
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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**Worship Service
May 24, 2020, Number 21**

Worship Leader Ted Janzen
Pianist Judy Epp
Vocalists Todd Hanson, Ted & Bev Janzen, Delilah Roth

Prelude

WE GATHER

Call to Worship
Gathering Prayer
Hymn *Praise, I will praise you, Lord* **HWB #76**

Welcome and Announcements
Offertory Prayer: Our gifts at work
Hymn *We give thee but thine own* **HWB #384**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer

WE LISTEN

Story for all ages Delilah Roth
Blessing of the school kits, blankets, and coins
Hymn *Lord, whose love in humble service* **HWB #369**

Scripture Reading Luke 4:16-21
John 13:1-5
Message **Jeanette Hanson**

WE RESPOND

Sending Blessing
Sending Hymn *Will you let me be your servant* **HWB #307**

THIS WEEK:

We will continue to present a worship service on Facebook each Sunday, with a small group of people involved. The church office remains open for an hour or two each day, and Claire is always available by phone, email or text.

For those who cannot watch our Facebook feed, we are doing a telephone conference call test run this Sunday so you will be able to participate via conference call on your phones. If you have not already received the instructions, please call the church office, or call Kathy (306-212-7998) for more information.

Today, 7:00 p.m. - RJC Spring Showcase (Spring Concert): Watch online for a showcase of RJC student and staff music, art, and activities. This event will be held on RJC's YouTube channel. Visit rjc.sk.ca for more information.

Friday, 11:00 a.m. - YFBC LIVE! is every Friday at 11:00 a.m. They will be broadcasting episodes on their Facebook page. To stay connected, make sure you like the Facebook page and get notified when they go live.

Saturday – Coins Count Bottle Drive: Place your refundable cans and bottles into garbage bags at the end of your driveway every Saturday in May before 3:00 p.m. and we will pick them up. If you are missed, or if you can help with pickup, please text or call (306-212-8999). All monies from refunds will go to MCC. Cash or cheque donations to MCC My Coins Count may also be made, at the church office.

After 3 weeks of our Bottle Drive, the cans and bottles are piling up!! Thank you!! During COVID-19, MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) is focussing on food relief and health supplies and hygiene education in areas of need around the world. With the closure of thrift stores and the cancellation of MCC Relief Sales, funding to MCC is drastically reduced. Our contributions, however small, combined with the efforts of many, will help to make a difference. *You are invited to guess how much money the collection of cans and bottles will raise! Send your guesses to Delilah & Brian and the closest will win a prize!*

Next Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – Worship service will again be on Facebook, with a message by Claire Ewert Fisher. Communion will be part of the Sunday morning service. Some time after Wednesday of this week, the communion elements of grape juice and bread, along with an order of service, will be delivered to your door. For those to whom we cannot deliver these, consider preparing your own bread and wine so that when you watch with us you can also participate. We will also have the serviced on conference call, so you can use your telephone to listen to it.

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 14 – there will be a child dedication as part of the service. Three children will be dedicated. That afternoon there will be a celebration of baptism for Tianna, Kate, and Jessica. The baptism ceremony will be performed individually, videotaped and shared, with the consent of the people involved. We have planned this to adhere to the restrictions on the number of people able to gather in one place.

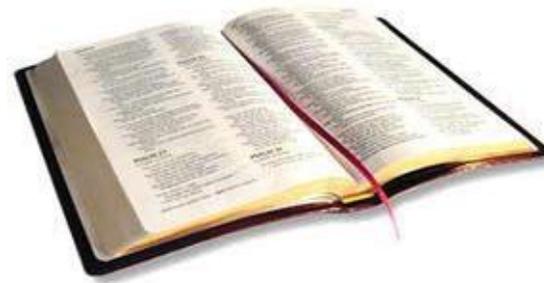
Sunday, June 28 – Claire’s last Sunday with us

MCC Connects: 100 years ago MCC did something unprecedented by bringing people together to respond to a great need. Today, we also find ourselves in a unique situation. In light of COVID-19 we have made the decision to cancel the 2020 MCC Saskatchewan Relief Sale. This event is our largest gathering and fundraising event each year and we need your help. We invite you to think creatively about hosting a fundraiser in your church or community, or to make a donation designated Relief Sale 2020. Stay tuned for more information about resources and opportunities to participate. Please contact the MCC Sask office at 306.665.2555 if you have questions.

