

**\*MCC Connects:** 50 Years of Faith in Action. Come celebrate MCC work as performed by our boards of directors, executive directors, volunteers and staff persons on September 13, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in the MCC Centre, 600 - 45th Street West, Saskatoon. If you have ever worked with MCC in any capacity, please come and give thanks with us for God's leadership in our lives.

\*Registration for Mennonite World Conference, Pennsylvania 2015 is now open! Visit <http://www.mwc-cmm.org/> for details.

**\*Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre:** There will be exciting fall programs at Queen's House. For a full list of programs see the bulletin board poster, [www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org) or 306-242-1916

**\*Today, 7:00pm - Sonrisa Choir of Young Women** Kick off Barbecue at the Driedger Enns Farm at Osler. All singers over the age of 18 and interested in singing in the choir are welcome. Rehearsals begin Sunday September 14th, 7:00 p.m. at Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. For more information please Facebook or call Lynne Driedger-Enns at 306-220-1194 or email her at [gord.lynne@sasktel.net](mailto:gord.lynne@sasktel.net)

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Worship Leader: John Reddekopp  
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg  
This week's Nursery care: Lucy Friesen  
Next week's Nursery care: Jan Guenther  
Sound: Dick Braun  
Ushers: Steve Rowan, Russ Friesen

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
September 7, 2014

*The Early Church, Our Church – a seven week worship series*  
*Week seven: Rome*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**People: How unsearchable are your judgments, and your paths beyond tracing out!**

Leader: Who has known your mind, O Lord?  
Or who has been your counselor?

**People: Who has every given to you, that you should repay them?**

Leader: From you and through you and for you are all things.

**People: May you receive all glory forever and ever. Amen!**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #81 “Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing”**  
**Green/SJ #16 “Praise with joy the world's Creator”**

**Prayer of confession: Blue/HWB #703**

## Words of Assurance

Now heard these words of assurance from Christ's servant, Vincent DePaul:

"Do not think that all is lost because of the little rebellions you experience in yourself. It has just rained very hard and is thundering dreadfully. Is the weather less beautiful for that? Let the tears of sadness drown your heart and let the demons thunder and growl as much as they please. Be assured ... that you are no less dear to our Lord for that. Therefore, live contentedly in his love."

## Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

### LISTENING

Children's Time

Jake Buhler

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #76 "Praise, I will praise you, Lord"**

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory Prayer

New Testament lesson: Romans 14: 1-12; 15: 1-7

**Hymn: Purple/SS #55 "Love the Lord your God"**

Sermon

"Communities of Grace"

Christy Martens-Funk

### RESPONDING

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #362 "Help us to help each other"**

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise.*

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*Focus statement: Christians will not always agree, but if disagreeing people start with the premise that other believers who hold opposing views do so because they are convinced that they are honoring God, we can still be church with one another.*

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.

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**The blank, coloured papers** in the pew are for **thank-you notes to God or someone in the church**. Place the note in the offering bag. Notes with names will be delivered to that person. The rest will be saved. Share your thankfulness as an offering.

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## TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

## THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, September 10, 7:30pm – Worship Committee meeting**

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## Remember in your Prayers

**Abe Braun**

**Kathy & Dick Braun, Anna & Bill Peters, Loretta & Lloyd Sawatzky and families, following the death of Rita Guenther. The funeral service for Rita was held in our church yesterday.**

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## Announcements

**\*Today at noon** - The deacons invite everyone to join in a **"Welcome Back Fantastic Fall Fiesta"**. Weather permitting, we will be outdoors for our taco picnic with all the fixings for beef and bean tacos, followed by piñata fun for the kids after lunch.



\*As a follow-up to Assembly 2014 in Winnipeg, the *Being A Faithful Task Force* of Mennonite Church Canada would like to share with you a video by Loren Johns, Professor of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, on the topic of scripture discernment and homosexuality. It can be found at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2399](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2399).

\***Featured prayer request from the wider church:** The Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives is blessed with a growing collection of valuable historic materials from congregations. Pray for support that will allow the addition of 1 new archivist to help process and catalogue these resources.

