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***The Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home Board** invites you to a supper and information evening to learn about our Personal Care Home and our plans for fundraising. The event will take place on Friday **March 20, 2015** at 6:30 PM at The Rosthern Mennonite Church. We are very excited to share this news with the community. There is no charge for the supper but we do need to know how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by **March 16, 2015** to Tarri at 306-232-4861 or e-mail at Tarri.Ostapak@saskatoonhealthregion.ca

***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction** - Sunday, March 22, 7:00 pm. Come for an evening of Coffee and Pie and superb music and delicious desserts, featuring A Buncha and the RJC Man Choir directed by Richard Janzen. Included in the evening will be a **dessert auction** with decorated and calorie-filled desserts up for bid (bid individually, as a table, family or consortium). Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Everyone is welcome!

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg
This week's Nursery care: Jan Guenther
Next Week's Nursery care: Diana Buhler
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Karl Martens

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 15, 2015

Lent Four – Healing in our conference

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Sharing – Annual Delegate Sessions

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come take off your shoes, be barefoot,

All: For where we stand is holy ground.

Leader: Come and take the journey of faith,

All: For where we stand is holy ground.

Leader: Come and worship the God who loves,

All: For where we stand is holy ground.

Leader: Come and be present to the Holy One,

All: For we are all standing on holy ground.

Invocation

***Hymns: Green/SJ #3 “Jesus calls us here to meet him”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathryn Janzen

Hymn: Blue/HWB #17 “We gather together”

Offering and Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer: Green/SJ #148

Scripture Lessons: Mark 7:24-37

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #377 “Healer of our every ill” (chorus)
Green/SJ #56 “Make me a channel of your peace”**

Sermon: “A Dog’s Day” Patrick Preheim

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #420 “Heart with loving heart united”**

*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

- **Monday, March 16, 7:00pm – Shower for Kaytee Edwards**
- **Thursday, March 19, 7:30pm – Deacons Meeting**
- **Thursday, March 19, 7:30pm – Education Committee Meeting**
- **Friday, March 20, 7:00pm – Family Movie Night**
- **Next Sun. March 22, noon – Easter choir practice**

Next Sunday, March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mark 6:7-13, Mark 12:28-34: **“For the Healing of the Nations”**
March 22 Sermon: Thokozanis, a Mennonite Central Committee IVEPer from Swaziland will present on his work on AIDS healing.

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Song leader: Kevin Boldt Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Children's time: Edna Zacharias Sound: Chris Buhler

Remember in Prayer

Joys: OMC visioning weekend, Mennonite Historical Society meetings, Osler Winter Carnival and OMC Shinnys Team, Art and Edna's return, Jerry Buhler's ministry with MC Sask

Concerns: MC Sask. ADS

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** Today: Tony and Jackie Funk and Patty are leading at the Mennonite Nursing Home. Tuesday: sermon. Wednesday: 8:30-12:30 office. Thursday: deacons 7:30, Fri.8:30-12:30 office, Sunday: Watrous. Feel free to call **Patty at home: 306-955-2928**

***Bridal Shower, Monday, March 16, 7:00pm – All Ladies invited!** *Heart to Heart invites all OMC women to a Shower and Sharing time with Kaytee Edwards (marrying Chris Buhler on August 8th). If you have married into the Osler community, you will be invited to share your experiences with Kaytee.

***Friday, March 20, 7:00pm – Deacons Family Movie Night:** Everyone is come enjoy the movie “Frozen”, as well as ice cream floats and popcorn at the church. *Who wants to dress up?* Come as your favorite “Frozen” character and add to the fun!

*Copies of **Jerry Buhler’s sermon and poetry** here last weekend are now posted under Sermons on the church website. (March 8th)

***Sunday, March 22 – Easter choir practice** at Noon. Please bring instruments/guitars, if you play.

*Council will be forming an **intergenerational Youth Task Force** to flesh out ideas from our visioning process. Please talk to George, Shelley or Patty. **Council minutes** will be posted on the bulletin board following meetings.

*Thank you to Jake, Russ, Cornie, John, Dave, George, Christy and Patty for representing OMC at the **MC Sask 2015 Annual Delegate Sessions**. Thanks to the Buhler boys for hauling tables to conference.

***Special Music volunteers** – Will you share your love and gift of music? Please sign-up on the bulletin board or speak to Patty or a Worship Committee member (Melanie, Naomi, Kathryn, Lynette or Stephanie) to sing or play for a worship service; children especially!

***Prayer Chain** – A new prayer chain is posted on the bulletin board. If you need intercessory prayer, please contact anyone on the list.

***Spring Fling!** A Warman Community Band Concert featuring guest performer Kevin Junk and guest conductor Wayne J. Toews. March 29th @ 2:30pm @ The Church on Central, Warman SK (formerly Warman Gospel Church)

***Youth:** For more information about being part of the **MC Sask 2015 VBS Troupe**, see the bulletin board for an application form.

Mennonite Church Canada

*4.8 million people in Canada struggle to pay their rent, feed their families, and address basic needs. The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, the Canadian Council of Churches, together with Dignity for All, are working together to address poverty in Canada. A “Justice Tour” of Canadian church leaders in April and May, 2015, on the topics of climate justice and poverty in Canada, will use the comprehensive Dignity for All report as a platform for further discussion and action. Congregations are invited to engage this report and discern what it means for ministry in their local communities: www.commonword.ca/go/98.

***Upcoming services in Lent:**

March 22: Kaytee Edwards and IVEPers

March 29: Patty Friesen: Palm Sunday and Anointing Service

April 2: Maundy Thursday Potluck supper & Service, 6:00 p.m.

April 3: Good Friday Service of Darkness, 7:00 p.m

April 5 – Patty Friesen: “Healer of our every ill” Easter Sunday with Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt after worship. Please bring bells to the Easter service.

***Youth: Saturday, March 28, 7:30pm, Guys Night/Girls Night**

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Mark 7:24-37

24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’²⁸ But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’²⁹ Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.’³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus* ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’