

MCC Connects – JUST FOOD - the Right to Food from a faith perspective. In the Just Food Exhibit, artists add their voices to connect the right to food with a faith-based response to hunger in our world. View the exhibit at MCCS and at the Rosthern Station Arts Centre during the month of April. Visit mccsk.ca for more information.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre** Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction on Saturday, **March 31**, at Mount Royal Mennonite Church.

5:30 – Doors open 6:30 - Supper

7:30 – Entertainment: The Friesen Family Band

Tickets available from Shekinah Board Members or Shekinah office 945-4929 or email office@shekinahretreatcentre.org

***Shekinah Retreat Centre** Fundraising Concert at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon on Sunday **April 1**, 2:30 pm. Featuring - The Friesen Family Band. Free Admission.

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

Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
Scripture reader: Steve Guenther
Sound: Dave Klassen
Ushers: Sarah Hiebert, Russ Friesen
This Sunday nursery care: Sarah Guenther
Next Sunday nursery care: Lucy Friesen

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 25, 2012

WHERE DO I SIGN?

Lent Five

Focus Statement: *God promises to write a new covenant with us, and the Spirit has chosen our hearts as the parchment on which to sign God's name. Like Jesus, we can surrender ourselves so that our lives might be signs pointing to God through the fruit that we bear.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Chiming to Worship / silent reflection

Theme song: SJ #44

"The love of God"

Call to Worship:

Leader: Our God is generous and grace-giving;

People: we come to worship knowing we are sinners.

Leader: May we be soaked in God's grace today;

People: may we be washed as clean as new snow.

All: May God give us a fresh start and shape a Genesis week from the chaos of our lives.

Invocation

***Hymn: SS #116**

"I saw a tree by the riverside"

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence & Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time: Stephanie Siemens

Song: "This little light of mine"

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Gospel Lesson: John 12: 20-33

Drama

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

Hymn: SS #62 "Create in me a clean heart"

Confession: (in unison)

O God, according to your steadfast love, have mercy on me, a sinner. I have been unfaithful, done what is evil in your sight. You would be justified to punish me harshly - instead, hide your face from my sin, forgive me, cleanse me, renew me. Give me the intimate knowledge of you and your law that comes from following wherever you lead. Amen.

Assurance of pardon:

"The days are surely coming, and are now here, says the Lord, when I will initiate a new covenant; when I will write my law on your hearts. I will be your God and you will be my people. You will all know me, from the least to the greatest, for I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more."

Sermon: "Desperate words" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: HWB #599** "He leadeth me"

*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 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 children** begins at 11:15 am.
- **Easter choir practice:** 11:15 am.
- **Last Floor hockey of the season:** 7:00 – 7:30 pm: younger children. 7:30 pm-8:30 pm: older kids, youth and adults

THIS WEEK

- **Youth Games Night** (postponed from last week) is now **Saturday, March 31, 7:00 pm**

Remember in Prayer

Aron Friesen and Connie Friesen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent.** Our theme: "**Where do I sign**" can suggest signing in, signing on or signing up. Lent prompts us to commit to God / to be a follower of Christ.

*** Billets are needed for April 24** for the CMU students and staff coming for the CMU/RJC joint fundraiser concert in our church. If you are willing to host and/or have questions, please contact Margaret Dyck. (239-2205, or dyck.mj@gmail.com)

***Submissions for the April newsletter** should be in to the church office by Wednesday, March 28.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Jeremiah 31:31 - 34 (NRSV) ³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their master, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20 - 33 (NRSV) ²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸‘Father, glorify your name.’” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*March 29, 6:30 pm Young Adult supper and meet and greet Sara Wenger Shenk, AMBS President at Nutana Park Mennonite Church and at 7:30 pm everyone else is invited to meet and greet Sara Wenger Shenk.

***The Saskatoon Men’s Chorus** conducted by Lynn Driedger, will be presenting their **spring concert “A Gift of Song” at Osler Mennonite Church on Friday March 30 at 7:30 pm** and Knox United church on Sunday April 1 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are available from choir members, McNally Robinson Book Sellers, Doug McKinnell 239-4603, email “inquiries@saskatoonmenschorus.ca” or at the door. The cost is \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door and \$10 for seniors and students.

***Sonrisa Women's Choir Concert, March 31 at 7:00 pm**, at Knox United Church (8389 Spadina Crescent E, Saskatoon). SONRISA is a group of young women who enjoy singing together in community. Together with their conductor, Lynne Driedger Enns, they share remarkable music and generosity of spirit. Join them at their spring concert at Knox United Church, for an evening of music *“the REAL things we LIVE by”*, featuring a collection of songs and stories from Mennonite, Jewish and South African heritages. Tickets are \$10, available from Erin or Kathy Boldt.

*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.

***The latest MDS and MHSS** updates are on the bulletin board.

