

MCC NEWS

*MCC Connects - In the Lap Thach district of Vietnam, the District Preventative Health Centre has been pro-active in providing HIV/AIDS education and support through establishing peer education clubs and support groups. The project will also train community leaders and offer HIV testing at the health centre. Support this MCC HIV/AIDS project, as well as others around the world, by attending "Help Make Hope Happen", an **Evening of Song and Stories** with Kim Thiessen from Calgary, and Joseph Kiranto from Kenya at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon on March 16th at 7:00 pm. Call 665-2555 for more information.

*MCC Connects - Obtaining even basic foods has become a real challenge for the most vulnerable. In Gaza and West Bank food prices skyrocket with a single chicken costing \$17. Come support MCC's Food For All project at "An Evening of Quartets" at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon on **April 5th** at 7:00pm. Call 665-2555 for more information.

*MC Sask. Ministries Commission invites you to join the Touring Mission Fest on **April 25, 2009**. The tour will take you to Eyebrow, Hanley, Pleasant Point Mennonite Churches and the Dundurn Museum. The cost per person will be \$50.00. You can board the bus at Bethany Manor or at Wildwood Church in Saskatoon. Detailed information and registration forms are available from your churches. Come and see what God is doing in these communities! Seating is limited so please register early.

*Please check the church kitchen to claim your your missing tupperware, plates, pans etc.

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 15, 2009 – Lent 3

God overturns human wisdom

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to worship

L: People of God, do not worship the idols of power, prestige, and money. Order your lives to reflect god's will and way.

**P: Spirit of Truth, guide us as we stumble toward your kingdom.
Clear our distortions, correct our mistakes, and mend our hearts. Amen.**

L: Brothers and sisters,
we gather today assured of God's guidance and mercy,

P: that even God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom!

Theme Song: StJ #29

"You are all we have"

Chiming to worship and silent preparation

Invocation

PRAISING and HEARING

Hymn: HWB # 566

"In the cross of christ I glory"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the Church

Time with Children

Heather Shouse

HWB # 163 **“Obey my voice”**

Scripture presentation based on:

Exodus 20; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1

Confession in unison

**Lord our God, many times we cannot see your beauty,
celebrate your love, or hear your voice,
all because we are not rooted in your message.
Open our eyes, enlighten our hearts,
and fill our ears with your tender words;
We ask this through Jesus, the Eternal Word. Amen.**

Offering and offertory music

Offertory Prayer

New Testament Lesson: John 2:13-16.

Hymn: StJ # **“Blest are they”**

Sermon: “On the way home” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB # 548 **“Teach me thy truth”**

Benediction:

L: God of heaven and earth,
your perfect teaching inspires us,

All: your Holy Spirit enlightens us,

L: your Son Jesus confronts us.

All: Our lives are in your hands.

L: Send us into the world you love and we love
as representatives of a crucified love and a living Saviour. Amen

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.

Deacons are still looking for a **Nursery Coordinator** to oversee the nursery and to arrange for nursery care during the worship time.

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

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Sean Buhler
Sound: Dave Klassen
Ushers: Cornie Guenther & Russ Friesen
Deacon greeter for March is Loretta Sawatzky

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Art and Edna Zacharias and Frieda Rempel who are in New Orleans with MDS. Check the bulletin board for bi-monthly MDS updates.

TODAY:

*Floor Hockey starting at 7:00 pm with the children and the Youth and Adults at 7:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Adult Easter Choir** rehearsals begin today at 11:15 a.m. Anyone interested in singing Easter Sunday is encouraged to attend the rehearsals.

*Red & Yellow, Black & White, All are precious in His Sight !

OMC Kids Club continues each Monday in March.

Who: Children Grades 2 – 6 Bring a friend !

Where: Here!

Time: 7:00 - 8:15 pm

What: Fun, games, Crafts, snacks and a multicultural theme
(For more information, please contact Leanne, Loretta or Adeline)

*Rosthern Junior College Spring Theatre - the RJC Theatre Arts Class is pleased to present "Jungle Book" in the Pit Theatre on Sunday and Monday, **March 15 & 16** at 7:30 pm (two shows only). Tickets are \$12 each (reserved seating) and can be purchased by calling 306 232-4222.

