

**OMC Calendar
September 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship: 10am Sunday School @ 11:15am						1 Youth: Wiener Roast at Allabys: Meet @ church at 6:00pm
2 No Sunday School this Sunday.	3	4	5	6 Church Council meeting 7:30pm	7	8
9 Sunday School Classes resume	10	11	12	13 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	14	15
16 Loose Change Sunday	17	18	19 Education Committee meeting 7:30pm	20 Worship Comm. meeting 7:30pm	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27 Missions & Service Committee meeting 7:30pm	28	29 Youth: Games Nite at the church 7:30-10pm

Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website. www.omchurch.org

**The Osler Mennonite Church
September 2012 Newsletter**

Osler Mennonite Church
olsermc@sasktel.net
<http://omchurch.org>
Volume VIII, Seventh Edition

212 2nd Ave. P.O. Box 129
Osler, SK S0K 3A0
306-239-2133

A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

***September 9 – Sunday School** begins again: 11:15am every Sunday

*****Children’s Sunday School** continues with the “rotation” schedule. A topic or bible story is covered for three consecutive weeks, rotating through different classroom settings. One Sunday children will learn through story, another Sunday they learn that same story/lesson through drama or music, and then another week using art or science. Although the children are divided into separate classes based on age, occasionally all gather together to learn through games and group activities. We have a separate Preschool class, taught by Erica Doucette. Perhaps you would consider taking a turn teaching a 3-week rotation?

*****Adults have two Sunday School options.** The “Mosaic” class meets in the Nursery with a variety of topical studies. Also, Cornie Guenther leads the Bible Study class that meets in the first Sunday School classroom down the west hallway corridor.

***September 9 – The Gathering Place** resumes Coffee time after the Sunday morning Worship Service. A sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board for volunteers to bring snacks for Sunday School and for the adult gathering time.

***September 16 – Loose Change Sunday**

Pastor's Note

Gordon will be away on vacation until September 3rd.
Please see the deacons for any pastoral care.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

***Saturday, September 1**, the **Youth** will have a **Wiener Roast** at the Allaby's. Meet at the church at 6pm.

*The next church **potluck** will be Sunday, September 9th.

***Sunday, September 9** is also the Sunday when Sunday School resumes and we will again meet for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Place after Sunday morning worship. A sign up sheet to bring snacks for Sunday School and for coffee time is now on the bulletin board. Feel free to sign up any time to bring "goodies"!

*Sunday School Information

The new Sunday School year begins next Sunday, September 9. There will also be student registration on that day.

This is will be the fifth year of our model Sunday School. The theme this year is; **Salvation History: Biblical Stories**, with the first rotation focusing on '*God saves Moses*'. The students in grades 1 to 5 will be together as one group for the first Sunday as this story is presented.

The following two Sundays they will be in two groups, grades 1-2, and grades 3-5, for Art and Drama.

The following are regular volunteers with the Sunday School program:

Erica Doucette – Pre K and Kindergarten teacher.

Christy Martens- Funk- Gathering Time leader

Stephanie Siemens: Junior Youth teacher

MaryAnn Braun: Student Registration and Attendance.

Kevin Boldt: Snack Time Supervisor.

Cornie Guenther: Adult Class Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***October 19-20 – Women's Retreat** presented by Saskatchewan Women in Mission at Shekinah Timberlodge. Registration Deadline is October 7, 2012 with a cost of \$80 for the entire retreat, including meals and accommodation. Registration forms and a poster with more information can be found on the OMC bulletin board. To register or for more information, contact Verna at 306-384-8431 or Ruth at 306-232-1918 or rutholiver@sasktel.net.

*RJC Announcements:

*****RJC REGISTRATION DAY, Monday, September 3:** There is still time to register for the 2012-2013 school year at Rosthern Junior College! Please contact Valerie White in Admissions (306 232-4222 or val@rjc.sk.ca) if you would like more information. Registration Day is Monday, September 3, 10:00 am - 12 noon for day students, and from 1:00-5:00 pm for out-of-town students who are moving into the dorms. Classes begin Tuesday, September 4.

*****RJC Opening Service** will be held on Sunday, September 16th at 2:30 pm in the gym. We would be delighted to have you join us as we gather to give thanks and ask God's blessings for the new school year.

***New courses at the Academy of Discipleship**

1. Course: Faith and Violence

Examining the debate between faith and violence in both Old and New Testaments and how listening to this debate can help us today. Starting September 25th, Tuesday Nights at 7:30pm for 8 weeks at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Instructors will be Ruth and Walter Klaassen and the cost is \$40.

