

***MCC Connects:** MCC Canada welcomes applications for MCC Canada Executive Director. Interested individuals are asked to apply online at: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings by April 7th, 2017. Any inquiries regarding this position can be sent to karengracepankratz@mcccanada.ca

***Hidden Voices - Sonrisa Womens Choir presents Vivaldi's Gloria** - Saturday April 1st 7:30 p.m. at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. In Italy during the early 1700's, there were many abandoned girl children. Vivaldi was a priest and teacher at one of the orphanages that offered them shelter and education, and it was for them that he composed *Gloria, RV589*. Sonrisa will share the story of these young women and the music they made together as part of a celebration of hidden voices. Please join us! (Tickets available from choir members and at the door. Adults \$10, 12 & under free.

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 29 Executive mtg, 12:30 pm; Deacons mtg, 2:30 pm
Apr 1 Youth worship practice, 3:30-5:30 pm
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 Heart to Heart, 7:00 pm
Apr 19 Worship Committee mtg, 7:00 pm

Worship leader: Jim Dyck Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Song leader: Ben Buhler Pianist: Diana Buhler
Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Cornie Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 26, 2017

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Call to Worship and Invocation:

Leader: Here in this place we gather to worship.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to see you.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #237 “All glory, laud and honor”
Purple/SS #71 “Gentle God, when we are driven”**

Lenten Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance:

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true. We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectation and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way. Forgive us, O Lord, when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us. Quicken our minds and

soften our hearts that we may recognize your work.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, who brings all things into light,

All: restore us.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. Though we cannot see through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Patty Friesen

Hymn: Purple/SS #47 "Let the children come to me"

Scripture lesson: Genesis 37

Hymn: Purple/SS #52 "Whatsoever you do"

Sermon: "Joseph, Prince of Egypt"

Patty Friesen

***Hymn: Purple/SS #58 "O God, how we have wandered"**

*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.**
- **Adult S.S. forum, 11:15:** Healing Lodge & MC Sask ADS

THIS WEEK

- **Executive meeting, Wednesday, March 29, 12:30 pm**
- **Deacons meeting, Wednesday, March 29, 2:30 pm**
- **Youth worship practice, Saturday, Apr 1, 3:30-5:30 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Apr 2: "Go down Moses" - Terri Lynn Friesen
- Apr 9: "Palm Sunday & the Passover Lamb"- Patty Friesen
- Apr 13: Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion, 6:00 pm
- Apr 14 Good Friday service, 7:00 pm
- Apr 16 "Easter and Deliverance" - Patty Friesen

Sunday, April 2 "Go down Moses" Terri Lynn Friesen

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Pianist: Diana Buhler

Worship leader: Sarah Buhler

Nursery: Sarah Guenther

Children's time: Edna Zacharias

Sound: Chris Buhler

Ushers: John Gascho, Anna Peters

Remember in Prayer:

- Emmett and family, as he recovers from surgery.
- Michelle and family, as she recovers from surgery.
- Mary, Adeline Cox' sister, as she battles cancer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Week: Mon – Wed am: Skiing at PA National Park; Wed pm: Executive mtg, Deacons mtg; Fri: office; Sat: Seedy Saturday; Sun: off.

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon: off; Tues: service prep, Lenten prayer; Wed: office, exec mtg, deacons mtg; Thurs: Transition into Ministry course, visit; Fri: office, visit; Sat: youth.

*Submissions for the **April newsletter** are due by March 26.

***Community Grocery Needs:** Missions & Service Committee is asking for your support in providing grocery items for a family experiencing some financial difficulties in the community. Please place your items in the box designated Community Support in the foyer. Items for Friendship Inn can continue to be placed in their designated box. Some suggested items are posted on each of the boxes. If you have any questions please contact Sandra G. or Margaret D.

*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.** Faspa to follow. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer greetings on behalf of your congregation, please email greetings to Ryan Siemens at minister@mcsask.ca.

***“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.

***MDS Service Project in Saskatoon:** Volunteers are needed throughout the summer months to build houses that will be moved onto basements that are being built in Fort McMurray. See bulletin board for more information.

