

MCC Connects – Easter – Peace. Jesus lived, died and rose to reconcile all things and bring PEACE and complete shalom! He invites us to participate with him as agents of peace to the broken, hurting places around the world. MCCS is preparing a history of Timber Bay/Montreal Lake Children’s Home and is looking for photographs and personal stories. Contact Leonard at 665-2555 or leonarddoell@mccs.org

From MC Canada: “Mennonites Everywhere” is the name of a new series of short videos to help congregations dispel myths that you need to have a certain surname or eat a certain kind of ethnic food to be part of a Mennonite congregation. The first video features NHL hockey player Nick Spaling (Nashville Predators). Watch it here: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1. Future videos will feature people from all walks of life. If you or someone you know would be interested in being featured in a future video (public profile not required), email office@mennonitechurch.ca.

*Sask Women in Mission Enrichment Day, Saturday, April 28. See poster on the bulletin board for many more details.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
April 8, 2012

WHERE DO I SIGN? Easter Sunday

Focus Statement: God said “Yes” to the world’s “No,” putting a stamp of approval on Jesus’ commitment to God’s way of life. We rejoice in the sign of the empty tomb. By the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, we are commissioned to witness to the new covenant. Will we, like the disciples and apostles, fully sign on and commit ourselves to proclaim and embody this good news to all nations?

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord who is good;

People: The Lord is our strength and our might, and has become our salvation.

All: We give thanks to the Lord who has answered us and become our salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord’s doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Invocation

***Hymn: HWB #280
HWB #269**

**“Christ the Lord is risen today”
“Thine is the glory”**

Sharing of joys and concerns
Discipline of Silence & Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time: Sarah/Charlie

Hymn: HWB #273 "Low in the grave he lay"

Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

Drama

Lesson from the Acts: Acts 10: 34-43

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

Affirming our faith: SS #181

Hymn: (Overhead) "I know that my Redeemer liveth"

Sermon: "Confirmation" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: HWB #263** "The strife is o'er"

*Benediction

**RING your bell every time you sing "Alleluia" or "Hallelujah."

***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 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.
- **Easter potluck brunch** after worship service -- bring fruit, Easter bread, eggs or cheese to share.
- **Easter egg hunt for the children**, and bubble blowing (if the weather is nice).

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, April 10 - Youth** meet at the church 10 am – noon for gym games
- **Tuesday, April 10**, 7:30 pm, Church Council meeting
- **Thursday, April 12**, 7:30 pm, Deacons meeting.
- **Saturday, April 14**, 5:00 pm, Seniors Banquet (for those 70 and over)
- Both Adult and all children Sunday School classes resume next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Church Work Day on Saturday, April 21, 9 am – Noon.

*Rosthern Junior College Chorale and Canadian Mennonite University Chamber Choir fundraising Banquet and Concert will be **held April 24th at Osler Mennonite Church**. Join us for the banquet at 6:00 pm and/or the concert to follow at 7:30 pm. Reservations are needed for the banquet, but not the concert. Contact RJC by April 9th to reserve banquet tickets (306 232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca). Please join us for an inspiring evening of music! An offering in support of both schools will be taken at the concert.

***RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament** at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, on May 26, 2012. Information and registration forms can be downloaded from the RJC website at www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. Early bird registration is April 27; final golf & banquet reservations by May 17.

*"A Buncha Guys" Spring Concert, Saturday, April 14, 7:30 pm at Mayfair United Church. See poster on the bulletin board.

MCC Happenings: See posters on bulletin board for more details on:
*"Songs for the Sale" concert on Sunday, April 15, at Forest Grove Community Church.

*Motorcycle Rally Fundraiser together with RJC, on Saturday, June 9. Registration 10 am- Noon, rally starts at 1:00 pm.

* Assembly 2012 Registration:

The Early Bird registration deadline approaches! Plan to attend *Dusting off the Bible for the 21st Century*, Mennonite Church Canada's 2012 Assembly in Vancouver. There will be music, inspiration, friends, faith, and food. Save by signing up by May 15th! Details at www.mennonitechurch.ca/vancouver2012.

* Please update your church directory: Ben Buhler's new email is blbuhler@hotmail.com

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

John 20:1 - 18 (NRSV) ¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise

from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Acts 10:34 - 43 (NRSV) ³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."