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***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.

*See the bulletin board for new courses this fall at the Academy of Discipleship. (AcademyOfDiscipleship.org)

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Scripture reader: Shelley Penner
No Nursery Supervision this week.
Nursery Supervisor next week: Adeline Cox
Sound: Dave Klassen
Ushers: Dick Braun, Karl Martens

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
September 2, 2012

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

ONE: May the Peace which passes all understanding be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

ONE: Light is an image from scripture associated with peace, harmony and oneness with God. When all was in the darkness God created light and called it good.

ALL: Light is a symbol of God's goodness and of all that is created. Let us celebrate the light of the world.

ONE: In the great story of the Exodus from Egypt, the people were afraid and fearful for their lives. God gave them a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night that they might find their way to freedom and peace.

ALL: We, too, are afraid that the nations will lose their way. O, God, give us light that we might find our way to peace.

ONE: Let us place among us this candle. Let us light it and let it stand as a beacon calling us from darkness and warfare to light and peace.

ALL: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!

Invocation and Prayer

***Hymn: Blue HWB #37**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Blue HWB #372

"O healing river"

Sharing of joys and concerns
Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Joel Kroeker

Hymn: Blue HWB #323 "Beyond a dying sun"

Scripture lessons: Psalm 85: 8-13; Luke 15: 11-32

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: Green SJ #66 "If the war goes on"

Message: "Looking for peace" Heather Peters

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue HWB #407 "We are people of God's peace"**

*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.

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

Nursery supervision will resume next Sunday.

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

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, Sept. 6, 7:30pm: Church Council Meeting**
 - **Next Sunday, Sept 9, 11:15am: Sunday School resumes, followed by Church Potluck at 12:00 Noon**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

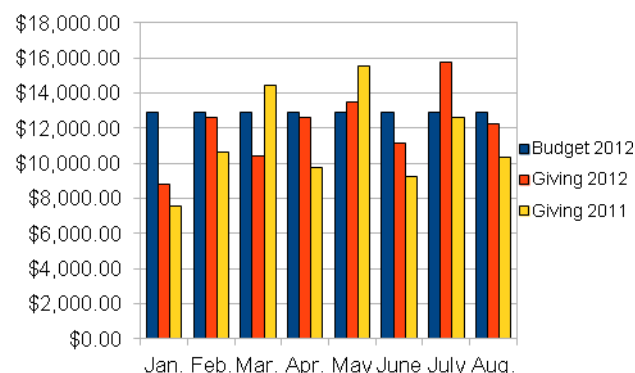
***Next Sunday, September 9th will be our church potluck.**

*The **Church Yard maintenance** schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Jim Dyck and John Reddekopp are asked to take charge of cutting the grass in the church yard for the next week.

***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"!

***Sunday School starts September 9**, beginning with registration. The theme this year is "**Salvation History: Biblical Stories**". The first rotation will focus on "God saves Moses", with all students together as one group for the first Sunday.

*General Fund receipts for the month of August were \$12,232.53 bringing our total for 2012 to \$97,003.60. This is 62.6% of our annual budget after 66.7% of the year has passed. Thank you for your generous and continuing support of our church's ministry.



*The new fall "Rejoice" devotionals are in the foyer for you. Please take one home.

*The **OMC Book Club** is starting up again with the book “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett. Several copies will be available to borrow from Margaret Dyck. The book discussion will be on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy reading, consider joining the Book Club. See Margaret after church today for a book or more information.

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

*October 19-20, Shekinah Timber Lodge: Sask Women in Mission invite you to a **Women’s Retreat**, with guest speaker Doris Dueck. See the bulletin board poster for details and registration forms.

***RJC Registration Day, Monday, September 3:** There is still time to register for the 2012-2013 school year at Rosthern Junior College! Please contact Valerie White in Admissions (306 232-4222 or val@rjc.sk.ca) if you would like more information. Registration Day is Monday, September 3, 10:00 am - 12 noon for day students, and from 1:00-5:00 pm for out-of-town students who are moving into the dorms. Classes begin Tuesday, September 4.

***RJC Opening Service** will be held on Sunday, September 16th at 2:30 pm in the gym. We would be delighted to have you join us as we gather to give thanks and ask God's blessings for the new school year.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms 85:8 - 13 (NRSV) ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for the LORD will speak peace to God’s people, to God’s faithful, to those who turn to the LORD in their hearts. ⁹ Surely God’s salvation is at hand for those who fear the LORD, that God’s glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss

each other. ¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. ¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness will go before the LORD, and will make a path for God’s steps.

Luke 15:11 - 32 (NRSV) ¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”