

***MCC Connects** – What does faith have to do with the Tar Sands? MCCS presents an evening of discussion featuring Abe Janzen of MCC Alberta who will be reflecting on his recent trip to Northern Alberta where oil is being extracted from the sand. He travelled with a church leaders tour sponsored by KAIROS, an ecumenical peace organization. Also featured is a screening of the short documentary “Downstream”. Join us on **August 7 at 7:00 pm** at the MCC Centre (600-45th Street West, Saskatoon). Call Michael at 665-2555 for details.

*You are invited to a Watermelen & Rollkuchen fundraiser at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim, Wednesday **August 12**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Pay by donation. Proceeds for Immigration Settlement Fund, helping Colombian immigrants settle in Waldheim.

*Join Us on **August 16th**, Place: Rosthern Junior College for our "Next Taste of China"-Start time is 3:30 with activities like-learning to skip Chinese-style(sharpen your senses) or write a letter on your own hand-made “bamboo” scroll followed by an Asian potluck at 5:00 (Chinese style shish kabob's will be provided). You will also hear the stories and sense the culture at 6:30 with Todd and Jeannette Hanson (Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers) who will share their experiences of living and working in China. Join us for an afternoon of family fun and learning. Bring---your enthusiasm,--your lawn chair, --an Asian style dish for potluck. Sponsored by Mennonite Church Canada(Witness) and Mennonite Church Sask(Ministries). An Offering will be taken in support of Witness.



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
**A Welcoming Christian
 Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 August 2, 2009

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship
 Invocation

**Hymns: HWB # 36
 StJ # 23**

**“God of our strength”
 “Slowly turning, ever turning”**

PRAISING and HEARING

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the Church

Time with Children Adeline Cox

Offering & Offertory Music
 Offertory Prayer

Old Testament Reading - 2 Samuel 12:1-7a
 New Testament Reading - Ephesians 3:14-21

Hymn: HWB # 135 **“God, whose purpose is to kindle”**

Sermon “Not me” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB # 567 **“How firm a foundation”**

Benediction

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We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the card that the ushers gave you, and place it in the offering bag. 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 old should be accompanied by an adult).

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

Worship Leader: Sandra MacArthur
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Sean Buhler
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Cornie Guenther & Russ Friesen
Deacon greeter for August is Ruth

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- Jacob L. Guenther who is in Hospital, having suffered a heart attack on July 25th.
- Jiselle, the daughter of Marge Fehr and the mother of Dominic and Cassidy Wall is home from hospital recovering from a stroke.
- Susan Braun is at home recovering from surgery.

TODAY: You are invited to join Dave & Joanne Feick this afternoon as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Come to #7 Main Street Neuanlage (just south of the cemetery) at 3:00 pm. Bring a dessert (if you have it), a rock for the rock garden and your lawn chairs. There's plenty of parking in the back yard. Come and go or come and stay.

THIS WEEK:

*Yard maintenance for the weekend of August 8 is Lloyd Sawatzky and Art Zacharias.

***Thursday, August 6th at 7:30 pm – Council Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Next week Kathy's office hours will be Thursday only – they are away visiting Matt, Julie and Nora.

VBS August 10 - 14th (9:00 – 11:30 am)

We ask for your prayerful support of the VBS troupe and this year's VBS program at OMC.

If you check the poster on the bulletin board, there are still a few opportunities to host these fine young people for a supper or lunch at your home. Alternatively, offers to bring them lunch at the suite would also be welcome - please sign up on the poster.

- Heather Wall (239-4210) is co-ordinating VBS kid's snacks for the week. If you can bring cookies or fruit & cheese or other healthy snack choices for the children that week, give Heather a call.

- Shelley Penner (239-4947) is the overall co-ordinator so be sure to check with her if you can be of any assistance.

- The Troupe is planning to do a service project with the children, and also do some community volunteer work themselves after VBS hours. They have received a few suggestions, but if you know of someone whose circumstances are such that they would benefit from visitation or cheering up, help with painting, yard work, housework, etc., please pass on your ideas to any member of the Education Committee. Thanks!!

*Grace Mennonite Church Neuanlage is helping a Refugee family from Iran establish a household in Saskatoon and is asking that if anyone has items to contribute, please call the church office @ 225-5806.

*Check the bulletin board for the latest MDS Update.

YOUTH

Craig Friesen will be in charge of Youth activities for July and August. For more information about what's happening with Youth each week, Craig's home number is 239-2039 and he can also be reached at Cell phone # 881-2039.

Today's scripture readings:

2 Samuel 12:1 - 7 (NRSV) ^{12:1}and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." ⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

Ephesians 3:14 - 21 ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture lesson for August 2 – Quarter 4, Proper 13

Theme: Equip the saints. Ephesians 4:12

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Next week's scripture-

Theme: Hope in the Lord. Psalm 130:7

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

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