

***MCC Connects:** MCC Connects: A Buncha Guys Spring Concert - featuring the 20 Year Reunion Choir on Sunday, April 30 at 2:30pm at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Doors open at 2:00. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, MCC, from any of The Guys or at the door. An offering will be taken for MCC.

***Station Singers presents a concert** that includes many famous Canadian songwriters. **The Rosthern concert is Thursday Apr 27, 7:30 pm at Station Arts Centre. The concert in Saskatoon is at Mayfair United church on Friday Apr 28, 7:30 pm.** Tickets are available from choir members, Station Arts and McNally Robinson.

***Saskatoon Men's Chorus** will be presenting "From Sooke to Sydney". The concert will be on **April 23, at 2:30 pm**, at Grace Westminster United Church.

***May 6: Shekinah Fundraising Banquet and Capital Project Launch**, 6:00 pm at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Reserve your tickets online at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call 306-945-4929

OMC CALENDAR

Apr 6 Council mtg, 7:00 pm
Apr 13 Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion, 6:00 pm
Apr 14 Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
Apr 16 Easter Brunch, 11:00 am; Easter Egg hunt for children
Apr 18 Ladies Heart to Heart, 7:00 pm
Apr 18 Worship Committee mtg, 7:00 pm
Apr 27 M & S mtg, 7:00 pm
Apr 30 Seniors Pizza Supper, 5:00 pm @ Bethany Manor

Worship leader: Sarah Buhler Sound: Chris Buhler
Song leader: Ben Buhler Pianist: Diana Buhler
Nursery: Sarah Guenther Ushers: John Gascho, Anna Peters

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Let us give thanks to our Creator, for the Creator is always with us.

All: Creator and creating God, you have given life to all around us.

One: You call us to be with you whether we are inside in the shelter of these walls or outside in the shelter of your trees; whether we are in the city or on the land.

All: God is with us when we gather together and when we are alone.

One: We are here to answer that call.

All: We will sing joyfully and we will listen attentively for your whispering voice.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #582 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"
Blue/HWB #250 "Beneath the cross of Jesus"**

Lenten Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance:

Leader: Holy and loving God,

People: we have dwelt in comfort and preferred it to life-giving freedom in you;

Leader: we have been proud of our accomplishments

People: and despaired over our shortcomings.

Leader: Smooth down the mountains of our pride,

People: and lift up the valleys of our doubts.

Leader: Open a path in the wilderness of our lives
People: that we might find our way to you again.
Leader: Refine us and prepare us once again
People: for life in your kingdom.
(pause for silent confession)
Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord.
People: Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Youth

Special Music by Children's Choir: "Pharaoh, Pharaoh"

Hymn: (on overhead) **"It's a long road to freedom"**

Scripture lesson: Exodus 3:1-15 Moses and the burning bush

Hymn: (on overhead) **"Go down Moses"**

Reflection: "Go down Moses" Terri Lynn Friesen

***Hymn:** (on overhead) **"Lonesome Valley"**

*Benediction:
*(*Please rise)*

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Scent Free: We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY

- **Adult choir practice, 9:00 am.**
- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 **at 9:15 am.**
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages **begins at 11:15 am.**

THIS WEEK

- **Council meeting, Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm.**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Adult choir practice, 9:00 am**
- **Palm Sunday**

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Apr 13 Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion, 6:00 pm
- Apr 14 Good Friday service, 7:00 pm
- Apr 16 "Easter and Deliverance" - Patty Friesen
- Apr 23 "Deborah" – Stephanie Siemens

Sun, April 9: Palm Sunday & the Passover Lamb - Patty Friesen
Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Worship leader: Sarah Buhler Nursery: Lucy Friesen
Children's time: Lacey Braun Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: John Gascho, Anna Peters

Remember in Prayer:

- recovery from cancer treatments for Dave's co-worker Peter and John R's sister-in-law Elvira.
- Peter Giesbrecht in hospital. -MICAH's successful fundraising.
- continued healing for Emmett and Michelle.
- all those losing jobs due to budget cuts, including Julie and other Chaplains.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: office, visits; Thurs: council; Fri: office, visits.

