

***MCC Connects** - “A great uproar of kids was raised and grew louder with every new school kit given into their small outstretched hands. And it was even louder as they opened the bags to see many notebooks in different colors, pencils, crayons, erasers, sharpeners, and colored rulers.” reads a report from a Roma settlement in Serbia where MCC school kits were distributed. Bring joy to more children by donating kit supplies. Visit mccsk.ca/material resources for information.

***Sunday, August 26, 2:00pm at Shekinah: A Mennonite/Muslim Gathering** sponsored by MCSask. See the Bulletin Board poster for details.

***RJC Summer Open House - “An Evening at RJC” on Thursday, August 23 from 7:00–9:00 pm.** This evening is geared for families that are considering Rosthern Junior College in the next couple years. There will be tours, grads sharing stories, ice cream sundaes in the dining hall and free sunglasses to all prospective students from grades 9-12. All attending families who register for this fall will be entered into our WIN AN IPAD2 contest. Please RSVP to RJC by Monday, August 20th (val@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222).

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Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
August 19, 2012

“Seek peace and know God’s Blessing”

Focus statement: Jesus teaches that those who live lives of peace are blessed by God.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Psalm Reading: Psalm 34: 4-8, 14, 19-20

Call to Worship: Purple #147

Invocation and Prayer for peace (*Lighting Peace Lamp*)

***Hymn: Blue #112 “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic”**
Blue #544 “When we walk with the Lord”

Sharing of joys and concerns
Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Shelley Penner

Hymn: Green #94 “Blest are they”

New Testament lessons: Matthew 5:1-12

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: Blue #336

“When peace, like a river”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message: “Looking for the Cure” Gordon Allaby

*Gordon will be on holidays from August 20 to September 3. Please contact the deacons for pastoral care.

RESPONDING

Prayer of Confession:

One: Gracious God, we come before you to confess that we have not fully lived out the folly of the gospel.

You call those who are poor in spirit “blessed”,

All: yet we often place our own desires over the needs of others.

One: You call those who mourn “blessed,”

All: yet we insulate ourselves from the pain that surrounds us.

One: You call those who are meek “blessed,”

All: yet we struggle mightily to appear strong and superior.

One: You call those who thirst for righteousness “blessed,”

All: yet sometimes we just want to take the easiest path.

One: You say, “Blessed are the pure in heart,”

All: yet our hearts are pulled in many directions.

One: You say, “Blessed are the peacemakers,”

All: yet we fail to live in peace with those closest to us, and we are too often silent about the warring ways of our nation.

All: Forgive us, O God.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn: Purple#49 “I will come to you in the silence”

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*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.

The nursery is available for parents with infants and small children.

Please note that no supervision will be provided in the Nursery during the summer months.

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

* **VBS wrapped on Friday morning and “It was great!”** Forty children registered, with an average daily attendance of 30. Erica Doucette co-ordinated the program, with daily activities led by the MC Sask VBS Troupe: Craig Friesen, Teresa Friesen, Laura Buhler and Kathleen Regier. Huge thanks to Erica and the troupe, who also say big “Thanks!” to all the volunteers who made this week happen, including: Diana Buhler, Jake Buhler, Sarah Hiebert, Jasmine Fehr, Katherine Allaby, Loren Gomez, Emma Mitchell, Deanna Bysterveld, Stephanie Siemens, Russ and Lucy Friesen, Robin Doucette and all those who brought the wonderful snack food!

*The **Church Yard maintenance** schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Doug McKinnell and Karl Martens are asked to take charge of cutting the grass in the church yard this week.

* Today will be the last Sunday using the "**Seek Peace and Pursue It**" theme. The worship committee decided to limit the series to the summer months, and the next two guest speakers opted not to follow the theme. The series, created by MC Canada, was beneficial because it reminded us of the many facets of doing and being peace.

*Saturday, September 1, the **Youth** will have a **Wiener Roast** at the Allaby’s. Meet at the church at 6pm.

*The next church **potluck** will be Sunday, September 9th.

***Sunday, September 9th** is also the Sunday when Sunday School resumes and we will again meet for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Place after Sunday morning worship. A sign up sheet to bring snacks for Sunday School and for coffee time is now on the bulletin board. Feel free to sign up any time to bring “goodies”!

*The Youth Farm **corn maze** is open at Rosthern for family fun! See the bulletin board for details.

***The SMYO Junior High Retreat** will be held at Rosthern Youth Farm Bible Camp the weekend of September 14-16th. Junior Youth should talk to Leslie Allaby for more information. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 7th.

*The Board of Saskatoon Mennonite Care Services Inc. announces that Glen Grismer has been hired as the Executive Director at Bethany Manor. Glen has been the interim director since May

*Saturday, September 8 (1:00-9:00pm) **Fall Family Festival** at the Youth Farm Bible Camp. This will be a special event at the Youth Farm Corn Maze with a Car Show, Food Booths, Gospel Music in the afternoon and the Valley Wide Praise & Worship starting at 7:30 in the evening. It's a great time to check out the Corn Maze, Petting Zoo, Climbing Wall, Rider Pride Train, Bounce Castle and more. We will also be having carnival like activities for children! If you would like to put an entry into the car show, please call 321-7033.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Matthew 5:1 - 12 (NRSV) ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.