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Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service
February 17, 2019, Number 7

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Worship Leader — Larry Epp
Pianist — Kathy Luitjens

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Prelude

Call to Worship (inspired by 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12-13)

Leader: Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed.

People: **Push the edges of what you have questioned and wondered about.**

Leader: All Scripture is breathed by the Spirit of God, moving in the world.

People: **All Scripture is breathed into the people of God, living in the world.**

Leader: God's Word is a lamp.

People: **God's Word is a sword.**

Leader: We look for a word to teach and challenge us.

People: **We look for a word to sharpen and strengthen us.**

All: ***We look for a word to equip us for the kingdom of God.***

Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at your word* **HWB #13**

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn *Be thou my vision* **HWB #545**

Children are invited to Sunday School

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn *Lamp of our feet* (v. 1,2,5) **HWB #312**

Scripture Reading Psalm 19:7-11 Pew Bible p. 390
John 5:39-40 Pew Bible p. 754

Hymn *God of the Bible* **StJ #27**

Meditation ***"Scripture Study: Tilling the Soil and Living the Story"***
Jeanette Hanson

Sending Hymn *As rain from the clouds* **StJ #40**

Sending Blessing

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THIS WEEK:

Today, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time
10:00 a.m. – Worship service
11:00 a.m. – Coffee and fellowship time
3:00 p.m. – Games and faspa

The church office will be closed on Monday, for the statutory holiday.

Monday, 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.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. – Good Samaritans meet

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Blanket-making
3:45 p.m. – Worship committee meeting

Saturday - 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

Next Sunday, 9:15 a.m. – Prayer time
10:00 a.m. – Worship service
11:00 a.m. –- Coffee and fellowship time

COMING EVENTS:

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

Mar. 1 & 2 - Mennonite Historical Society of SK annual meeting, at Bethany Manor, beginning Friday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. See posted information.

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

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. The report book is now available on line, or can be printed – contact the church office if you would like a copy.

Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m. – “Choirs and Cakes” Fund-raiser at RJC. Watch for more information.

Mar. 22-23 – MC SK Women’s Retreat “Walking in Worship” at Shekinah, with speaker Eileen Klaassen. All women are welcome, and you may register for the Friday session, the Saturday session, or both. See posted information and registration forms.

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 forms are posted in the foyer.

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, go to www.ignitegathering2019.ca

July 28-Aug. 1 – “Shake: Rattled by the Radical” Youth Retreat for MC Canada youth grade 6 – 12, at Shekinah Camp. Planned activities will include: Biblical reflection and storytelling, shared meals, activities and play, special guests, and more! Visit www.prairieyouth.ca for full details and registration.

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

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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:

***Thank you* to all** who donated generously for blanket-making last week! Donations of $680 will enable many more blankets to be made.

In February, the Rosthern Ministerial Association asks us to pray for the Living Faith Pentecostal Church, and for the World Day of Prayer, which will be held here at RMC on March 1.

Prayer requests from Mennonite Church SK

This week, Senators serving in the Upper House of Canada's Parliament, will receive an ecumenical letter encouraging them to support Bill C-262 (The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act). Drafted and signed by leaders of various faith-based organizations—including the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada, the Quakers, the Anglican Church of Canada, Mennonite Central Committee and more—the letter urges the Senate to "make a non-partisan decision in support of legislative reconciliation." Please pray for the Senate as they discern how Canada can move closer to honest and fair relationship with Indigenous peoples. For more info on Bill C-262, and how to support, see www.pfir.ca.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MCC Connects - How is MCC helping refugees? Are there ways that your church or small group can help? If you are interested in learning more or getting involved with refugee work, MCC can help. We offer presentations, workshops, sermons and even a refugee simulation. To learn more please contact Mark Bigland-Pritchard at markbiglandpritchard@mccsk.ca or 306.665.2555.

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.

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report

February 10, 2019

Worship service #6

	Actual	**Weekly Budget**	**Weekly Surplus/Deficit**	**Year to Date Actual**	**Year to Date Budget**	**Year to Date Surplus/Deficit**
Offering	$ 2,810.00					
Direct deposit	$ 100.00					
BUDGET	$ 2,910.00	$3,450.00	$ (540.00)	$ 43,593.23	$ 20,700.00	$ 22,893.23
Blankets	$ 680.00					
Memorial fund	$ 100.00					
TOTAL	$ 3,690.00					

Attendance last Sunday: 65