

**OMC Calendar  
September 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  Each Sunday: Worship:10am  SundaySchool @ 11:15am starting Sept 8	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Council Meeting 7:30pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Youth Game Night at the church 7pm
<b>8</b> Sunday School resumes/ Deacons BBQ at noon	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Ladies "Heart to Heart" 7:30pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Deacons meeting 7:30pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Loose Change Sunday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Education Committee meeting 7:30pm	<b>20</b> SMYO Jr Youth Retreat @ Rosthern Sept 20- 22	<b>21</b> Senior Youth Weiner Roast- Boltdts 6pm
<b>22</b>  Jr. Youth return to church around noon after SMYO Jr Youth Retreat	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Worship Committee & Missions & Service Committee meetings 7:30pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

**Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website. [www.omchurch.org](http://www.omchurch.org)**

**The Osler Mennonite Church  
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A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE

**Upcoming OMC Events and Opportunities**

**\*Sunday School classes for children, Youth and adults begin again Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am, with registration for the children's classes in the multi-purpose room at 11:15am.**

**\*Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>, Noon - Everyone is invited to a Deacons' sponsored 'Welcome Back' Barbeque.** Hot dogs, sausage, burgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring lawn chairs, and a salad or side dish to share.

**\*The Heart to Heart women's group will meet on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm.** We are asking each woman to bring 20 bite-sized pieces of your favourite dessert or coffee-time snack to share, along with one copy of the recipe. We will do a recipe swap and we will make a copy of your recipe for each person.

**\*The Junior High Retreat will again take place at the Youth Farm Bible Camp in Rosthern on September 20-22, 2013.** The theme is *The Greatest: the Life of a True Superhero* with Joe Heikman, pastor at Wildwood Mennonite Church, as the resource person. There will be lots of singing, recreation (wall climbing/ropes course), learning, service and fellowship. On Saturday evening there will be opportunity to go through the corn maze. **The cost for the weekend is \$25.00 and registration is due by September 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please see Leslie A. for more information and to register.

**Note: An Adult Sponsor is needed to attend the Retreat with the Youth.** If you are able to go, please contact Leslie.

## Pastor's Note:

Regardless if we are ready or not, September reminds us that it is time to change gears. We've been in summer mode, which has its own cadence and focus; however, school is resuming, harvest beckons, the sun is hiding more and the birds will be filling the skies. All serve to prompt us to return to our "normal" schedule and pace. Still, the shift is not automatic; we must decide what is normal, what will be our priorities and what values we be our new focus. September is a time of assessment, evaluation and change.

In a manual transmission, the clutch pedal must be pushed to disengage the clutch. In essence, to change gears, release / letting go is required. Parting with old patterns means letting go. The next step is selecting the gear to engage: deciding and putting in place our new means of movement. Finally, the clutch is allowed to grab and hold the new gear, and life goes on. In transition, we are letting go and deciding what new to hold onto. It is best to choose wisely and carefully. If not, then gears will grind and/or our choices may not take us how we need to go.

Our options include our church involvement and our spiritual wellbeing. And interestingly, letting go is part of our spiritual growth. Letting go of "stuff" and temporal things allows us to grab onto God and God to hold onto us. This releasing also applies to our finances. We grow spiritually when we give to God with no strings attached. Most people continue to donate (invest) through the summer, yet giving tends to decrease. Consider the patterns and values that will form your life in the coming months, and in that process, allow letting go / giving to free you to engage in the love and grace of God, too.

-Gordon

## Humour ~ The Isaac Section

A young boy came to Sunday School late. His teacher knew that he was usually very prompt and asked him if anything was wrong.

The boy replied no, that he was going fishing but his dad told him that he needed to go to church.

The teacher was very impressed and asked if his dad explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing?

The boy replied, "Yes he did. Dad said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."



