*MCC Connects – MCC Connects – Expand, Enrich, Embrace . . . Your Life, Our World! SALT - Serving and Learning Together is MCC's year-long cross-cultural service opportunity for Christian young adults ages 18-27. Visit salt.mcc.org. Apply now.

*Friday Night Live at RJC. RJC invites Grade 6-12 Youth, youth leaders, parents and pastors to Friday Night Live on Friday, January 18, 7:30 pm. This exciting event includes interactive activities, snacks, performances by RJC students, and information about RJC programs and upcoming events. Admission is free. Osler Youth will meet at the church at 7pm to go to RJC for this event.

*Festival of Choirs, February 3, 2:30 pm – CMU Men's Chorus, RJC Chorale and ManChoir, A Buncha Guys and Sonrisa Women's Chorus will present an epic concert at Third Avenue United Church. Together for the first time, these choirs will showcase the joy of singing that many of the choir members have learned at schools such as RJC and CMU. Free admission. A free-will offering will be taken with proceeds to CMU and RJC.

Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg

Adeline Cox Scripture reader:

This Sunday Nursery care: Jennifer Rowan Next Sunday Nursery care: Shelley Penner

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Osler, Saskatchewan

A Welcoming Christian Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service January 13, 2013

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 43:1-7)

One: Do not fear, for God has redeemed us. We are God's, and God knows us by name.

All: We will not be overwhelmed, and we will not be consumed.

One: We are precious in God's sight, and honoured by God. God loves us.

We have no reason to fear. All:

One: God is with us.

All: God loves me. I will not live in fear.

Invocation

*Hymn: Blue/HWB #46 "I sing the mighty power of God"

"Here in this place" Blue/HWB #6

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

LISTENING

Children's Time

Ruth Buhler

Hvmn: Blue/HWB #397 "God loves all his many people" Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-22

Lesson from the Acts: Acts 8:14-17

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer: Green/SJ #147 in unison

Hymn: Purple/SS #49 "I will come to you in the silence'

Sermon "Everyone Who Is Called By Name" Cheryl Woelk

RESPONDING

*Hymn: Blue/HWB #303 "Come, gracious Spirit"

*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.

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.
- Winter Study #1 in the sanctuary at 11:20am
- Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:15am.
- **Floor hockey**: 7:00pm

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, January 15 "Do Art" 7:00 8:30pm for Grade 5-9 students
- Wednesday, January 16, 7:30pm Missions and Service Committee meeting
- Thursday, January 17, 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

- Friday, January 18 Youth: Meet at church at 7:00pm to go to RJC for 'Friday Night Live'
- **Next Sunday:** Winter Study#2 during the Sunday School hour, Pizza Lunch at noon, with Winter Study #3 to follow lunch.

Remember in Prayer

Steve Guenther as he begins his recovery following heart surgery on January 9^{th} .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gordon Martens, Wilf, Ben and Jake Buhler are leading services today at both Rosthern Nursing Home and The Home for the Aged.

*Our Winter Study is part of "Being a Faithful Church". Being a Faithful Church is the process we are in with MC Canada as we learn to process issues of contention. This study will explore how we use the Bible for inspiration and instructions.

Today -- <u>Session One</u> will be during the Sunday School time, and will introduce the topic. This will be in the sanctuary, and all adults are invited. **Sunday, January 20** -- The sermon time will expand further on "how we use the Bible".

- -- <u>Session Two</u> will be during the Sunday School time on the 2th, and will be preparation for the case study.
 - -- Pizza lunch at noon -- all are invited.
- -- <u>Session Three</u> will follow the pizza lunch and will be the case study on the justification for slavery and discussion.

Please note: Adult Sunday School classes for today and next Sunday are invited to join the Winter Study.

*Blanket Making for MCC will take place at the church at 9:00 a.m. on January 21, 22 and January 28 and 29. Everyone is welcome to come and help make blankets for people living in many parts of the world who live in refugee camps, orphanages and in locations experiencing disasters or conflict.

*Our Annual General meeting will be Saturday, February 2 from 9:30am to noon.

*The Education and the Mission and Service Committee are sponsoring "**Do ART**" for the Osler community children in grades 5 -9. Do ART will happen once a month from January through March, starting January 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm -- the art teacher is Cheryl Haas.

*A new **Nursery supervision schedule** will soon be prepared for the period from March to June 2013. If you would like to add your name to the current list of volunteers helping with nursery supervision, please contact the church office by Wed. January 15th to volunteer. Each person provides supervision once every 2 or 3 months.

*The deacons invite you to **prepare a meal** for John and Rhonda Gascho and their son Jem. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, speak to one of the deacons: Steve G., Kathy Braun, Kathryn J., Dave F. & Edna Z.

*Note: new email address for Loretta Sawatzky: <u>loretta.s@hotmail.ca</u> Lloyd's email is still <u>lloyetta@hotmail.com</u>

*Upcoming OMC Youth Fundraisers! For Mennonite Church Canada's 2013 Youth Assembly, Camp Assiniboia, Winnipeg, MB July 29-Aug. 2, 2013. Osler Mennonite Church's youth (those in Grades 9–12 in 2013-2014) are very excited to be attending the upcoming Mennonite Church Canada Youth Assembly in Manitoba. For all of them, this will be their first experience attending a national youth assembly! The cost of the trip per youth will be:

- ❖ \$390.00 for the weeklong assembly.
- \$200.00 for transportation and overnight accommodations. A bus has been reserved for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan participants. For a Total Cost of \$590.00

In order to make this trip affordable, our youth will be doing fundraisers this winter and spring. It would be great if we could raise the entire amount needed! More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead on fundraising activities. If you have questions, or want to make a contribution to the Assembly Fund, please let me know. For more information on the Youth Assembly, go to www.fatcalf.mennonitechurch.ca. Thanks. Leslie Allaby

*Our popular Sunday morning **Gathering Time** needs another host(s). Hosting involves making coffee, preparing the room and cleanup. If you would like to help by being one of the hosts, then please contact Gordon or one of the deacons. The Gathering Time is sponsored by the deacons.

*OMC Book Club will be reading "The Book of Negroes" by Canadian author Lawrence Hill this month. If you'd like a book, please see Loretta. Discussion will be Monday, February 4.

*Our annual telephone directory for members and adherents will be compiled in February. Please submit any address, phone number or email address changes to the church office by the end of January. Information changes for students and others living away from Osler are appreciated.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Luke 3:15-22 ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Acts 8:14-17 ¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.