

***MCC Connects** – Community Engagement: Kids Club has expanded to include a Youth Club for youth ages 10-15. We are looking for individuals/groups to provide healthy snacks one Wednesday a month for the youth. Approximately 40 youth attend each week. Please contact Kaytee Edwards at MCCS for more information, 306-665-255 ext 237 or kayteeedwards@mccs.org

*MCSask Ministries Commission invites you to join the **Touring Mission Fest 2013** on Saturday April 27, 2013. The Tour this year will take you to Wildwood in Saskatoon, North Star in Drake (with input from/about Bethany Mennonite in Watrous and Sharon Mennonite in Guernsey) and Nutana Park in Saskatoon. The cost will be \$50.00 per person and will include the Bus Fare as well as all full-course meals. Registration forms and further information will be posted on the bulletin board and is available online. www.mcsask.ca

*Please join the **Sonrisa Womens Choir** for “*An Evening of Music to Open your Heart to the Wonder of Spring*”. Sonrisa’s Spring Concert will be held on Saturday March 23rd at 7pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 Seniors/Students and children are free. Tickets are available through choir members, by phone at 239-2131 or by emailing sonrisa choir@hotmail.com.

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanists: Melanie Boldt
Scripture reader: Carl Martens-Funk
This Sunday Nursery care: MaryAnn Braun
Next Sunday Nursery care: Jan Guenther
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 17, 2013

Lent Five

Ashamed No More – Christ Jesus has Made Us His Own

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Chiming to Worship/Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is generous! The Lord has done great things for us!

All: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy!

One: Restore our fortunes, today, O Lord.

All: So that those who weep may instead rejoice;

One: So that those who have little can bring home a bounty.

All: We know you can make this world new, and we rejoice!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #640 “This is a day of new beginnings”
Blue/HWB #500 “As the hart with eager yearning”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children’s Time and collection of loose change

Jake Buhler

Hymn: Blue/HWB #26 “Holy Spirit, come with power”

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Gospel Lesson - John 12:1-8

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB # 369 “Lord, whose love in humble service”

Sermon “Redolent Affect” Gordon Allaby

COMMUNION

Confession (in unison):

Giving God, you have given us food, and shelter, and knowledge, and love. Yet it seems that when we find a solution to one problem, ten more appear. We confess that we are overwhelmed with despair for the problems we see and confused by the opportunities presented to us. Open our eyes to see, and our hearts to trust your wisdom.

Assurance: I will be with you, and will share with you the wisdom to share my love with all whom you encounter.

***Hymn: Blue/HWB # 418 “Move in our midst”**

*Benediction

***Please rise**

Becoming the answer to our prayers: Take your family for a drive through your town or community, noting its wealth and poverty. Wonder about the reasons for the differences between people and neighbourhoods. Then, spend some money you have been saving for a personal purchase on someone who cannot or would not respond in kind but would benefit from your gift. Tell that person you are seeking to imitate God’s extravagant nature.

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 and **Choir Practice** in the Sanctuary
- **Floor hockey** at 7:00pm

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, March 21, 7:30pm** – Education Committee Meeting
 - **Friday, March 22, 7:30pm** – Deacons Family Movie Night
 - **Saturday, March 23, 7:30pm** – Youth Game Night at church
 - **Next Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday) - Choir practice** during Sunday School time
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Remember in Prayer

Linda Doell, recovering from surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Easter Lilies:** again this year, the worship committee invites you to pre-order a lily for Easter. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. The lilies are \$15 each. We will use the lilies during the Easter worship service, and then it's yours to take home.

***Choir practice**, in preparation to sing a couple songs at the Good Friday service and two songs on Easter Sunday, will be during the Sunday School time **today** and next Sunday, March 24.

Psalm 126

- ¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
- ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- ³ The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
- ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- ⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
- ⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

From Mennonite Church Canada:

Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal by Mennonite Church Canada pastor April Yamaski has been released just in time for Lent and features 18 ways people can pursue spiritual practices including things like "making music" and "having fun". This book is available for purchase from Menno Media and will later be available to borrow. See the link:

<http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/ResourceView/2/15588>

***Family Movie Night**, sponsored by the deacons, is Friday, March 22 at 7:30 pm. Bring your family and friends for popcorn and the movie "Despicable Me", a fun movie for all ages with a good message.

*The lesson of the current children's Sunday School rotation, being taught by Loretta Sawatzky, is the Samaritan at the well. This will be followed by Palm Sunday next week.

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00pm: Potluck supper and Communion

Good Friday: Worship service at 7:30 pm

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. There will be a potluck brunch after the worship service (fruit, bread, finger food), followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children.

*Gomez Family Update: Roberto, Amalia, Loren and Robert are settling into their home in Grand Prairie. They are experiencing feelings of sadness for leaving friends behind. Their email address is unchanged and their new address is listed in the church directory. Please see the bulletin board for their new address and phone #.

***Meals**: A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and the deacons invite everyone to participate by signing up and preparing one meal a week for John and Rhonda and Jem Gascho. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the deacons.

*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. Our youth need to raise an additional **\$2000.00** 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!

*Twenty-five Youth participated in “Do Art” with Clint Neufeld last week. Have a look at their artwork, displayed in the buffet room.

***Today: RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction** - 7:00 pm at RJC. Come and enjoy an evening of pie, coffee and music featuring A Buncha’ Guys and the RJC Man Choir. Included in the evening will be a dessert auction, with funds going towards RJC program projects. Join us for an evening of music and fun.

***Spend-A-Day at RJC**, April 19-20, 2013: All students, grades 8-10, are invited to **Spend-A-Day** at the RJC campus. This will be an opportunity for students to get a glimpse of what it is like to be a student here. 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

***Volunteering Opportunities!** Come be engaged by some of the burning issues of our society. The Micah Mission is a prison ministry supported by Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. Ex-offenders in the corrections system, and those recently released, are in need of volunteers to support their reintegration into society. Volunteering is done through visiting both within institutions and participation in support groups in the community. Both men and women are needed. Training is provided. Please contact Dave Feick at micahcoordinator@gmail.com for more information.

***Youth:** If you are entering grade 9 or leaving grade 12 this school year, get yourself and your friends to the Fat Calf Festival! Don’t know what it’s about? Don’t know why should you be there? There are four videos here that will answer these questions: <http://fatcalf.mennonitechurch.ca>. (Or simply Google “Fat Calf Festival.”) Already planning to be there? Remember that the registration deadline is May 15th.

*Please note Michelle and Karl’s **new email address:** michellemckinnell@gmail.com

*The MDS Update for March 14, 2013 is now posted on the bulletin board.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 43:16-21 ¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

John 12:1-8 ¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ ‘Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?’ ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.’