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon/Wed: off; Tues: MLI prep, Lenten prayer; Thurs: youth ministry mtg; Council, Fri: office.

***A big thank you to Eugene** for installing the lovely new carpet tiles in the front office and Sunday School hallway. We appreciate the energy and expertise you give to God's work through the church!

YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL CALENDAR

April 13	Intergenerational Seder Meal (Maundy Thurs) 6 pm
Apr 18-19	Mega Menno - Honouring the Earth event with MCC
April 21	Youth Discussion Night, 7:30 PM
May 7	S.S. Hour - Intergenerational Purim Party
May 19	Youth Discussion Night
May 26-28	Jr High Retreat at Shekinah

***Lunch Committee** personnel with last names beginning with **A-C**, leaders **Susan Braun and Rachel Buhler**, will be in charge of set-up and clean-up of the Maunday Thursday Potluck/Communion meal on April 13th.

***Lunch Committee** personnel with last names beginning with **D-L**, leaders **Steve Guenther and Diane McKinnell**, will be in charge of set-up and clean-up of the Easter Sunday Brunch.

*On Sunday, April 9 at 4 pm, **Warman Mennonite Church invites you to join them in celebration as they ordain Josh Wallace for pastoral ministry.** Faspas to follow.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) scheduling volunteers for Saskatoon project. Weekly volunteers are needed starting May 14 to begin rebuilding in Fort McMurray. Sign up for Saskatoon/Hague area, where volunteers will build Ready to Move homes that will be moved to Fort McMurray and set on the basements. To sign up contact the Weekly Crew Volunteer Coordinator, Darin Bontrager at dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net or by calling 1-800-241-8111. Find an online form at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/>

***“The Great Canadian Mennonite Opera”** is a play written and performed by the descendants of Isaak Zacharias at Bethany Manor on **Saturday, April 29th**, 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

*RJC News:

-RJC Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament, May 27. More information and Registration forms on the bulletin board.

-RJC Spring Concert, May 28, 2:30 pm.

-RJC Spring Musical “Sister Act”, June 23-24, 7:00 pm. See poster.

***We are looking for someone to host this year’s CHURCH PICNIC on June 18.** If you are interested contact Lynette. Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:

1. **Thank you to the Junior High class** for the drama presentation with the children's classes last Sunday! The Junior High teachers are John Gascho and Terri Lynn Friesen.

2. **Sunday School Volunteers.** We need volunteer teachers for the children's Sunday school for two week rotations starting after Easter. If you are able to help out in this way contact one of the Co-Superintendents, Steve Guenther or John Reddekopp.

***New members and youth are invited to join the church** through baptism or associate membership on Pentecost, Sunday June 4. Please talk to Terri Lynn, Patty or George.

***MCC Blanket Making: Thank you to all the volunteers** who came out to make blankets. 100 blankets were delivered to MCC.

***Lenten Prayer continues:** prayer sheets are available in the table in the church entrance. All are welcome to join in: Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm - Terri Lynn & Thomas' (225 Ave E N). Sunday morning (April 9), 11:15am (Adult S.S. classroom 7)

*April is Write-A-Note-A-Day (or as often as you think of it) month. Please help yourself to free note paper and envelopes on lobby table from Sarah Hiebert.

***Community Grocery Needs:** Please remember grocery items for the Friendship Inn and for a family experiencing some financial difficulties in the community. Place items in the designated boxes in the foyer. Contact Sandra G. or Margaret D. if you have questions.

***Volunteer Appreciation Tea for Blanket Making Groups on April 26.** If you would like to attend please indicate on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by April 16th.

***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - Sunday, April 2, 7:00 pm at RJC.**