

***MCC Connects** – Join us September 30 from 1 to 5 pm at the Holy Family Cathedral Hall on Nelson Road, Saskatoon, for PRAIRIE PRISM, a multicultural learning exchange event that will highlight Saskatoon's exponential growth in immigration and bring neighbors together to learn more about each other. For more information visit mccsk.ca/prairie-prism-2012 or call MCCS at 665-2555.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre's annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** will be held October 12 – 14, 2012. Cost: \$150. Registration deadline: October 1, 2012. See brochure/registration forms and poster on 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.

*MC Canada's "PrayerNet" for October is now on the bulletin board.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
This Sunday Nursery care: Leslie Allaby
Next Sundays Nursery care: Diana Buhler
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
September 23, 2012

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

One: Consider the lilies of the field.

Men: The beauty of life does not lie in what we put on, but in bearing life's hardships without losing sight of its charm, in encountering the vagaries of the world without losing sight of its beauty. The adornments which the Creator gives to his daughters and sons are carved and painted in the deepest recesses of the soul.

Women: The tiny flowers of the field ask nothing for themselves and covet nothing. They are silent, but in their silence, they adorn the field. Their lives are brief; they appear quickly, go quickly. Yet their conscience is clear and they leave behind their fragrance to the land that nourished them.

Lilies of the Field (Wang Weifan)

Invocation

***Hymn: Blue/HWB#71 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"**

Sharing of joys and concerns
Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Adeline Cox

Hymn: Blue/HWB #91 “Praise to God, immortal praise”
Blue/HWB #92 “Lord, should rising whirlwinds”

Old Testament lesson: Joel 2: 21-27

Gospel lesson: Mathew 6: 25-33

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

Hymn: Green/SJ#96 “I’m pressing on the upward way”

Sermon: “Lilies of the Field” Bert Lobe

RESPONDING

*Benediction

***Hymn: Blue/HWB#427** “You shall go out with joy”

***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 all ages** begins at 11:15am.

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, Sept 25, 7:30pm-** Discipleship Group
- **Saturday, Sept. 29, 7:30 – 10 pm** Youth: Games Night at OMC

Remember in Prayer

MaryAnn and Abe Braun, and all of Aron Friesen’s family, as they grieve their loss. Aron died on Thursday evening, Sept. 20th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***October 7th** will be our next Communion. October 7th is Thanksgiving Sunday, and also World Communion Sunday.

*The Deacons would again like to assemble **care packages** for Bible school & University students. The next two Sundays there will be boxes in the foyer and you are invited to add greeting notes and small items for our students, Kyla Boldt (RJC) and Scott Feick (CMU).

*Thanks! to everyone who maintained the church yard this summer.

***Newsletter** items to be submitted to the office by Wednesday (26th).

***Will you sign up today?** On October 3 & 4 (Wed & Thurs), a professional photographer will come to our church to take photos of all attendees for the new pictorial church directory. There is no charge for the sitting. You’ll receive a free 8 x 10 photo, a free directory and also have the option of buying more portraits. **Sign Up Sheets** are on the bulletin board. Pick a time between 2:30 and 8:30pm for your sitting. (If you choose to submit your own photo for the directory instead, a fee of \$12.50 will be charged to you. You will also receive a photo directory.) The Deacons request that everyone participates to make the directory complete.

* **The Saskatchewan Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service** has launched a Hay Drive to assist farmers in drought stricken areas of Eastern Ontario and the U.S. Midwest. Drought in these areas is severely impacting the livestock sector, resulting in farmers feeding hay now that was stored for winter feeding. The shortage of hay is becoming critical. MDS is working at moving surplus Saskatchewan hay to these drought stricken areas. Farmers willing to donate hay may email Ike Epp at birwood@littleloon.ca or 1-306-342-4344. Cash donations are also needed to help defray the cost of buying and/or moving this hay to the East. www.mds.mennonite.net

***Tuesday, September 25 5:00-7:00pm: Fall Supper at the Youth Farm Bible Camp.** The menu includes Roast Beef, Turkey, Potatoes, Corn, Stuffing, Pie and more. Location is at the camp and admission is by donation.

*Is **Canadian Mennonite University** (CMU) the right University for you? Find out for yourself by coming to visit our campus, October 21. Contact info@cmu.ca for further details.

*Planning to attend **CMU Fall Festival Sept 28-29, 2012**? If you are traveling from out of province and require assistance, please contact alumni@cmu.ca. All are invited to CMU's annual **Opening Program**. A special service features CMU alumni and student choirs, student sharing, and President's address, (Saturday, 7:00 PM). Lots of events during this weekend!! See: www.cmu.ca/fallfest

***October 12 & 13 - RJC Alumni Weekend** Football – (Sat. only), Soccer (Sat. only) and Volleyball. Come join the fun! Delicious lunch 11:00-1:00 in the Rehearsal Hall. To register for volleyball or for information, email Denelda at deneldafast@hotmail.com by Oct. 7th. Alumni & friends are welcome.

*October 20, 9am-4pm Oskayak High School in Saskatoon: ***"It Ain't Easy Being Green: Faithful Alternatives for Energy, Economics and Environment"*** workshops. See the bulletin board for details. Register by October 12 by phone: 242-1500 or by email @ 2BorNot2BGreen@gmail.com

*October 27, 2012 **Equipping Day** at Wildwood Mennonite Church 9:30am -3:45pm. See the bulletin board or contact MC Sask for more information. Speakers include Helen Friesen, Jake Buhler, Harley Eagle, Audrey & Ken Bechtel, Elsie Rempel, Irma Fast Dueck, Eric Olfert, Leighton Tebay and Jerry Buhler. Cost is \$35 (includes lunch) Register by October 18 by phoning 249-4844 or email mcsask@mcsask.ca

***The MCCS Encounter & AGM will be held November 2 & 3** at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. "Where has MCC been? Where is MCC going?" Learn about the impact of education in our world through the Global Family Program; meet the new International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants; join worship and music and select workshops to attend. Details and registration online at mccsk.ca/call MCCS at 665-2555. See the bulletin board for more.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Joel 2: 21-27

21 Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! **22** Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. **23** O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. **24** The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. **25** I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. **26** You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. **27** You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Mathew 6: 25-33

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? **28** And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" **32** For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.