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***A Student Bursary fund** was started by a donation from the Estate of Rev. Corney Boldt for students who are attending one of our Church schools. A once in a life time bursary of \$500.00 per student will be made available as long as there is money in the fund. To qualify, the applicant or their parents must be members of the Osler Mennonite Church or must have been active in the church program for the past three years. Please contact a member of the Bursary Committee for an application form: Doug McKinnell, Margaret Boldt, and Linda Stucky.

***Canadian Mennonite University** www.cmu.ca
Canadian Mennonite University invites applications for several tenure-track faculty positions: **Social Science, Conflict Resolution** (at MSC), **Business and Organizational Administration, and Ministry Studies** (joint appointment of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary Canada and Canadian Mennonite University). For details, visit www.cmu.ca/employment.html.

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Art Zacharias
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
November 20, 2011

Memorial Sunday

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship

L: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

P: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

L: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

P: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

L: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

Invocation

***Hymns: HWB #16
SJ #78**

**“God is here among us”
“We will walk with God”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time & Loose Change collection Stephanie Siemens

Hymn: HWB #651

“I owe the Lord a morning song”

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory prayer

Old Testament Lessons: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
New Testament Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

Hymn: HWB #418 “Move in our midst”

Sermon: “On the way to paradise” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

We Remember

We remember to give thanks: no church members have died in the past year. We remember: Menno Epp.

Lighting candles as symbols of our remembrance:

All are welcome to light a candle.

Hymn: SJ #110 “Go, silent friend”

*Benediction

***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 11:15am.
- **Choir practice** in the sanctuary at 11:15am
- **Potluck lunch at noon** – Everyone welcome!
- **“Talk About” session** to follow potluck
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00 – 7:30pm – younger children
7:30pm-8:30pm – older kids, youth and adults

NEXT WEEK

- **Friday, November 25, 7:30-10pm Youth Puppet Ministry** practice
- **Saturday, November 26, 11:30am – Ladies luncheon** at the Willows
- **Saturday, November 26, 7:30pm** – Choir Practice
- **Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday of Advent. If you want to sing Christmas carols, come early, as singing will begin at 9:50 am.**

Remember in Prayer

Rob Spence and family, as Rob’s mother died on Monday, November 14th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Saturday, November 26, 11:30am** – Deacons’ sponsored **Ladies Christmas Luncheon** at the Willows. Women of all ages are invited to join in the food, fun and fellowship! Please sign up today on the bulletin board so the Deacons can make reservations.

***Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent** and our focus for Advent 1 will be on **Love**.

***OMC Book Club** is reading *The Time in Between* by David Bergen this month, with discussion on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. For more details see the bulletin board or contact Margaret Dyck.

***To teach Sunday School on December 4, 11 & 18th**, sign up now on the bulletin board. This is your opportunity to share the Christmas story with our children through Drama, Story and Art.

***For people planning to attend the Northern Thank You Feast** in Prince Albert on Saturday, December 3, **please talk to Mark Bigland- Pritchard who will coordinate rides.** Call Mark at 249-4101 or 827-7431 or email: mark@lowenergydesign.com,

*** Saturday, December 10, 10:00am** Come to the Youth Farm Bible Camp for Fresh Hot Cinnamon Buns and reports about the ministry happening over the summer and fall. We will also be having a tour of the new Chapel Building!! Opportunity for donations will be given.

***Looking ahead at Mennonite Church Saskatchewan's calendar:**

January 6-7, 2012: RJC Alumni Tournament

January 20-21, 2012: RJC coffee house

January 27-29, 2012: Shekinah SMYO Senior Youth Retreat

February 24-25: MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Shekinah

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Ezekiel 34:11 - 16 (NRSV) ¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. **Verses 20 - 24**
²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

***Jake Buhler** is preaching at North Battleford Mennonite Church today.

***Rejoice devotionals** for the next 3 months are now available in the foyer to take home for your daily devotional readings.

***RJC On Stage - Fall Theatre, November 20 & 21, 7:30 pm** – See the bulletin board poster for more details. Call RJC for tickets: \$10/each (reserved seating only). Phone: (306)232-4222.

***MEDA Dinner and Speaker Event - Thursday, November 24.** Tickets: \$20. Bethany Manor at 242-9019 or email smcsi@sasktel.net

***A Buncha Guys** Christmas Concerts with special guests – *The Friesen Family Band* on **Sat. Dec. 10 7:30 pm** at Knox United Church, Saskatoon and **Sat. Dec. 17 7:30 pm** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:45 pm Tickets are \$5.00 each (Children age 12 and under are free) Tickets are available at McNally Robinson Book Sellers in Saskatoon, Shekinah Retreat Centre, Russ Regier (249-3650), any of the guys or at the door. An offering will be taken to support Shekinah Retreat Centre.

***Saturday, December 10, 4:00pm - Join with other Saskatoon Christians to celebrate the Nativity!** This December, Christians from a large number of churches in Saskatoon and area will be joining together to host an outdoor nativity pageant as part of their effort to support the Good Food Junction Co-op grocery store at Station 20 West. **“Would You Like to Hold the Baby?”** will be held on Saturday December 10 in Civic Square (23rd Street by City Hall). Anyone interested in joining the festivity is welcome to participate; a free will offering will be taken for the Good Food Junction. Children and youth interested in taking part are asked to be at Third Avenue United Church (304 3rd Ave. N) at 2 pm on December 10 for a rehearsal (with costumes if you have them!). Those who would like a CD of the music to practice ahead of time can contact Janice Sanford Beck at 655-5301. Refreshments will be served following the pageant. Anyone interested in contributing cookies or fruit is invited to bring contributions to Third Avenue United Church between 1 and 2 pm on December 10.

Matthew 25:31 - 46 (NRSV) ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

***On November 22nd, Mennonite Church Canada** General Secretary Willard Metzger will join other church and mission leaders in Toronto to discern the church’s Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious world. Pray that discussion will enhance relationships and create new ones while generating strength and momentum for sharing God’s message of love in a hurting world.