MCC Connects: Save the date – The MCCS Encounter & **AGM** will be held at Cornerstone Church, Saskatoon, SK on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Watch for details!

### OMC CALENDAR

Sept 12	Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 14	M & S meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 18	Wedding shower for Lacey Braun, 7:00 pm
Sept 23	Youth group meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 24	MC Sask/OMC Listening & Discernment Faspa
	meeting, 5:00 pm. Please bring goodies for faspa.
Sept 27	Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
Sept 30	Ancient Echoes Tour in Herschel. Check upcoming
	bulletins for more information.
Oct 2	"Labour of Love" soup making bee, 7:00 pm

### Season of Prayer

Lord, what are you You calling us to let go of? When we've put in so much effort, and when we've held on for so long, we struggle to hear 'let it go'. Help us to hear you, Lord, and help us loosen our grip and place it all in Your hands.

Worship leader: Terri Lynn Friesen Song leader: Keviin Boldt Pianist: Melanie Boldt Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

Ushers: Cornie Guenther, John Gascho

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Osler, Saskatchewan A Welcoming Christian Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service September 10, 2017

Prelude Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

**Invocation: HWB #671** 

\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #3 **Blue/HWB #70**  "Create my soul anew"

"Immortal, invisible God only wise"

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Scripture skit: I Samuel 9

Children's Time Collection of Loose Change Terri Lynn Friesen

"Here I am, Lord" Hymn: Blue/HWB #395

Scripture lessons: I Samuel 10:1-8; Acts 9:1-19

Hymn: Blue/HWB #163 "Obev my voice"

Sermon: "Leadership is a Challenge"- Patty Friesen & Glen Grismer

\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #420 "Heart with loving heart united"

\*Benediction (\*Please rise) **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**

- 11:00-11:15 Anniversary cake served by Terri Lynn and Thomas
- 11:15-11:45 Intergenerational Sunday School Kick-Off in the sanctuary
- 11:45 Potluck. Lunch Group D-L in charge.

#### THIS WEEK

- Tuesday, Sept 12, Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, Sept 14, M & S committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Sept 16, Service at Friendship Inn

# Next Sunday, Sept. 17: "Leadership is a Calling" Patty Friesen

I Samuel 16:1-13, Romans 14:1-12

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen; Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Pianist: Lynette Janzen Children's Time: Lacey Braun

Sound: Matthew Stefanuik Ushers: Cornie Guenther, John Gascho

### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Sept 24 - Florence Driedger preaching

Oct 1 - Stewardship Sunday: Sharing by congregation

Oct 8 - Thanksgiving & Communion & Potluck - Patty Friesen preaching.

### **Remember in Prayer:**

- -Terri Lynn and Thomas on their first anniversary
- -Dave F. at Bethany Manor
- -Jan Bigland-Pritchard on her retirement from ministry at St. Stephen's Anglican Church.
- -We hold James Braun and Shelby Fedorychka in our prayers as they marry here on Sat. Sept. 23.

**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon; Wed: office, visits; Thurs: M & S mtg, Fri: office, MC Sask; Sat. MC Sask.

**Terri Lynn's Week:** Tues: worship mtg (pm); Wed: office (am); Fri: office (am), MC SK (pm); Sat: Friendship Inn/MC SK; Sun: RJC opening service

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Please enjoy Terri Lynn and Thomas' First Anniversary Cake during coffee time and return to the sanctuary for Fall Sunday School Kick-Off and Potluck to follow. **Potluck Table Mixer: What did you do this summer?** 

\*From Terri Lynn & Thomas: We are grateful for the congregation's response to the theft we had in April though the community aid fund, and the lending and gift of tools. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support.

\*Sunday School: Three Week Sunday School Rotation for All Ages Starting September 17, 11:15 a.m.

Adult Class with Jake Buhler (Room 4)

Mosaic Life Group (Nursery)

Sunday School Forum, 11:15 October 15: "Sermon Response" with Patty.

\*If you would like to assist with Sunday school this coming year, you may sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Steve Guenther or John Reddekopp.

\*Today, Sept.10, 2:00-4:00 pm,, Bird watching trip at Buzz Lake (west of Neuhorst ) - Saskatoon Nature Society

\*Please sign up for coffee & snack time. A great way to use up extra apples, zucchini & pumpkins is to make and share yummy snacks!