2. Course: The sermon: Dancing the edge of mystery

In this class we will examine the basics of sermon preparation and preaching. Instructors: Garth Ewert Fisher Cost: \$40

Start and location: Fall 2012 – details yet to be determined

Register at AcademyOfDiscipleship.org or call toll free 1-855-219-1479.

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

Dear God, Please send to me the spirit of Your peace. Then send, dear Lord, the spirit of peace from me to all the world. Amen.

- Marianne Williamson



For the kids, Ages 3 - Grade 6:

Hi friends! Welcome back to Sunday School! Our first day back to Sunday School is September 9. Start by registering at the table in the gym, and then come on in to the snack room to get some energy for the rest of our fun! Do you remember a bible story about a baby in a basket in the river? That's a hint for what we'll be talking about during our first rotation. Come with your guesses, and we'll talk more on September 9th. I can't wait to see you all again!

~Christy

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

After dying in a car crash, three friends go to Heaven for orientation. They are all asked the same question: "When you are in your casket, friends and family are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first guy immediately responds, "I would like to hear them say that I was one of the great doctors of my time, and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."

The last guy thinks a minute and replies, "I'd like to hear them say.....
LOOK, HE'S MOVING!!!!!!"

-gently lifted from an Internet site for Clean Christian Jokes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***The SMYO Junior High Retreat** will be held at Rosthern Youth Farm Bible Camp the weekend of September 14-16th. Junior Youth and parents should talk to Leslie Allaby for more information. Note: deadline for registration is Friday, September 7th.

*Saturday, September 8 (1:00-9:00pm) - **Fall Family Festival at the Youth Farm Bible Camp.** This will be a special event at the Youth Farm Corn Maze with a Car Show, Food Booths, Gospel Music in the afternoon and the Valley Wide Praise & Worship starting at 7:30 in the evening. Great time to check out the Corn Maze, Petting Zoo, Climbing Wall, Rider Pride Train, Bounce Castle and more. We will also be having carnival like activities for children! If you are interested in putting an entry into the car show, please call 321-7033.

*The **Youth Farm Corn Maze** is open at Rosthern for family fun! Open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holiday Monday from 1:00 – 8:00pm – until October 28th. The Youth Farm is located east of Rosthern on Highway 11, 30 minutes north of Saskatoon.

1-855-855-9322 Purchase an entrance to the Corn Maze and receive two event tickets free (\$2/value) Tickets can be used for the climbing wall, bounce castle, Sumo wrestling, cow train, popcorn, churros, drinks and more! General Admission: Adult \$7, Age 11-16 \$6, Age 3-10 \$5.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre's annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** will be held October 12 – 14, 2012. Whether you are a quilter, a scrapbooker, a knitter, a calligrapher, a painter – whatever your favourite pastime! – you are welcome to enjoy this weekend. Cost: \$150. Registration deadline: October 1, 2012. See brochure on the bulletin board for details and registration forms.

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Saturday
OMC YOUTH Calendar SEPT. 2012						<i>1 Wiener Roast at Allaby's: Meet at church at 6pm</i>
2 Worship Service 10am	3	4	5	6	7 Deadline for Jr. High Retreat Registration.	8
9 Worship Service 10am Sunday School starts again 11am	10	11	12	13	14 SMYO Jr High Retreat Meet at church 7:30pm	15 SMYO Jr High Retreat Youth Farm Bible Camp
16 SMYO Jr High Retreat Youth Farm Bible Camp Will be back @ church by 12:30pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Worship Service 10am Sunday School <u>11am</u> 30	24	25	26	27	28	29 Game Night at the church 7:30 – 10pm

MORE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

*Some **committees** have met during the summer, but all will be meeting this month. See the calendar on the back cover for council and committee meeting dates and times.

***Teachers** are needed for the Children's Sunday School – please talk to John Reddekopp for more information or sign up on the bulletin board to take a turn at teaching a 3-Sunday rotation.
Reminder: OMC has a Safe Church Policy and a police check must be on file for all teachers. Please see the church office for the necessary forms if you have not already had your police check done. Thank you.

***Pictorial Church Directory Photos:** On **October 3 & 4**, a professional photographer will come to our church to take photographs for a new pictorial church directory. Watch for more details to come.

***October 7** will be Thanksgiving/World Communion Sunday. (Note: we will not have a Homecoming Sunday this year.)

*Thanks to all who contributed to the new concrete parking pad. Your donations, input, time and muscles are greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Eugene for overseeing the installation. The concrete pad makes our parking lot more inviting and user friendly. Thanks!

***OMC Book Club** is starting up again with the book “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett. Several copies will be available to borrow from Margaret Dyck. The book discussion will be on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy reading, consider joining the Book Club. See Margaret for a book or more information.