

***MCC Connects:** Looking to serve locally with MCCS? Host an International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participant. A host family in Saskatoon is needed for a female who is volunteering at Sherbrooke Community Center and Central Haven Special Care Home until July 2017. Please contact the Provincial IVEP Coordinator: Kaytee Edwards Buhler at 306-665-2555 for more information.

***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 with decorated and calorie-filled desserts up for bid - bid individually, as a table, a family, or consortium. Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 8,15,22,29 Bible study, 10:30 am
 Mar 14 Heart to Heart, 7:00 pm. Study on the Book of Esther
 Mar 16 Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm
 Mar 20-24 Blanket making starting at 9:00 am each day
 Mar 23 Missions & Service meeting 7:00 pm
 Mar 25 Family movie night, 7:00 pm: "The Prince of Egypt".
 In honour of Joseph, please come in clothes of many colours or dressed like an Egyptian, for the movie and/or for worship on March 26.

Worship leader: Patty Friesen Sound: Stephanie Siemens
 Scripture readers: Lois Siemens, Audrey Bechtel, Terri Lynn Friesen
 Song leader: Michelle McKinnell Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg
 Nursery: Adeline Cox 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 5, 2017

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 36:5-9

All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

One: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #521 "Come thou fount"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Lenten Confession and words of Assurance:

Leader: God of abundance, you give us *all* we need. We confess that, too often, we focus on what we *don't* have. We forget that it is you who truly sustains us. Forgive us. Satisfy us with your steadfast love, and help us to take refuge in remembering that what you provide is good. It is enough.

(pause for silent confession)

Leader: God of abundant grace,

All: Restore us.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad. Sing praises to the Lord!
Taste and see that the Lord *is* good.

Offering / Offertory prayer

Children's Time Edna Zacharias

Hymn: Blue/HWB #145 "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

Scripture Lesson: I Corinthians 12

Hymn: Blue/HWB #304 "There are many gifts"

Sermon: "Grace-Gifted for Service" Eileen Klaassen

Service of Ordination (*printed in part*) Ryan Siemens

Ryan: Sisters and brothers, we are gathered today in the presence of God and this assembly to ordain Julie Bergen for chaplaincy.
Who calls Julie for ordination to ministry?

People: We call our sister Julie to be set apart for ministry in the world.

Ryan: In commending Julie for this ministry, will you also uphold her in it?

People: We will stand by Julie in her calling.

...Ryan: As Osler Mennonite Church, you are part of the cloud of witnesses that surround and embrace Julie. Do you accept your role in calling Julie to ordained ministry as a chaplain? Will you honor her calling and also your own? Will you pray with her? Will you speak the truth in love? Will you join her in sharing and living the good news of Jesus Christ with others?

Congregation: We will.

Congregational Gift to Julie Bergen Christy Martens-Funk

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #434 "Thuma mina"**

***Benediction: Assured that God who loves you will sustain you, go from this place freed to love, freed to trust, freed to serve.
Amen**

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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

- **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.**
- **Potluck at 11:30 am. M-Z helpers, with group leaders Carl Martens-Funk, Brandee & Rob Borne.**
- **6:00 pm – For all Youth & Mentors: Escape Room Event**

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, March 8, Bible Study, 10:30 am**

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Mar 12: Bunch of Guys
- Mar 19: "Jacob's Alternative Facts" - Patty Friesen
- Mar 26: Joseph, Prince of Egypt – Patty Friesen

Sunday, March 12: A Bunch of Guys/Russ Regier

Song leader: Kevin Boldt Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Worship leader: Matthew Stefaniuk Nursery: Diana Buhler
Children's time: Terri Lynn Friesen Sound: Doug McKinnell
Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Cornie Guenther

Remember in Prayer:

- winter break. -MHSS weekend. -Youth movie night.
- those dealing with cancer: Peter (Dave's co-worker), Mary (Adeline's sister), Dave's daughter's father-in-law.
- .those who are grieving: Bill & Betty Friesen on death of their grandson, Frieda Rempel's family on the anniversary of Jeff's death.
- Dave's dad home from hospital.
- all staff working in Corrections and Healthcare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Week: Tues: visits, Osler Community Garden; Wed: Bible study, office; Fri.-Sat. MC SK ADS at Nutana. Sunday: off.

Terri Lynn's Week: Tonight: youth/mentor event at Deadlock Escape Room; Mon/Wed: off; Tues: worship prep, Lenten Prayer; Thurs: AMBS webinar; Fri-Sat: MC SK ADS at Nutana.

***We welcome Eileen Klaassen, chaplain at City Hospital,** who job shares with Julie and other supportive chaplains, to this morning's ordination service.

***Meal Sign-up for Bergen-Braun's,** for when they return from Edmonton, is posted on bulletin board. They like soup and muffins. Frozen meals could also be delivered anytime this month.

***Lenten Guided Prayer Experience:** Prayer sheets for each week of Lent are available in church entrance. Groups will gather weekly to pray and reflect as a group on what they have learned or experienced throughout the week - sharing what they wish! Please consider this opportunity to receive the gifts of Lent in your own prayer life, and as a community.

Groups will meet:

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm - (beginning March 7) Terri Lynn & Thomas' (225 Ave E North) - beginning with week 1.

Sunday mornings - after coffee time - (beginning March 12) in Terri Lynn's office - beginning with week 2.

Talk to Terri Lynn for more details or any questions.

*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.**

***Heart to Heart: Ladies,** we are very excited to announce that Cindy Wallace, from Warman Mennonite, will lead us in studying the **Book of Esther on Tuesday, March 14 and Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm** each evening. Please read the book prior to the first meeting.

Everyone is invited to the Friday evening session on March 10** at the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Nutana Park Mennonite Church to enjoy the play ***"The Gospel According to Food" which will include communion. The session begins at 7 p.m. with the play starting around 8 p.m. **On Saturday, March 11 from 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. join us for the Worship & Memorial Service.** No registration is required to attend these events.

YOUTH CALENDAR:

-Tonight! at 5:45pm - Mentors & Youth: Escape Room Event

#104 2225 Hanselman Court, Saskatoon

All youth and mentors are invited for a night of fun and team building. This event is for all youth (regardless of whether they've chosen to have a mentor or not). If you haven't already done so, please let Terri Lynn know if you can come! There is no cost to you for this event - but bring money for ice cream afterwards!

-Friday March 10, 7pm - Mega Menno (Youth) Event at ADS:

The Gospel According to Food - a play! Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Parents, please coordinate rides for this event. **All** are welcome to this play (not just ADS delegates or youth!).

-Intergenerational Blanket Making: March 21st - 4pm - Blanket Making for youth & kids!

The more seasoned volunteer blanket-makers have agreed to pass on their skills and host the next generation of blanket makers. We'll meet in the gym at 4pm, and have **supper around 5:30**. I will make pasta & sauce or order pizza, and if you'd like to bring a contribution it can go towards blanket making supply costs.

-Saturday, March 25, 7pm - Family Movie Night. *The Prince of Egypt*. Snacks provided - bring your friends! Dressing in "clothes of many colors" or "like an Egyptian" is encouraged!

***Youth Farm Bible Camp Vereniki Fundraising Supper on Tuesday, March 14th, 5-7pm at the Rosthern Mennonite Church.**

****“Songs for the Sale” concert** with Saskatune Singers and Sparky and the Plugs 7:00 PM on **Saturday March 18th** at the MCC Sask offices. All funds raised will assist with the costs associated with hosting the MCC sale at Prairieland Exhibition in June.

***Shekinah will be hosting a crafting retreat** March 17-19, 2017. Join us for a weekend of sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking or wherever your creativity takes you. The theme is “Love your neighbour” and Leticia Kathumba (IVEP) will be sharing her story. We also encourage you to create and donate something towards the MCC relief sale in June. Information and registration is online at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call us at 306-945-4929

***A Buncha Guys 20 Year Reunion April 28 – 30.** Please e-mail Russ at abg20year@gmail.com to register or for more information.

***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert** Sunday April 30, 2:30 at Knox United Church, Saskatoon, featuring the 20 Year Reunion Choir. Details to follow.

***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)

***Canadian Foodgrains Bank Perogy supper fundraiser** (for the Annual Sask Valley Auction) will be taking place **March 10**, 4:30-7:30 pm, at the Bring King Center in Warman (202 8th Avenue North).

***Blanket Making for MCC on March 20-24 starting at 9:00 am** each morning. MCC provides material aid assistance to refugees and displaced people in the world and we want to help by providing blankets. Please come out and spend a few hours, a day or the week.

***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 (and a limited number of Saskatoon) pies (unbaked and frozen). I am selling them for \$10 – apple and \$15 – Saskatoon. See me to make your purchase. Thanks for your support! Katherine Penner**

From Mennonite Church Manitoba (MCM): Please join us in prayer for the Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Gathering this weekend in Winkler, Manitoba. Pray that our theme for the weekend, “Go and Tell John what you See and Hear,” will inspire our delegates and congregations to recognize and share where God is moving in their midst. Pray also that the Spirit of God will breathe peace among us as we consider the implications Being the Faithful Church 7 and Future Direction decisions on our Area Church. Finally, please pray for safety in all our travels, joy in our fellowship, and transformation in our worship!