### Lot

A father was reading a Bible story to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife turned around and looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

-submitted by Adeline

## RJC / CMU ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***RJC** is accepting student registrations for the 2013-14 school year. Applications can be downloaded from the website ([www.rjc.sk.ca](http://www.rjc.sk.ca)) or call the office for a complete package (306 232-4222). Contact Valerie White in Admissions if you know of students or families that might be interested in RJC. Contact her as well for more information and to arrange a tour of the school ([val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca)). Registration is Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, with classes beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

\*CMU invites you to **Fall Festival 2013**, happening **Friday, Sept. 27** and **Saturday, Sept. 28**. With something for everyone – students, alumni, friends, donors, and community members – Fall Festival is a fun-filled weekend featuring opportunities to connect, learn, play, and celebrate with the CMU community, with events like the CMU Blazer Awards presentation, basketball games, a farmers market, pie bake-off, a cyclocross bike race, decade class reunions, a music festival, a supper event, CMU's opening program, and more. For details: [www.cmu.ca/fallfest](http://www.cmu.ca/fallfest) or call Joyce Friesen at 204-487-3300 ext. 604.

\*CMU invites high school students to hear **Shane Claiborne** at **Peace-It-Together (PIT) 2013, October 18-20**. Claiborne will speak on Pursue Peace, Seek Justice. Registration forms and info are available at [www.cmu.ca/pit](http://www.cmu.ca/pit)



**News/Announcements: Stay in tune with the wider church**  
Mennonite Church Canada has established a **new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteChurchCanada>**. It's a great place to get breaking news about your national church's activity in the world!

## OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

\*The next **Loose Change Sunday** will be September 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*A Meditative Family Devotional Guide on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm "**The Good Shepherd**" is available in the foyer. Additional copies can be obtained from the church office if needed.

\*A big "**Fat Calf**" **Thank You!** to everyone who supported us in attending the MC Canada Youth Assembly last month. Your donations, prayers and encouragement meant so much to us and allowed us take part in this amazing experience. We would not have been able to attend without your support. Thank you!!! Katherine A., Deanna B., Jasmine F., Emma M., Sydney N., and Leslie A.

\*A new Senior Youth Sunday School class is starting up this Fall, and the following items are needed as we create a space upstairs: **a small sofa, multiple bean bag chairs, and a mini-fridge**. If you have any of these items and would like to part with them, the youth would be happy to put them to good use! Also, feel free to pop in upstairs after worship service this Fall, say hi to the senior youth and see the room as it is being transformed! Leslie A.

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

**Never think that war, no matter how necessary,  
nor how justified, is not a crime.**

Ernest Hemingway

## Lectionary Passages for the next 5 weeks

### September 1, 2013

Jeremiah 2: 4-13  
 Psalm 1:1, 10-16  
 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16  
 Luke 14:1, -14

### September 8, 2013

Jeremiah 18: 111  
 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-1  
 Philemon 1-21

### September 15, 2013

Psalm 14  
 I Timothy 1: 12-17  
 Luke 15: 1-10

### September 22, 2013

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1  
 Psalm 79:1-9  
 I Timothy 2: 1-7  
 Luke 16: 1-13

### September 29, 2013

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a,  
 6-15  
 Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16  
 I Timothy 6:6-19  
 Luke 16: 19-31



## OMC Youth Group September 2013 ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
1 Worship Service - 10 am  <i>Sunday School starts next week...</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 Youth Game Night -7pm at the church
8 Worship Service – 10am Sunday School - 11 am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship Service – 10am Sunday School - 11 am	16	17	18	19	20 SMYO Jr Youth Retreat – Meet @ church at 7:30pm	21 SMYO Jr Youth retreat continues..... SENIOR Youth Weiner Roast - 6pm at the Boldts
22 Worship – 10am Sunday School - 11 am SMYO JrYouth Retreat ends	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship Service – 10am Sunday School - 11 am	30					

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**\*An Invitation:** A course on the meaning and purpose of life is offered to interested people, especially young adults, at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen Street, Saskatoon, SK S7K 0M3. The course consists of fourteen weekly consecutive sessions which will be held on Sunday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The course begins September 1, 2013. It is free, but registration is required by August 15. The course answers questions people may have about Christ, the Christian faith and the Church. To register: Send an email to: [fmc789@sasktel.net](mailto:fmc789@sasktel.net) or call First Mennonite Church @ 306-244-6772

**\*Warman MCC Thrift Store** is in urgent need of volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Carla at 306-933-3293.

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### **\*Dear friends of *Intotemak*,**

We are so thankful that you are interested in building relationships between Indigenous and settler peoples. Your ongoing support of our small magazine means a lot! As you know, *Intotemak* is produced through the Indigenous Relations work of Mennonite Church Canada Witness.

