

**\*RJC Opening Program** will be held on Sunday, September 13th at 2:30 pm in the RJC gymnasium. We would be delighted to have you join us as we gather to give thanks and ask God's blessings for the new school year.

**\*RJC REGISTRATION DAY, Sunday, August 30, 2015:**

Applications are still being accepted for the 2015-2016 school year at Rosthern Junior College! Please contact Valerie White in Admissions (306 232-4222 or [val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca)) if you would like more information and to arrange a tour. **Registration Day** is Sunday, August 30, 1:00-5:00 pm for all students. Classes begin Monday, August 31.

\*Shekinah Retreat Centre presents a “**(Not just a) Quilting & Scrapbooking Retreat**” on September 25-27. Whether you are a quilter, scrapbooker, knitter, calligrapher, painter – whatever your favourite pastime – Come! Registration Deadline: September 5<sup>th</sup>. Brochures on the bulletin board or at: [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org)

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Worship Leader: Adeline Cox  
Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg  
Scripture reader: Tony Funk (and family)  
Sound: Dick Braun  
Ushers: Sarah Hiebert, Susan Braun

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
August 23, 2015

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to Worship (John 19)**

**One:** Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

**Many: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.**

**One:** Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

**Many: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.**

**One:** Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why that Friday is called "Good."

**All: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Green/SJ#19  
Green/SJ #93**

**"I will call upon the Lord"  
"Wehrlos und verlassen sehnt sich"**

Sharing joys and concerns  
Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Jake Buhler

**Hymn: Purple/SS #81** "When we are tempted"

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lesson: John 17:13-26

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #241** "'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow"

Sermon

Dr. Alan Reese

RESPONDING

**\*Hymn: Purple/SS #72** "We are often tossed and driv'n"

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise.*

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

**Scent Free:** We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

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

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**TODAY**

- **Following worship, Jake Buhler will lead an intergenerational tour of the cemetery and an opportunity for grave rubbings**

**THIS WEEK**

- **Thursday, August 27, 7:30pm: Summer Song Soiree Concert**

**\*Next Sunday, Aug. 30: Mary Magdalene, John 20:1-18**

**Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 30** - children, please bring your backpacks to children's time for a blessing before the start of school.

Sermon: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp

Song leader: Michelle McKinnell

Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard

Children's time: Adeline Cox

Sound: Chris Buhler

Ushers: Susan Braun and Sarah Hiebert

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**Remember in Prayer**

**Joys** – The joys of remaining summer days, relaxing with family and friends.

**Concerns** - Annie Guenther's fall. Condolences to the Braun family on the death of Henry Braun.

Condolences to John R. Wall, whose sister Ann Neudorf, who passed away August 16 at the age of 92.

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**Announcements**

**Patty's Week:** Today-Thursday: Minnesota. Thursday pm: concert, Friday: office 7:30-11:30.

**\*Coming to OMC this Thursday! Summer Song Soiree – Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** Everyone is invited to a concert of story and song. Chelsea Cox and her Maple Creek family group are returning to OMC and this year, bringing special guests, tenor Spencer McKnight and pianist Mark Turner. Concert followed by refreshments. Admission is by donation and proceeds will benefit RJC and MCC projects. Tell your friends – Everyone is welcome to a fun night!

**\*Upcoming Services:**

**August 30: Mary Magdalene**, John 20:1-18 Sermon: Patty Friesen

**Sept 6: Doubting Thomas**, John 21 Sermon: Patty Friesen

**Sept 13: Giving Thanks for Summer** - Sharing by VBS, Summer Camp and Mennonite World Conference attenders.

**Sept 20: Giving Thanks for Music** – “Sparky and the Plugs” Music Group

**Sept 27: Giving Thanks for Cows** - OMC's Dairy History by Dick Braun and Farmers. Please bring dairy photos, awards, memorabilia and please wear black and white and clean rubber boots to church. Dairy products will be served during coffee time.

\*There is a new dual **Sign up to bring snacks** for Sunday School and Gathering Coffee time, and also to make and clean up coffee, starting September 13. You are invited to sign up and take a turn.

**\*Fantastic Fall Fiesta II is coming! On September 13** after worship, the deacons are planning a ‘welcome back’ make-your-own taco lunch. Everyone is asked to bring either a salad or dessert to complete the meal, and lawn chairs so we can eat out side. Taco ingredients and beverages will be supplied. Also, **if you can donate hamburger or tomatoes** for the tacos, please speak to one of the deacons: Dave, Cornie, Adeline, Loretta.

**\*Ladies "Heart to Heart" will meet again on Monday, September 21, 7:30pm** and starting a new Book Study. "Sacred Pauses" by April Yamasaki will be book and copies will be available to purchase very soon.

In a fast-paced world full of distractions, “Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal” offers fresh ways to find everyday personal renewal. Each chapter explores a different spiritual practice—from classic disciplines of Scripture reading and prayer to less conventional approaches like having fun and living simply. Through personal stories, scriptural insights, historical examples, and practical suggestions, April Yamasaki guides us into new connections with ourselves and others, with creation, and with God.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### John 19:13-42

13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' <sup>15</sup>They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews"', but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' <sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves,

and for my clothing they cast lots.'

<sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

28 After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the

wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

31 Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

38 After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

**\*Worship Committee meeting:** Wednesday, September 2, 7:30pm at Lynette Janzen's.

**\*Church Council meeting:** Thursday, September 3, 7:30pm at church.

**\*Sunday, September 13 – Sunday School starts again,** and after worship, **Fantastic Fall Fiesta II for everyone!**

**\*Congregational Meeting: Visioning/Pastor,** Monday, September 14, 7:30pm

**\*Deacons meeting:** Wednesday, September 16, 7:30pm