

***MCC Connects** - Ready to Learn Sunday: celebrate education around the world with Global Family. Over 70 million children and young adults still don't have access to education. They are ready to learn. Together we can help make it happen. It will make a big difference for them, their families and communities, as well as our world. Worship resources are online at: www.mcc.org/globalfamily/resources

***Rosthern Junior College** is still accepting applications for the school year 2009-10. For more information please contact Dave Feick in Admissions at 306-232-4222 or dave@rjc.sk.ca. Registration is Saturday, August 29 (9:00 am - 12 noon) and Sunday, August 30 (1:00 - 6:00 pm), with students moving into the dorms on Sunday afternoon.

*Walter Klaassen, former professor at AMBS, will be teaching a course Thursday evenings at Emmanuel-St Chad Seminary, beginning **Sept 17**, on the history and theology of anabaptism; further information on the bulletin board. Contact Colleen Walker, 975-1558, or Walter Klaassen, 975-0062 (email wrlid@sasktel.ca).

*The Deacons are looking for someone to host the "Gathering Place" coffee time after church each Sunday. Hosting involves making coffee, preparing the area and arranging for snacks. Rachel will be glad to share what she learned from hosting last season. Please contact Ruth if you are interested in taking on this Ministry for this year.

*Our community aid fund is being tapped, and soon will be empty. Please consider making a donation. Also, contact Anna Peters for other ways to help with our ongoing assistance for a family in need.



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
August 23, 2009

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (by Erika Hewitt)

As we enter into worship, put away the pressures of the world.
As we enter into worship, put away the pressures of the world
that ask us to perform, to take up masks, to put on brave
fronts.

Silence the voices that ask you to be perfect.
This is a community of compassion and welcoming.
You do not have to do anything to earn the love
contained within these walls.

You do not have to be braver, smarter, stronger,
better than you are in this moment
to belong here, with us.

You only have to bring the gift of your body,
no matter how able;
your seeking mind,
no matter how busy;
your animal heart,
no matter how broken.

Bring all that you are, and all that you love, to this hour together.
Let us worship together.

Invocation

**Hymns: HWB # 50
HWB # 43**

**"Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah"
"Christ is our cornerstone"**

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PRAISING and HEARING

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

Time with Children Adeline Cox

Song: SJ # 31 "He came down"

Offering & Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 37:1-11

New Testament Scripture: John 6:56-69

Hymn: HWB # 565 "My faith looks up to thee"

Sermon "Tough Bread" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB # 592 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Benediction

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: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Art Zacharias
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
Scripture: Carl Martens-Funk
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Cornie Guenther & Russ Friesen
Deacon greeter for August is Ruth

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

*Deanna Reddekopp will be having open heart surgery, in Toronto, on August 27th. John and Deanna will leave this afternoon, after church. She will be admitted on Monday for a series of pre-surgery tests.

*Beverly Morris, mother of Doug (Adeline) Cox and Grandma to Chris & Chelsea, as she is awaiting treatments for cancer.

THIS WEEK:

*Yard maintenance for the weekend of August 29 are Garry Harms and Randy Sawatzkys

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Submissions for the September newsletter are due by August 25.

*Check the bulletin board for a new Nursery Supervision schedule which runs from September through December.

*Seniors' Coffee Time at the church will resume on Wednesday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m.

*Sunday School resumes September 13.

*Our Safe Church policy consists of guidelines designed to make our church a safer place for children. One such guideline states that anyone who works one on one with children, without other adults present, should have a "cleared" RCMP Criminal Record Information check form on file at the church (this file is in a secure location). Only criminal activity that affects interaction with children is of concern. To make it easier for anyone to help with our children's ministries, we would ask that all adults have a record check form on file. The "Consent for Disclosure" form, that will be submitted to the RCMP for their records search, will be available soon in your boxes. You need not submit another one, if you already have a form on file. Please help us provide this level of assurance to all parents, especially those outside of our church that trust us with their children, that we care enough to prove it.

YOUTH

Summer is almost over and so is Craig's time with our Youth, so we are receiving applications for the 1/2 youth pastor/leader position which is to begin in September. Submit resumes to Dick Braun.

SMYO Jr. High Retreat will be held at Shekinah Retreat Centre on **September 11 - 13, 2009**, with the theme: Seeing Beauty in Everyone. There will be lots of singing, recreation & fellowship, including a coffee house. The cost for the weekend is \$75 for Youth & \$60 for adults before Sept. 7th. Anyone interested in attending, either as a Youth or as a sponsor, please talk to Craig Friesen or Adeline Cox. See the Bulletin Board for more information, including application forms.

*For more information about what's happening with Youth each week, call Craig's home number 239-2039 or his cell # 881-2039.

Colombian Refugee Project: One year has passed since First Mennonite Church Saskatoon, Zoar Mennonite Church Langham, and Osler Mennonite Church agreed to sponsor two Colombian families. Cost of the sponsorship was close to \$49,000. Both families are doing well and have settled into Canada well. Jefferson is now working at a masonry company while Gina is attending full time English classes at Kelsey. In the other family, Maria is working in the cleaning business and Jose is working at Hamm Construction. Their eldest son Andersson is also working at Hamm Construction and will pursue English classes at Kelsey later. The youngest son Santiago, will enter grade 9 at Evan Hardy this month. Both families thank the three churches for the financial and moral support they received. The Joint Refugee Committee with membership from the above churches met this week for a final meeting to review the year and to dissolve the committee. The last item of business was to give thanks to the churches and to praise God for goodness and love.

Scripture lesson for August 23 – Quarter 4, Proper 16

Theme – You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Psalms 37:1 - 11 (NRSV) ¹Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, ²for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. ³Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. ⁴Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will

act. ⁶He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. ⁷Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. ⁸Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. ⁹For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. ¹⁰Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. ¹¹But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

John 6:56 - 69 ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” **Next week's scripture – Theme: Be doers of the Word. James 1:22** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23