*MCC Generations at Risk Concert on Tuesday, **March 17**, 7:30 pm at Rosthern Junior College Featuring musicians Kim Thiessen & Darryl Neustaedter Barg, with special guest Joseph Kiranto from Kenya. An offering for MCC will be taken. Please join us for a delightful evening of music.

*RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction, Sunday, **March 22**, 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of pie, coffee and music with Buncha'Guys. Included in the evening will be a dessert auction with funds going towards RJC Auxiliary projects. Join us for an evening of music and fun.

*Shekinah Retreat Centre Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction - Featuring entertainment by Matt & Laura Pauls. Saturday, **March 28**, 2009 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church; Tickets \$15. Silent Auction opens 5:30 pm; Dinner 6:30 pm. Please contact the Shekinah Office (945-4929) or a Shekinah Board Member for tickets.

*Volunteer Opportunity at Shekinah: hosting and housekeeping, term to begin July 1st. George and Agnes Epp have been volunteering this past year and their term ends in June. Come for a 6 month or 1 year term. For additional information or to express interest, please contact Shekinah (945-4929; office@shekinahretreatcentre.org).

*Cecilian Singers presents their Spring Concert on **April 4th** at 7:30 p.m. at Grosvenor Park United Church. Selections include sacred, including Dubois' /Seven Last Words of Christ/, and secular music. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door and are available from McNally Robinson.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: YEAR B – Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2 13-22

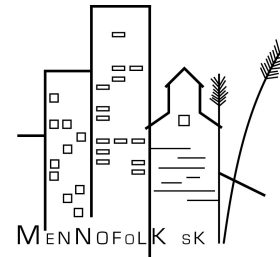
Focus statement: With words sweeter than honey, God brings order out of chaos, wisdom out of foolishness. We respond in trust, following God's way of sacrifice instead of seeking human power and prestige.

John 2:13 - 22 (NRSV) 13The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

Exodus 20:1 - 17 (NRSV) 1Then God spoke all these words: 2I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3you shall have no other gods before me. 4You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 12Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 13You shall not murder. 14You shall not commit adultery. 15You shall not steal. 16You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or onkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Next Week's passages: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

***April 17th** MEDA Supper Event 6:00 pm Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel This years Connecting Faith and Business event will recognize Kathy Thiessen from Rosthern and Dave Giesbrecht from Saskatoon for their contributions in their work place, church and community involvement. Keynote speaker: Cheryl Dougan. Cost \$30.00. RSVP by April 13th – call Paul or Lois Tiessen, 374-8161 or Email pltiessen@sasktel.net



Announcing MennoFolk Sk '09!

The Refinery Arts & Spirit Centre will be hosting Saskatchewan's first annual MennoFolk festival on **April 17th 2009**. The theme for MennoFolk Sk '09 is *The Quiet in the Land*.

What is MennoFolk?

The festival began some 20 years ago in Ontario as an effort to connect with young adults and adults that had lost touch with the Mennonite church community. In addition to Ontario, the festival now takes place in Manitoba as well as a few of the States and is celebrated in various ways. MennoFolk Saskatchewan looks to be an urban celebration of music and art.

Mission:

MennoFolk Sk is a festival celebrating music and art that comes from people affiliated with the Mennonite tradition, either culturally or religiously.

MennoFolk Sk seeks to provide an opportunity for those with artistic creativity and musical ability that is not normally showcased in the church.

MennoFolk Sk seeks to bring together a community of people, regardless of age or level of connectedness to the church, to appreciate music and art from the Mennonite community.

We are looking for visual artists! The theme of MennoFolk '09 is *The Quiet in the Land* and is open to your artistic interpretation. If you are interested in showcasing your art at MennoFolk Sk, contact the committee at the below address.

To contact the committee, email: mennofolk.sk@gmail.com

To find out what's happening or about bands and artists, go to: www.facebook.com and search mennofolk sk.

To learn more about MennoFolk, look up: www.mennofolk.org

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