
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service February 10, 2019, Number 6

Worship Leader Denise Epp
Pianist Judy Epp

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you,
For the glory of God.
Left: **Welcome, all, whoever you are!**
Right: *Welcome here, however you've come!*
Left: **Welcome, with all your questions, your mistakes,
And your great celebrations.**
Right: *Welcome, with all your wondering, your sadness,
And your great joy.*
Leader: Christ has welcomed us.
All: **Glory to God.**

Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Here in this place* HWB #6

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy* HWB #145

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn *There are many gifts* HWB #304

Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading Genesis 18:1-15 Pew Bible p. 11
Luke 14:7-14 Pew Bible p. 739

Hymn *Help us to help each other* HWB #362

Meditation **"Hospitality: Creating Space"** Claire Ewert Fisher

Sending Hymn *For we are strangers no more* HWB #322

Sending Blessing

Leader: Send us, Lord!
People: **Into places we know,
where your love may startle and challenge.**
Leader: Send us, Lord!
People: **Into places we don't know,
Where your love may comfort and invite.**
Leader: Send us, Lord!
All: **We will go.**
Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK:

Today, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time
10:00 a.m. – Worship service
11:00 a.m. – Coffee and fellowship time – money collected at coffee will be gratefully used by our blanket-makers. During coffee time, there will be a short presentation about the recent MDS work done in California and Texas, by people from our congregation.
2:30 p.m. – Global Songs & Sweets at Grace Westminster United Church, Saskatoon, with RJC and MCC. This first-annual fundraising event for MCC and Rosthern Junior College will feature choral music and stories by RJC students, highlighting our global relationships. Sweets will be served.
Please note: Claire will not be in the office this week, except for Friday afternoon. She is attending the 'ReNew' conference in Winnipeg on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Blanket-making

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time
10:00 a.m. – Worship service, Jeanette speaking
11:00 a.m. – Coffee and fellowship time
3:00 p.m. – Games and fropa

COMING EVENTS:

February 18, 9:00 – 4:00 - Shekinah Retreat Centre Winter Fun Day. Lots of outdoor activities planned! Admission by donation, lunch and refreshments provided. Contact craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org for more information.
Feb. 23 - Mega Menno Ski Trip – youth are invited for a fun day at Table Mountain! Leaving from Mount Royal Church at 7:00am, with two possible return trip times (5:00pm and 9:00pm). Costs, details and permission forms can be found at www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry, or contact Zach Dueck at MRMC, zdueck@gmail.com

Mar. 1, 2:00 p.m. – World Day of Prayer service. Our congregation is hosting this year, and all are welcome.

Mar. 5 – Our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper – volunteers will be needed for many tasks, please watch for the sign-up sheets.

Mar. 8 – 9 – Mennonite Church SK annual delegate sessions: *Deepening our Walk with Christ* with guest speaker David Fitch, at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim. Join us as we gather to deepen our walk through worship, discernment, and Communion. Sessions begin Friday at 7:00 p.m., concluding at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, visit www.mcsask.ca for more information. See posted information. Four delegates are needed from our congregation.

Mar. 22-23 – MC SK Women’s Retreat at Shekinah

Mar. 26 – Youth Farm Bible Camp fund-raiser supper, here at RMC

Apr. 6, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat, at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Join with others of MC Sask to spend a day in silence, stillness and simplicity, taking a break from the regular routines of everyday life to rest, renew and reconnect with the God who loves each of us. This retreat is designed to increase awareness of our desire for God and deepen our longing for communion with God. Through silence, prayer, simple rituals and meditation on Scripture, we will be led through parched deserts to rivers of living water. There our thirst will be quenched and our souls revived. Cost \$50, no refunds. Registration may be transferred to another if you can't make it. Registration information to follow.

