite Church Canada invites your prayerful consideration of this giving opportunity.

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

**Psalms 23:1 - 6 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

John 10:1 - 10 (NRSV) ""Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Acts 2:42 - 47 (NRSV) <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.