\* **Mennonite World Conference Assembly will take place July 21-26 in Pennsylvania.** Can't attend? You can still help. Support the assembly fund individually as a congregation—donations will go towards helping people from around the globe attend assembly. For more info, contact assembly staff at [pennsylvania2015@mwc-cmm.org](mailto:pennsylvania2015@mwc-cmm.org).

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\***October 3 & 4 - RJC ALUMNI WEEKEND!** Volleyball and Soccer (Saturday only - meet in Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 and bring a white and dark t-shirt). Come join in the fun as a participant or a spectator! A delicious lunch sponsored by Alumni will be served between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm in the Rehearsal Hall. Email Denelda at [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com) to register for volleyball by September 30th or for information. ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WELCOME!

\*Adeline will be away this week and Loretta will be preparing the bulletin and working in the church office on Friday morning.

\***Sunday School Project for the Month of September – School kits** are MCC's most-requested item. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. The Education Committee and Sunday School children invite you to join them in preparing MCC School Kits as a Sunday School project during the month of September by bringing the following items:

**Contents (NEW items only):**

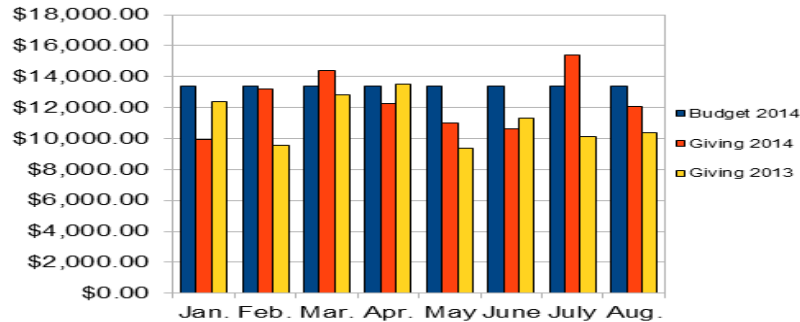
- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm ; 140 pages)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 coloured pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser
- Double drawstring cloth bag (28 cm x 40.6 cm/11 in x 16 in)

\***Sunday School and after-worship Coffee time in the Gathering Room begins again today!** **Volunteers** are needed to bring **snacks** for the Sunday School kids and for the Gathering Time, and **for taking a turn making coffee and cleaning up after the coffee time.** Please sign up on the bulletin board to take a turn. Thank you!

\*Please note **address change** for John & Deanna Reddekopp:  
105- 419 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. S7S 1P2  
Home Phone number is unchanged: 306-978-7831

\*The National Church Bikeathon is coming soon! On October 4, join other Mennonite Church Canada congregations from across Canada on the Ride for Refuge – a first ever national church bikeathon. Join riders in every major city across this country to ride in support of Witness workers Nathan and Taryn Dirks (Niagara United Mennonite Church) to help build a soccer play space for at-risk youth in Botswana. **Stephanie Siemens and Mark Bigland-Pritchard will be participating and invite other riders and also will gratefully accept sponsorship. Please see the display in the foyer for more details and to sponsor, or speak to Steph or Mark.**

\*General fund receipts for the five Sundays in August were \$12,055.25 bringing our total for 2014 to \$98,973.98. This is 61.5% of our approved budget for the year after 66.6% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



\*The Worship committee is looking for **help with the decor** for the church and sanctuary. If you can help, please contact Melanie or any Worship Committee person to volunteer.

\***RJC Opening Program** will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 2:30 pm in the RJC gymnasium. We would be delighted to have you join us as we gather to give thanks and ask God's blessings for the new school year.

\***Shekinah annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** – See the brochure/registration form on the bulletin board for this retreat to be held September 26-28. Registration deadline is Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

\*Saskatchewan Women in Mission will hold its **annual fall retreat** at **Shekinah** Retreat Center on October 17 & 18. The theme this year is “Women’s Voices from the Global Church”. See the Bulletin board poster for registration information and more details.

## TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### Romans 14: 1-12; 15: 1-7

14 <sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’ <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

15 <sup>1</sup>We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. <sup>3</sup>For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, ‘The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.’ <sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.