### \*YOUTH:

September 23 - 7:00 pm - next youth group

September 30 – 7:00 pm - Mega Menno Kick Off at Nutana Park Mennonite Church (outdoor movie)

- \*Forever in Motion Seniors Exercise (Saskatoon Health Region)
  Fall Kick-Off Tuesday, October 10, 10:00 a.m. at the Community
  Hall with free lunch to follow. Join us every Tuesday and Friday at
  10:00 for gentle stretches for increased flexibility and well-being
- \*Ride for Refuge: September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Prairie Goats will be riding to support The Bridge Fellowship Centre. To support the Prairie Goats, there are donation sheets on the bulletin board or give directly through the Ride for Refuge website. If you would like to join the ride, just check in with team members; Keri, Kathryn or James. The more the merrier! Cash or cheque donations can be given to Keri or Kathryn for safe keeping 'til ride day.
- \*Climate Justice Saskatoon: Mark Bigland-Pritchard, Myriam Ullah, Torrey Falconer and Craig Friesen are planning to host workshops on the following dates:

September 10th 4:30-8:30pm; September 17th 4:30-8:30pm September 23rd 4:30-8:30pm; September 24th 4:30-8:30pm The workshops will take place at the MCC office (600 45th St W.), and will include a (simple) potluck meal.

If interested, please let Torrey Falconer know and he will be happy to sign you up! 306-665-2555 www.mccsk.ca

- \*RJC Opening Program will be held on Sunday, September 17th at 2:30 pm in the RJC gymnasium.
- \*Station Singers will begin rehearsals Sept 11, 7:30 pm at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern. New singers are welcome. Our Christmas concert will consist mainly of music by John Rutter.
- \*Sonrisa Women's Choir Rehearsals will be from 6:30-8:00 on Wednesday evenings at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, beginning Sept 13th. To indicate your interest and for more information contact Lynne at gord.lynne@sasktel.net.

- \*Ancient Echoes Tour MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The M & S Committee is offering you a choice of a day or overnight event to Ancient Echoes near Hershel, SK on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our tour includes the Ancient Echoes Aboriginal Interpretative Centre (indoors) and the Coal Mine Ravine (outside), which includes petroglyphs, tipi rings, marine fossil sites. The cost for the Day Event is \$20.00, which includes lunch, and the Overnight Event is \$150.00 (\$135.00 for seniors), which includes three home cooked meals. We plan to carpool and ask that you be prepared to give an honorarium to the driver. For more information, check out the pamphlet on the bulletin board or talk to Sandra Grismer (306-380-4576) or Jean Harms (306-227-0937). If you are interested please sign up on the bulletin board sheet by Tuesday, September 26th. We will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. on September 30<sup>th</sup> so that we can arrive at Ancient Echoes by 10:00 a.m. The day participants will arrive back in Osler by 6 p.m.
- \*Love Soup Making for Community Need, Elders and Winter Surgery Recovery Monday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. Folks willing to make soup stock, please take Pineview bones out of the church freezer and freeze stock. We also need wide-mouth jars and veg saved for squash soup and borscht. Contact Adeline or Terri Lynn.
- \*Church yard maintenance: Ben & Diane Buhler and Lloyd & Loretta Sawatzky are scheduled for Sept 11-16. It is your responsibility to trade with someone if the week you are assigned does not work for you.
- \*Refresh, Refocus, Renew Mini Retreat is almost here! Join us on Sept 15 & 16 at Wildwood Mennonite Church, Saskatoon as Betty Pries leads us through the next step in the *RRR* process. Registration available at <a href="http://mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events/">http://mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events/</a> or call the office at 306-249-4844. If you are unable to attend, we would still to hear your feedback. Please email Ryan at <a href="minister@mcsask.ca">minister@mcsask.ca</a>
- \*Wedding Shower for Lacey on Monday, September 18, 7:00 pm. We want to "Fill the Freezer and Pack the Pantry" for Lacey. Please consider gifts of baking, canning, frozen goods, pantry items.

### TODAYS SCRIPTURES: 1 Samuel 10:1-8 Samuel anoints Saul

<sup>1</sup>Samuel took a phial of oil and poured it on Saul's head, and kissed him; he said, 'The LORD has anointed you ruler over his people Israel. You shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their enemies all around. Now this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you ruler over his heritage: <sup>2</sup>When you depart from me today you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; they will say to you, "The donkeys that you went to seek are found, and now your father has stopped worrying about them and is worrying about you, saying: What shall I do about my son?" <sup>3</sup>Then you shall go on from there further and come to the oak of Tabor; three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one carrying three kids, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine. <sup>4</sup>They will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall accept from them. <sup>5</sup>After that you shall come to Gibeathelohim, at the place where the Philistine garrison is; there, as you come to the town, you will meet a band of prophets coming down from the shrine with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre playing in front of them; they will be in a prophetic frenzy. <sup>6</sup>Then the spirit of the LORD will possess you, and you will be in a prophetic frenzy along with them and be turned into a different person. <sup>7</sup>Now when these signs meet you, do whatever you see fit to do, for God is with you. <sup>8</sup>And you shall go down to Gilgal ahead of me; then I will come down to you to present burnt-offerings and offer sacrifices of wellbeing. For seven days you shall wait, until I come to you and show you what you shall do.'

### **Acts 9: 1-19** The Conversion of Saul

9Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup>He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I

am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'7The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord,' 11 The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' 15But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name. <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

## \*Giving Graph:

