

***MCC Connects:** More than 6.5 million Syrians have been displaced from their homes due to civil war. Please continue to support uprooted Syrians living in their own and neighbouring countries. To date MCC received more than \$2 million dollars from the Canadian government to help Syrians get through the winter. Let's do our part by praying for peace, creating hygiene and relief kits, and providing funds for ongoing relief and peace building activities. Contact MCCS to donate, 306.665.2555 or at mccsk.ca

***Saskatchewan Women in Mission Enrichment Day**, Saturday, April 26, 2014: Women's Enrichment Day, "**Hearing the Voices of Young Women,**" at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, 10am-4pm. Please join us for the SWM annual meeting and a day of inspiration and fellowship. Bring a sack lunch for the noon meal; beverages provided. More information on posters or MCSask's Website.

*The Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary is holding a **May Day Tea and Cake Walk on Thursday, May 8** from 2-4pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission by donation. Proceeds from the Tea will go towards purchasing a new wall unit for the Nursing Home Auditorium. Everyone is welcome!

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanists: Melanie Boldt and Lynette Janzen
Scripture reader: Deanna Reddekopp
This week's Nursery Care: Sarah Buhler
Next week's Nursery Care: Jennifer Rowan
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Steve Rowan, Susan Braun

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
April 20, 2014

Easter Sunday

*Encountering God: What have we witnessed . . .
in Jesus' empty tomb?*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Chiming to Worship and a silent reflection

Choir

Call to worship

One: Let us rejoice, for the tomb has been found empty.

Many: He is risen from the grave!

One: Let glad songs of victory rise up this Easter day.

Many: He is risen from the grave!

One: Let us sound the trumpets in the house of the Lord!

Many: Our Christ is not dead. He lives forevermore!

One: Let us stand in awe at what the Lord has done.

All: Share the good news: Christ is risen!

Let us rejoice in glad song!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #280 "Christ the Lord is risen today"
Blue/HWB #277 "I know that my Redeemer lives"**

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church:

Confessing our sin

One: Acclaim the Lord, for the Lord is good!

Many: Forever is the Lord's kindness!

One: Let all of Israel say:

Many: Forever is the Lord's kindness!

One: Let those who fear the Lord say:

Many: Forever is the Lord's kindness!

One: The Lord is our strength.

Many: The Lord is our might.

All: The Lord has become our salvation.

One: Today there are glad songs in the tents of the just;

Many: For though we were chastised, we were not given over to death.

One: The right hand of the Lord is valiant!

Many: The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Many: The Lord has answered our cries.

All: The Lord as become our rescue.

One: This is the Lord's doing.

Many: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: This is marvelous in our eyes.

LISTENING

Children's Time

Jake Buhler

Hymn: Blue/HWB #282 "Proclaim the tidings near and far"

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory Prayer

Choir

Gospel lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Hymn: Blue/HWB #275 "Lift your glad voices"

Message

Reader's Theatre

Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #273 "Low in the grave he lay"**

*Benediction: We have encountered the Lord who has power over even death. We are witnesses to what God has done. Go now, as long as God gives you breath, as witnesses to others, sharing the joy of what God can yet do in their lives and ours, through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen

***Blue/HWB #118 "Praise God from whom"**

**Please rise.*

****Ring your bell every time you sing "Alleluia" or "Hallelujah".**

Focus Statement: We encounter God's triumphant power in Jesus' empty tomb. Mary Magdalene encountered the resurrected Jesus and shared this news with the disciples. We who God chooses to be witnesses are raised with Christ to the miracle of new life. We rejoice in glad song!

We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years should be accompanied by an adult.)

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

***TODAY**

- **Potluck brunch** after the worship service.
- **No children's Sunday School today – A children's Easter Egg hunt** begins at 11:15am.



*Connect with Mennonites of all ages and cultures from across Canada and engage the future of your national church at Assembly 2014! We're meeting together in the middle of a lovely Winnipeg summer for Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season, July 3-6. Information and registration is online

*On this Easter Sunday, pray for Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers who are serving communities around the world. May their words and deeds exhibit the forgiving, life-giving love of Christ.

*As the 50th anniversary celebrations for MCCA continues our congregation is invited to the next event in May. On **May 4**, 3-6pm at Grace Mennonite Church in Prince Albert, CCS will be celebrating the **restorative justice program** by honouring the work that has happened in *Person to Person (P2P)* and *Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA)*. Come for fasha and stories. The program will include stories from Orville Andres, the first coordinator of P2P, and several participants who have been involved throughout the province. Three local Sask.org organizations which have taken on this work as their own will be highlighted: CoSA South Saskatchewan, The Micah Mission, and Parkland Restorative Justice.

*MC Sask presents a Continuing Education opportunity on May 20-22 at First Mennonite Church: "**Faith and Literature**" with professor Cindy Wallace. See the bulletin board for more information – registration with MC Sask by May 15th.

***Saskatchewan Women in Mission** would again like you to consider the **opportunities to serve**--- as secretary, president elect, on the program committee, or on the nominating committee. SWM is open to all women in Mennonite Churches in Saskatchewan. Are you, or is there someone you know, who would have the gifts/talents or interests that would suit these positions? Contact: Denise Epp, Rosthern (306) 232-4801 1.d.epp@sasktel.net OR Glenis Koop, Saskatoon gleniskoop@hotmail.ca (306) 665-8011

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday/Wednesday, April 22 & 23 – RJC Earth Day conference for Youth**
- **Thursday, April 24, 7:30pm – Missions and Service Committee meeting**

Remember in your Prayers

Please remember those with health concerns, including Abe Braun, Sarah Hiebert and Haylee Wall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Our Lenten theme is: “Encountering God: What have we witnessed?”** Is encountering something *we* do? Or is the word an adjective describing an attribute of *God*? This season invites us to reflect on encounters with the encountering God who changes lives. The second part of our theme, “What have we witnessed?” also has a double focus: both what we have *seen* (been witness of) and what we have *told* others about (witnessed to).

***Lent Worship Banners** are prepared by the Junior Youth each week. Abstractly, through color and design, these banners explore the spiritual power of the encounters being explored in worship. **Yellow:** a primary color which represents God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. **Blue:** a primary color representing water, breath and wind. **Green:** the resulting encountered color from yellow and blue, it also represents new life, blessings and fertile land. **Easter Sunday’s banner:** The banner takes the shape of a cross where the triumph of life is celebrated in a bright yellow circle that when intersected with the blue crossbar sprouts a green path of life from heaven to earth.

***Saturday, May 3, 5:00pm – Seniors Banquet** - Invitations have just been sent out to those born in 1944 or earlier. Any seniors who have not yet replied are asked to RSVP to any of the deacons or to the church office as soon as possible.

***Next Sunday, April 27, is Creation Care Sunday**

***VBS 2014** – MC Sask is once again putting together a Vacation Bible School troupe to provide churches with the opportunity to host this program in their communities. We are looking for 1 Troupe Leader, 3-4 Troupe Members, and 5-8 host congregations to help make this program happen. Check out the SMYO website (www.smyo.ca/vbs) for more information and applications, or contact Kirsten Hamm in the ACYM Office.

***Honouring the Earth, April 22-23/2014** – A new and exciting event to celebrate Earth Day, Mennonite style! In this two-day learning and service event, **youth** will spend time learning how we can honour the earth with our food, our worship, and our hands. Junior and senior youth are welcome, and encouraged to bring friends. To find out more head to the SMYO Facebook page or website; youth pastors, sponsors, and parents are encouraged to contact Kirsten directly if your youth are interested in attending (youthminister@mcsask.ca, 306-249-4844).

***Bethany Manor Garage Sale**, Friday, April 25, 2014, 4pm-9pm

*All are welcome to join **Rosthern Mennonite Church** in celebrating the ordination of their pastor Craig Neufeld on Sunday, **April 27** at 3pm. A light fasma will be served after the service.

***Tuesday, May 6, 2014 - 7:00 pm at RJC** - Eigenheim Mennonite Church and RJC will be hosting the **Recycled Orchestra** (from Paraguay) – No admission. An offering will be received (tax receiptable) to be used for building a community education centre in the Cateura neighbourhood, the home of the Orchestra. For reserved rush-seating, send your request along with name and phone number to recycled.rosthern@gmail.com or phone 306-232-9117 (9am-9pm)

***RJC Spring Concert** - Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm at RJC - Season finale performances by Concert Choir, the Man Choir and Chorale

will highlight the evening. Admission is free; an offering will be taken during the concert. We look forward to having you join us. ***Touring Missionfest** is fast approaching. Tour Shekinah Retreat Center, Zoar Mennonite Church in Waldheim, the Menno Home in Waldheim and Zoar Mennonite Church in Langham on Saturday, May 10th. The cost is \$50 and includes transportation, lunch and supper. Registration forms are available from your church office or online at mcsask.ca. The registration deadline is April 23.

***RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, May 24** at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, for a Texas Scramble. Sign up individually or as a team (\$125/person or \$500/team) for on-course contests and challenges, a banquet and silent auction after the tourney. Info/Reg.forms at www.rjc.sk.ca or rijcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. To be a corporate sponsor, donate team prizes or silent auction items, please contact Dan Richert at dan@rjc.sk.ca.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Acts 10:34-43 ³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'