

***MCC Connects:** The MCC **Relief Sale and Auction** has been an annual event in Saskatchewan since 1970. Over \$3,000,000 has been raised for MCC work around the world. Mark your calendars for **June 12 & 13, 2015** to join in this year's fun, food and fellowship!

***Truth & Reconciliation** – What are the next steps? Join wonderful speakers at Rosthern Eigenheim Mennonite Church on **Friday, May 1: 7-9 pm and Saturday, May 2 – 10am – 4pm.** Hear the stories of Indian residential schools from those who lived it. Share ideas and insights that will lead us toward becoming more faithful instruments of reconciliation in Treaty 6. See the bulletin board for details. Please contact MC Sask Office to indicate your intention of participating. 306-249-4844; mcsask@mcsask.ca

*Rosthern Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary is holding a **May Day Tea and Cake Walk on Thursday, May 7, 2014** from 2-4pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission by donation. Proceeds from the Tea go towards purchasing a new cupboard unity for the West Tub room. Everyone welcome!

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
This week's Nursery care: Sarah Buhler
Next week's Nursery care: Lucy Friesen
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Susan Braun, Lloyd Sawatzky

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
April 26, 2015

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship: Green/SJ #121.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #26 “Holy Spirit, come with power”**
Green/SJ #27 “God of the Bible”

Sharing on the presence of God
Sharing joys and concerns
Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathy Braun

Hymns: Green/SJ #54 “Longing for light”

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Luke 24:13-35, and 1 John 4:7-12

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #372 “O healing river”**

Sermon

Stephanie Epp

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #545** “Be thou my vision”

*Benediction

**Please rise.*

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.

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.

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, April 28, 7:30pm – CMU Chamber choir concert here**
 - **Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 – 9:00pm: Youth Discussion night with Stephanie**
 - **Saturday, May 2: Youth Family Game Challenge night: 7:00pm – 8:30pm**
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Next Sunday, May 3, 5th Sunday of Easter, John 3:1-16

Sermon: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Tony Funk

Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky

Children's time: Kathryn Janzen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Sound: Chris Buhler

Remember in Prayer

Joys: Heart to Heart fellowship, Anna BiglandPritchard’s CMU grad today, Nutana Park Mennonite Church’s 50th Anniversary

Concerns – Warman Mennonite Church’s prayer requests, our environment and climate change, Ken Siemens’ recovery from surgery. Also, please pray for those involved with Bethany College as it closes this weekend. Dan & Naomi especially ask for prayer for Dan's parents (Rick & Gwen Schellenberg) during this transition.

Announcements

***Patty's Week** : Today: Nutana's 50th. Tuesday: sermon, CMU concert. Wednesday: office. Friday: Senior’s conference. Feel free to call Patty at home: 306-955-2928.

***Today: As part of sharing joys and concerns** each Sunday during the Easter season, you are invited to briefly share with the church where you have seen, or perhaps not seen God recently.

***On Tuesday, April 28, 7:30pm:** The **CMU Chamber Choir** will be singing at OMC. We will be serving a supper to the CMU choir at 5:30 p.m., Tues. April 28. **Volunteers are needed to help the lunch committee.** Please sign-up on bulletin board or contact Steve G. on the lunch committee. Come out and enjoy the music!!

***Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 – 9:00pm YOUTH: Discussion Nite with Stephanie:** The location of weekly discussions with Stephanie will change from week to week so check your email and Facebook for details.

*Please have any **newsletter submissions** in to the office by Wednesday, April 29, 9:00am.

*Mennonite Church Canada invites you to *Invest in the Church* this Easter to Pentecost season. Each household will receive a letter inviting you to prayerfully consider your participation in extending the mission of the wider Church. Thank you!

Urgent Prayer Request from Mennonite Church Canada April 23 2015

“Hans Peters, Canadian National Coordinator of Mennonite Men and pastor of the Jane Finch Faith Community, Toronto, Ont., invites prayer for their community. Five people were shot in their neighbourhood on Thursday afternoon. Please pray that the neighbourhood will sense God’s presence in the midst of this tragedy, and find safety and peace. You can reach Hans at hansp@competers.com.

We also invite your prayers for South Africa. The following urgent prayer request was received from Andrew and Karen Suderman, Mennonite Church Canada workers in South Africa. They encourage the Anabaptist Network in South Africa as it strives to walk with, support and grow communities of peace, justice, and reconciliation.” See the Bulletin board for more details about South Africa.

***Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca cmu.ca**

CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre at CMU isn’t just for locals. CommonWord provides thousands of home and congregational resources—for sale, loan, and download. Take advantage of competitive pricing as well as free shipping and downloads. We are the largest Anabaptist resource centre in Canada. Visit commonword.ca today!

***Do you enjoy coloring? Our MCC Witness partners in Ministry Botswana, Nate & Taryn Dirks**, have a coloring sheet sketch of their dream for “Futsal Park” in Botswana. Now they want children (of all ages) to color that sketch of Futsal Park. There are copies on the foyer table and in the children’s binder, along with more information on the bulletin board. Completed coloring sheets can be left in the church office and will be mailed to Nate & Taryn.

***Upcoming services:** During these next weeks of Easter and Pentecost - we will be going through the Gospel of John chapter by chapter until Labour Day. Please join us in reading a chapter a week.

***Please have a look at all the Sign Up Sheets :** Your opportunities to volunteer include: **1.** Help serving supper to the choir for the April 28 CMU concert **2.** Ongoing Snacks for Sunday School & Gathering, as well as **3.** Making coffee for Sunday and cleanup after. **4.** Cutting grass & **5.** Maintaining flower beds this summer. Thanks!

***Saturday, May 2 – Family Game Challenge Night at OMC: 7:00-8:30pm** The Youth are hosting this event and invite everyone in the congregation to attend. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share, beverages will be provided. There will be time after 8:30pm for the youth to do their own thing.

***Pentecost Photos** - in preparation for Pentecost, May 24, **please send a favourite photo to oslermcoffice@sasktel.net** with written or oral thoughts on *What is your eye drawn to in this photograph...Where do you notice the influence of a Creator...Where do you notice life and vibrancy in this photo...Where is the Spirit of God in the ordinary acts of the day...* You may also consider the photos on www.leaderonline.org on Pentecost resources, username: Easter15 and password: rhe7534.

***Camperships are available** for youth and children to attend Mennonite Church Saskatchewan camps. If you know of children from our congregation 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 please contact any member of the Mission and Service Committee (Mark, John G, Sandra G, Wilf, Margaret D)

***The Mission and Service Committee** has extended OMC’s commitment to **servicing Friendship Inn** clients for an additional six months. Please consider helping by: **Servicing lunch and providing friendship on: May 16, June 20, July 18 and/or Aug.15.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Luke 24:13-35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles* from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their

companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

1 John 4:7-12

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent God's Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.