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\*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](http://www.mcsask.ca)

**\*A Buncha Guys Spring Concert** - Saturday, April 13th at 7:30 at Mayfair United Church, Saskatoon. An offering will be taken to support MCC's work in Syria. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, MCC Office - 600-45th ST W, Russ Regier (249-3650) any of the guys or at the door.

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Worship Leader: Jim Dyck  
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
Accompanists: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
This Sunday Nursery care: Jennifer Rowan  
Next Sunday Nursery care: Shelley Penner  
Sound: Abe Braun  
Ushers: Anna Peters, Karl Martens

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
March 31, 2013

### *Easter Sunday*

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

Chiming to Worship/Silent Reflection

### **Call to Worship**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

One: The stone the builders rejected has become the chief  
cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

**All: Let us be glad and rejoice in it!**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #280 "Christ the Lord is risen today"**  
**Blue/HWB #274 "O sons and daughters, let us sing!"**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

### LISTENING

Children's Time

Wilf Buhler

**Hymn: Blue/HWB#267 "Christ has arisen"**

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

Chelsea Cox

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Gospel lesson: Luke 24:1-12

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

Choir

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #282 “Proclaim the tidings near and far”**

Sermon “Graveyard Shift” Gordon Allaby

**\*Benediction: Purple/SS #179**

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #118 “Praise God from whom”**

**\*\*Ring your bell every time you sing “Alleluia” or “Hallelujah”**

*\*Please rise*

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*Becoming the answers to our prayers:* Go to the busiest crossroads you know and try to notice everything; all the people, the bicycles, the cars, the buses, the pedestrians, the sounds, the sky. Notice people’s faces. Notice the joy, the anxiety, the impatience that is there. Now picture a garden and a lonely, distraught woman meeting a man named Jesus. Understand the resurrection as God beginning a new creation in the midst of all the messy, ordinary, and surprising moments of life. Share the good news this week with someone who needs to hear good news.

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**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.

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### TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **No Sunday School today.**
- **Potluck Brunch** after the worship service, followed by an **Easter Egg hunt** for the children
- **Floor hockey** at 7:00pm

### THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, April 4, 7:30pm** – Church Council meeting
  - **Saturday, April 6, 7:30pm** – Youth Games Night at the church
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Thank you** from Tina Friesen for all your prayers, as Tina had surgery last week and is at home recovering.

**\*You are still welcome to purchase an Easter lily, and please sign up on the bulletin board if you do.**

\*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!

\*Saturday, April 13, 5:30pm – Deacon sponsored **Seniors Banquet** for 70 and older and spouse or guest.

**\*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](http://www.rjc.sk.ca) or by email from [val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca)

**\*Invitation to Join Mennonite Church Canada's 2013 UK Learning Tour (August 21 – September 2)**

As shown by the success of Stuart Murray's *The Naked Anabaptist*, there is much that Mennonites in Canada can learn from the British experience with post-Christendom. This August, Mennonite Church Canada is offering a unique study-focused learning tour to the UK, where we will meet with leaders of the UK Anabaptist Network to discuss new ways of being church and how Anabaptism can help revitalize the global church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The tour will include three days at Greenbelt, an annual Christian Arts Festival featuring talks by leading Anabaptist and Emerging Church voices. Leading the tour will be Willard Metzger, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada, and Vic Thiessen, our Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Minister, Church Engagement (who was the Director of the London Mennonite Centre from 2002 – 2009).

The cost of the tour (\$2222) **includes** twelve nights of accommodation (mostly in single rooms), transportation within the UK, Greenbelt registration and half of your meals (including a full English breakfast each morning). You will also receive a \$300 donation receipt. Only six spaces remain (total of twelve participants plus the leaders), so register early (deadline is April 15, 2013). For more information, please contact Vic Thiessen at [vthiessen@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:vthiessen@mennonitechurch.ca). To register for the tour, please contact Coreena von Kampen at [cvonkampen@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:cvonkampen@mennonitechurch.ca).

**\*Help is needed** to clean up after the gathering time. To volunteer your help, please contact Joanne.

**\*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.

**\*April 6 - Shekinah Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction** - Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and Entertainment to follow at 7:30pm. Please call the Shekinah office at 306-945-4929 to indicate the number of people dining in your party. Banquet tickets are \$20 and can be paid at the door.

**\*News from Shekinah....**

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

2. NEW for 2013: Family Camp! Come and experience the life of camp...as a family. Registrations can be found on our website ([www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org))...**call** if you have questions and then get ready to come to camp!

**\*Summer IS coming!** So, as you start planning ahead...have you considered coming to **volunteer for a week at Shekinah?** We're looking for cooks/kitchen help and Bible leaders....and we'd love to hear from you (and have you here with us!)!

**\*Sunday, April 14** - 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!

**\*The 2013 MCC Relief Sale and Auction is June 14 & 15** at the Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. (Not June 13 & 14 as previously announced) Visit [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) for additional details.

## **\*From Mennonite Church Canada:**

As we celebrate Easter Sunday and the life-giving, transformative power of God's love, we thank you for your support of MC Canada. Your prayers inspire and energize. Your donations make it possible to develop and share Anabaptist resources at home and around the world.

As we celebrate Easter and our risen Lord, remember our brothers and sisters in Israel/Palestine, and the staff and students at Bethlehem Bible College (BBC), a partner of MC Canada. BBC provides a strong program of Christian studies for future leaders of the church in the Holy Land.

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

### **Isaiah 65: 17-25**

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

### **Luke 24:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

### **Psalms 118:22-24**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.