Alongside print resources like *Intotemak*, Indigenous Relations produces audio and visual resources that might be of interest to you. For example, we recently produced a video on Mennonites and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: **Listening to Truth, Seeking Reconciliation**. You can check it out at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2103>

We are happy to share these resources with you, we hope you find them helpful. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support of *Intotemak*!  
Steve Heinrichs and Ingrid Miller

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**\*Saturday, Sept 7 - 12:00pm-8:00pm - A Fall Festival** held at the Youth Farm Bible Camp. The event starts with a BBQ lunch at noon. There will be a show n' shine car show, petting zoo, corn maze, and a kids carnival including several giant inflatable toys, a barrel train ride, climbing wall and sumo suits! Live Music will be playing for most of the day, with traditional Mennonite and Brazilian food available for supper, as well as BBQ favourites and pulled pork.

**\*MHSS Book Launch/Signing:** "By Whatever Name" by Elizabeth Reimer Bartel on Sept. 8th at 2:30pm in Fellowship Hall at Bethany Manor. See the Bulletin board for poster.

\*Bethany Manor and Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home are co-hosting the annual sessions of **Canadian Mennonite Health Assembly**. CMHA provides opportunity for Mennonite organizations to meet for inspiration and information sharing. The conference will take place at Bethany Manor on Sept 12-14. See the bulletin board for details, including registration forms.

**\*Shekinah Retreat Centre's annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** will be held October 4 – 6, 2013. Whether you are a quilter, a scrapbooker, a knitter, a calligrapher, a painter – whatever your favourite pastime! – you are welcome to enjoy this weekend. Registration deadline: September 15, 2013. See the poster and brochure on the bulletin board for details and registration forms.

**\*October 18 & 19: Annual Women's Retreat** at the Timberlodge, Shekinah beginning at 5:00pm. Cost is \$120.00; register by Oct. 1 to Ruth Quiring Heppner, Box 1292, Rosthern SK S0K 3R0. Guest speaker is Elsie Goerzen on the theme "Courageous Women of the Bible." See bulletin board poster or [mcsask.ca/events](http://mcsask.ca/events).



**\*Menno Homes of Saskatchewan Inc. is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director.**

MHSI is a Christian based agency that provides residential and vocational programs for individuals with varying degrees of intellectual and physical abilities. The successful candidate will work under the policy direction of the Board to perform a wide range of duties that include: Administration, board liaison, participant relations, financial management and accountability, human resources management, program development and evaluation and public relations.

**Qualifications:** \*Relevant degree or a minimum 5 years experience managing a non-profit organization.

\*A Christian believer who has a passion for individuals with differing abilities.

\*A self-directed leader with skills in managing office, residential and vocational personnel

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience and negotiable

**Complete Job Description posted at: [mennohomes.ca](http://mennohomes.ca)**

Resumes may be directed to Lori Weiler-Thiessen, [lori60@gmail.com](mailto:lori60@gmail.com)  
54 Lindsay Drive,  
Saskatoon SK S7H 3E1 Canada  
Closing Date: September 15, 2013

**\*The Academy of Discipleship** is a group of Christians from various denominational backgrounds, that is experimenting with a low-cost model for Christian education and discipleship. The courses offered by the Academy of Discipleship for **Fall 2013** include: "Reading the Gospel of the Word Made Flesh", "Faith and Music" and "The Many Names of Jesus". See [www.academyofdiscipleship.org](http://www.academyofdiscipleship.org) or the bulletin board posters for more details on these learning opportunities.

**RECIPE**

Here is a recipe for one of the delicious desserts enjoyed at June's ladies "Heart to Heart" get-together, thanks to Loretta Sawatzky.

**Lemon Squares**

Crust:

1 c. butter

2 c. flour

1/2 c. sugar

Pinch of salt

Mix and press on the bottom of a 9' x 13' pan. Bake at 350 for 16 minutes

Filling:

4 eggs

1/3 c. lemon juice ( I squeeze fresh lemons)

1 tsp. lemon zest

2 c. sugar

1/4 c. flour

1 tsp. baking powder

Beat eggs well. Add all other ingredients and mix well. Pour on warm baked crust.

Bake at 350 for 17-22 minutes. Cut edges immediately.

Cool. Sprinkle with icing sugar

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Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.