

***MCC Connects** – Join us for “**Survival of the Weakest: Amidst the Powers**” as we discuss and examine God’s mission to renew all things - **April 13, 2013 at Lakeview Church, Saskatoon**, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Check out theweakest.ca for details. Come for a variety of speakers and workshops, including Will Willimon, Levi the Poet, Eugene Cho, Eileen Klassen Hamm and Willard Metzger . Tickets are \$65 before April 11, \$75 at the door.

***Campers, have you registered for summer camp yet?** On-line registration & on-paper registration are both ready to welcome you at Shekinah Remember, you get \$20 off your registration fee if you pay in full before May 1, 2013!

***May 5, 2013, 3-5pm**, MC Sask invites everyone to a service of celebration and communion for Breath of Life Mennonite Church, 731 Avenue J South in Saskatoon.

***RJC Open Campus Day** is coming on May 11th. Save the date and watch Facebook and the RJC website for more info.

Worship Leader: Dave Feick
 Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
 Accompanists: Naomi Schellenberg
 This Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Guenther & Katherine Allaby
 Next Sunday Nursery care: Lucy Friesen
 Sound: Abe Braun
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
 A Welcoming Christian
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 April 14, 2013

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship
 Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB # 37 Praise to the Lord**
Purple/SS # 124 My soul cries out

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

LISTENING

Children’s Time Sarah/Charlie

Hymn: Blue/HWB # 505 I am Thine

Psalter Lesson – Psalm 30
 Lesson from the Acts - Acts 9:1-6, 7-20

Offering and Offertory music
 Offertory prayer

Hymn: Green/HWB SJ# 95 I want to walk

Sermon Finding the Way Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB # 544 When we walk with the Lord**

***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 worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am

***No floor hockey** tonight - floor hockey will now take a break until October.

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, April 16 - 7:30pm** – Discipleship Group meeting
 - **Thursday, April 18, 7:30pm** – Education Committee Meeting
 - **Saturday, April 20, 1:00pm** – Youth at the church – making soup and pie for Sunday's fundraiser
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Sunday, April 21 - OMC Youth have lunch plans for you!**

Everyone is invited to a *Youth Soup and Pie Fundraiser lunch* at noon next Sunday – by donation. Come enjoy wonderful food, time to visit and an opportunity to help our Youth attend the Mennonite Church Canada Youth Assembly in Winnipeg in July.

*Six of our **OMC youth** (and Leslie) are heading to Manitoba in July for the Mennonite Church Canada Youth Assembly. They are very excited to be joining Mennonite youth from across the country to join in the "Fat Calf Festival" and need your help in order to pay for the trip. As of today, the youth need to raise an additional **\$1,100.00** in order to pay for the bus trip and Assembly fees. Please consider making a donation, enabling youth to grow in their faith and connection to the larger Mennonite church community. Designate your gift to the OMC Youth, Thanks, and thanks to those who already have donated!

*Can you take a turn and help with set up and clean up for the after worship **Gathering coffee time?** Please speak to Joanne for details and to volunteer.

* The Mission & Service Committee has set up Guidelines for the use of money that has been given to the church designated for **Camperships**. If you know of children from our church or community who are interested in going to camp, please review the Guidelines and submit an application. The Guidelines and application forms are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions or suggested names please contact Margaret Dyck 306 239 2205

* The church has recently received two requests for donations from within our MC Canada family. The first is from MC Canada, Indigenous Relations regarding the quarterly periodical "Intotemak". The second is a request for donations from RJC. The church budget does not include contributions to either of these but if anyone wishes to make an individual contribution you are encouraged to do so either directly or through the Sunday morning offering with the designation noted on your cheque or offering envelope. Both requests have been posted on the bulletin board in the foyer to provide you with additional information."

* **Catechism** for Senior Youth will resume in the next SS year, as we now have senior youth. Also, contact Gordon if you're interested in attending a catechism class or new member class.

* OMC 2013 **Yard Maintenance sign-up sheet**: trustees are asking OMC members to consider helping out with 2013 church yard maintenance, and signing the list on the church bulletin board. We would be especially delighted and grateful, to those who could help out several times this summer!!!

Also, we are again looking for several volunteers to look after the planted areas in front of the church building, and around the OMC sign by the street.

*The annual **OMC work 'morning'** is Saturday May 4th 9-12 a.m. We will try and accomplish outside work- as well as many inside tasks such as cleaning and painting - so all are welcome!!

* Planting flowers this spring? Worship Committee invites you to plant a few extras to make bouquets for the front of the sanctuary on Sundays in summer. If you enjoy growing and arranging flowers, and would be willing to make a **floral arrangement(s)** for a Sunday morning(s) during the growing season, feel free to do so! It adds natural beauty to our worship. Any questions, please speak to Melanie Boldt.

*Those who have ears, let them hear! We need **volunteers to run the sound panel** during Sunday morning worship services ---a most vital ministry in our congregation! Training will be provided and a flexible schedule will allow you to do this job easily and well! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Melanie Boldt, Kathryn Janzen, Lynette Janzen or Michelle McKinnell.

***Start saving those Pennies!** Children of Osler Mennonite Church we are being asked by MCC to gather pennies and other coins to donate to the Relief Sale in June through Penny Power Water Project. This money will be used for its relief worldwide. **A jar will be placed in the foyer to collect your coins for MCC, with a mystery donor matching those donations 4 to 1** (up to \$400). Adults are allowed and encouraged to help out the children and bring your pennies and coins, too!

***Tonight: - Songs for the Sale**, 7 pm, at Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon, Sk. Come enjoy an evening of songs and celebration and support the MCC Relief Sale Committee. The offering will be designated for expenses for the sale in June!

*MC Sask invites everyone to a **Brown Bag Lunch** on Wednesday, April 17 at the MCC Centre, featuring Don Peters. See the bulletin board poster for details.

***Spend-A-Day at RJC**, April 19-20, 2013: All students, grades 8-10, are invited to **Spend-A-Day** at the RJC campus and get a glimpse of what it is like to be a student there. After registration you will be invited to sit in some classes, eat in the dining hall, join in fun activities and spend the night in the dorms. On Saturday your family is invited for brunch and an informal information session in the dining hall. Any student that would like to attend this event needs to **register by April 8th**, as space is limited. **Admission is free!** Registration forms are available at www.rjc.sk.ca or by email from val@rjc.sk.ca

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.

For Yahweh's anger is but for a moment;
Yahweh's favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
'I shall never be moved.'
By your favour, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:
'What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!'

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Acts 9:1-6, 7-20

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'