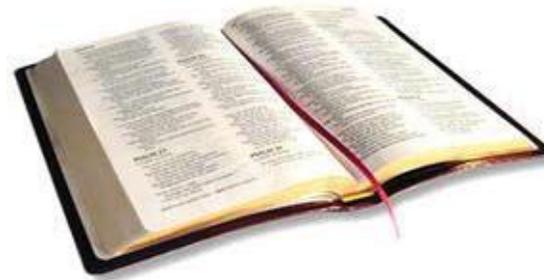
Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m. – Station Singers spring concert “From Billy to Brahms – Love songs for Spring” at the Station Arts Centre. The concert will be repeated in Saskatoon on Apr. 14.

June 28 – July 1 – Mennonite Church Canada Gathering, “Igniting the Imagination of the Church,” Abbotsford BC. The Mennonite Women national gathering will take place as part of this event, on June 30. For more information, see home.mennonitechurch.ca/assembly2019

Oct. 5 – 26 – A China Learning Tour is planned by Mennonite Partners in China. See the information posted in the lower auditorium, or talk to Jeanette Hanson, if you are interested.

Welcome to:

Rosthern Mennonite Church



Followers of Jesus Christ

Called by God

Empowered by the Spirit

To Grow as a Community of Grace, Joy and Peace

So that God’s Healing and Hope Flow through Us to the World

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

Office Hours Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- Noon

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PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Prayer requests from Mennonite Church SK

Please pray for Ryan, Kirsten, Marianne, and the host congregations, Eigenheim and Zoar, as they plan and prepare for the MC Sask delegate sessions, coming up in March.

Mennonite Church Canada reports: We give thanks to God for the encouraging report from the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Vietnam where many new followers of Jesus have joined local congregations. This recent growth has come about because of evangelistic services that were held in several churches before Christmas.

Please pray with MC Canada Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoja as they continue to advocate for peace in the Philippines. On January 27, two bombings occurred at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the city of Jolo, on the island of Sulu of Mindanao. More than twenty worshippers were killed and dozens more were injured: the first blast happened inside the cathedral and the second blast was outside as armed forces arrived to investigate. Sadly, three days later further destruction and bloodshed took place when an explosion at a mosque in Zamboanga City left two dead and four wounded. Pray for the many grieving families and loved ones affected by this violence and for the ongoing peacebuilding work of the Pantojas through PeaceBuilders Community and Coffee for Peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MCC Connects - Looking for an activity for your small group? Come to MCC for an evening of service. Pack a relief kit, help out in our warehouse, or we can even teach you how to make an MCC comforter! Contact Graham MacDonald at grahammacdonald@mccsk.ca or call 306.665.2555 for more information.

The Good Neighbours Food Centre (Food Bank) has requested donations of canned vegetables and hearty soups and stews for the months of February and March. You may leave your donations in the cart in the foyer; we will see they are delivered.

Shekinah has an opening for casual kitchen/housekeeping help, mostly in the Timber Lodge. Our bookings are quite full for 2019 so we expect there will be close to full time work, however hours per week may vary considerably depending on bookings. The schedule is usually known well in advance. Come work with a great team in one of the most beautiful places in Saskatchewan. For more information call Phyllis Goertz -- 306-242-8367.

RJC is accepting applications for a part or full-time Admissions Officer, and will be accepting resumes until Friday, February 15, 2019. For more information about our school or the position please visit our website or call the school at 306-232-4222. Please submit resumes to Ryan Wood, RJC Principal, at ryan.wood@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
February 3, 2019						
	Actual	Weekly Budget	Weekly Surplus/Deficit	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$ 4,210.00					
Coffee	\$ 39.00					
Direct deposit	\$ 300.00					
Church use	\$ 250.00					
BUDGET	\$ 4,799.00	\$3,450.00	\$ 1,349.00	\$ 40,683.23	\$ 17,250.00	\$ 23,433.23
Blankets	\$ 370.00					
TOTAL	\$ 5,169.00					

Attendance last Sunday: 64