Another special MCC project you may be interested in is “Grow Hope,” where farmers designate some acres of farmland to raise money for MCC, and MCC sponsors the cost of raising the crop on those acres. This year, 305 acres in Saskatchewan have been designated as Grow Hope projects, and MCC is looking for sponsors for them, at \$300/acre. Contact MCC for information.

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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Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report

	Worship service #20		Year to date		Surplus/Deficit	
	Weekly	Weekly	Actual	Budget		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Surplus/Deficit</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Surplus/Deficit</u>
May 17, 2020						
Offering	\$ 580.00					
Direct deposit	\$ 220.00					
BUDGET	\$ 800.00	\$ 3,445.00	\$ (2,645.00)	\$ 67,623.50	\$ 68,900.00	\$ (1,276.50)
Rejoice subscr.	\$ 173.20					
Daily Bread	\$ 5.00					
	\$ 978.20					

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Please continue to pray for residents of our nursing home, and other seniors, who are truly 'shut-in' at this time. Please pray also for staff at the care homes, and families of the residents.

In May, the Rosthern Ministerial Association asks us to pray for Eigenheim Mennonite Church, and for all who are hungry, sick, or bereaved.

Prayer requests from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:

Pray for those who keep us connected during this time of distancing - the videographers, sound technicians, and those who share our services online and connect us via platforms such as Zoom. We are thankful that they share their gifts so that we can stay connected and "do church" in a new way.

After long discussions, consultations, and prayer, Shekinah Retreat Centre has decided to cancel Summer Camp for 2020. After forty years of delivering a space and program devoted to building relationships, connecting with nature, and getting to know God in a different setting, we will deeply miss sharing our love and space with your children. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we feel we are unable to deliver our summer camp program in a way that adequately protects our staff, volunteers, parents, grandparents, and campers. All parents who have registered their children will be contacted. Please continue to keep Shekinah in your prayers during these very difficult times.

Please consider writing a letter of encouragement to an inmate at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary. Prison is a lonely place at the best of times. The volunteers in the P2P program provide some relief from those feelings of self-isolation by visiting monthly. They also provide encouragement and hope for the future. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are unable to offer visits to inmates. In the meantime, we are encouraging our volunteers, and other church members to send a message of hope and encouragement to an inmate. This message is especially important right now for the inmates who are experiencing further isolation due to COVID-19, and are not able to see their loved ones or go about their normal routine. For more details contact: P2P coordinator for Parkland Restorative Justice (Prince Albert), Heather P2P coordinator for The Micah Mission (Saskatoon), Dave

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It's time to recognize the graduates in our congregation! If you have a graduate in your family, from high school, post-secondary, or post-graduate studies, please call or email the church office, so names can be added to our list. Your out-of-town children and grandchildren may certainly be included!

Annual subscriptions to *Rejoice*, the daily devotional published by MennoMedia, are now due. To reorder, or subscribe for the first time, please contact the church office by June 1. The cost for one year is \$43.30.

Check out the new MC Sask Short featuring Kevin Koop, pastor at Carrot River Mennonite Church, at www.mcsask.ca

This week the MC Canada worship service comes from Chinatown Peace Church, Vancouver, with Tim Kuepfer, pastor of the English congregation, speaking. View this service at www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices and the Mennonite Church Canada YouTube channel.

Parkland Restorative Justice in Prince Albert is seeking an Executive Director (1 FTE). For job description and more info on the organization please see parklandrestorativejustice.com or contact Board Chair, Jacquelyn Janzen at jacqjanzen@hotmail.com. Closing date: July 1, 2020. Parkland Restorative Justice is a ministry partner of MC SK, and facilitates the P2P prison visitation program and Circles of Support and Accountability.

RJC High School is accepting applications for the position of Dean in the Girls' Dormitory beginning in the fall of 2020. The successful candidate will work with a team of RJC deans and school administration to provide a supportive environment where students can live, learn, and grow both personally and as a community. For more information contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca

June 4 - 7- The North American Institute for Theological Studies (NAITS) is moving its annual symposium online, to explore "Community Health and Well-Being: Conversations on Wholeness." Indigenous-Settler Relations would love to see a good number of participants from each of our regional church bodies join in this rich learning. To learn more, go to <https://www.naits.com/sym2020.html>

Mennonite Disaster Service has launched On the Level, a monthly online newsletter to inform and inspire you! In our current issue, you'll read how MDS volunteers helped a victim of multiple disasters return home even after closing down the project. You can also learn how special funds are helping Mennonite churches in the U.S. and Canada keep their doors open. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/2LGvidw>