Mennonite Disaster Service will be running the 2017 Family Project at Camp Wildwood, New Brunswick. We invite families to apply online by visiting our website for an application www.mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/family-programs. You may contact the MDS Office if you have any further questions; our email is mdscn@mds.mennonite.net or call 866-261-1274. Please note that preference will be given to families from Atlantic Canada until April 15, but we invite all to apply beginning March 23. See poster on the bulletin board.

***Meal Sign-up sheets for Bergen-Braun’s and McKinnell-Martens’** are on the bulletin board.

***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 north)
Sunday mornings (April 2 & 9), 11:15am (Adult Sunday School classroom 7)

***Easter Choir practice** will be Sunday mornings **March 26, April 2 & 9** starting at 9:00 am.

*Thank you to everyone who has pledged donated items for our refugee family. **Please bring these items to church as soon as possible, clean and ready to use, and put them in the designated Sunday School room.**

***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.

YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL CALENDAR

April 1	Youth worship practice at OMC, 3:30-5:30 pm
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

***RJC students are putting the FUN in fundraising during Lent** this year by playing Lentopoly, a friendly competition amongst the grade 10/11s, the grade 12s and the staff to raise the most money. Money raised will be used to fund projects in Guatemala, Alabama, Calgary and Saskatoon during ALSO (Alternative Learning Service and Opportunities) week. Students must use their gifts, talents, and creativity to raise the money (they can't just ask for it) and all the money raised is used for projects outside of the school. So once again **I will be making apple pies (unbaked and frozen). I am selling them for \$10 each. See me to make your purchase. Thanks for your support! Katherine Penner**

***To all MCC Blanket Making Groups from MCC Sask:**

“You are invited to our Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Wed, April 26, 2017 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at the MCC Office, 600 45th St West. Come for a time of encouragement, refreshment and visiting.” **If you are interested in attending, please talk to Margaret Dyck as soon as possible.** We have a dedicated group making blankets so it would be great to have representation from our church at this event.

***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - Sunday, April 2, 7:00 pm at RJC. Join us for an evening of music and desserts,** featuring A Buncha Guys (directed by Russ Regier) and the RJC ManChoir (directed by Richard Janzen.) Included in the evening will be a dessert auction. Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

***Buncha Guys Spring Concert** - featuring the 20 Year Reunion Choir. Sunday April 30, 2:30 at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Doors open at 2:00. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, MCC, any of the guys, or at the door. An offering will be taken to support Mennonite Central Committee.

***Mennonite Trust Scholarships** are available to students attending Christian Education schools. Please apply directly to MTL at www.mennonitetrust.ca or call 306-945-2080.

Refresh, Refocus, Renew Survey Invitation. MC Sask has entered a year of intentional prayer and engagement around questions of identity, vision, and purpose. To help start the conversation, you are invited to complete a brief survey, available at www.mcsask.ca. The survey will be open until Monday, April 3. Thank you for taking the time to help us begin this exciting year!

***April 28-29 Refresh, Refocus, Renew Mini-Retreat.** Join us for worship, prayer, and reflection on our life together as MC Sask. We will be discussing key findings from the initial survey, the journey of renewal in congregational life, and prayerfully discerning leading questions as we move into the next phase. The retreat will be held at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Friday from 7-9pm, Saturday from 9am-4pm. Cost is \$25/person, lunch is included. Contact the office (306-249-4844) or visit www.mcsask.ca for more information or to register.

***Saskatoon Men's Chorus** will be presenting “From Sooke to Sydney”, our spring concert consisting mainly of music written or arranged by various Canadian composers. The concert will be on **April 23, at 2:30 pm**, at Grace Westminster United Church. Check the posters, or our Facebook page, for further details.

***Station Singers presents a concert** that includes many famous Canadian songwriters like Stan Rogers and Connie Kaldor, as well as songs made famous by the Rankin family, and Catherine McKinnon's Farewell to Nova Scotia, just to name a few. **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.

***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