

***MCC Connects:** Please join us Sunday, March 6 at 2:00pm at the Grand Opening of a Ray Dirks' art exhibition, *Along the Road to Freedom*, at the Diefenbaker Canada Centre in Saskatoon. The exhibition features 26 paintings of Mennonite women of courage and faith among other displays.

***Art Space Volunteers Needed.** For the upcoming *MC Canada Assembly, July 6-10 at TCU Place in Saskatoon*, we are currently looking for volunteers to take shifts to host the Art Space, and help with set up and take down. Contact Marianne at mcsask@mcsask.ca if you are able to help out in this area.

***TODAY: "Sing Together" concert** featuring Rosthern Junior College Chorale and Canadian Mennonite University Singers - **February 28, 2016 @ 2:30 pm at Knox United Church** in Saskatoon. Free admission! The concert is a fundraiser for both schools and is sure to be a beautiful event of inspired singing!

*The Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting our annual **Vereniki and Farmer Sausage Supper on Tuesday, March 8th, 5-7pm** at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.

*The **MDS Update** for Feb. 24th is now on the far bulletin board.

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Nursery Supervision: Adeline Cox
Sound: Dick Braun
Ushers: Karl Martens, Anna Peters

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 28, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent: Living Ink: Leaping Off the Page

Focus Statement: “Leaping Off the Page.” God, the Author of the grand story, invites us to drink in the words of covenant, the good news that we are part of an abundant narrative. As we do, we become living words that leap off the page into all aspects of relations: with God, each other, and the earth.

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27)

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

All: We gather to praise you.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

All: We will bless you as long as we live.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

All: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Invocation:

Lord Jesus Christ,

We long for you to fill us with your life-giving presence. We desire to drink at the well of your salvation, to sit at the table where you serve the bread of your grace and peace. May we receive a fresh new taste of your good news story – to enliven us with the truth of your covenant love – written on our hearts and shared with the world. Amen.

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #12 “Come, let us all unite to sing”**
Blue/HWB #167 “For God so loved us”(V.1&2- German, V. 3&4- English)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time: Lynn Loewen

Song with children: HWB#614 “In the bulb there is a flower”(v. 1)

Hymn: Blue/HWB #397 “God loves all his many people”

Scripture Lessons: Luke 15: 20-24

Hymn: Green/SJ #43 “My faith has found a resting place”

Sermon: “The Fable of the Forgiving Father” Patty Friesen

Hymn: Green/SJ #44 “The love of God”

*Benediction

**Please rise.*

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.

TODAY

- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 **at 9:15am.**
- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.
- **11:15am – Deacons meeting**

THIS WEEK

- **Monday, Feb 29, 7:00pm – Ladies Heart to Heart**
 - **Wed. March 2, 7:00pm - Missions & Service meeting**
 - **Wed. March 2, 7:30pm – Youth discussion nite with Steph**
 - **Thurs, March 3, 7:30pm – Church Council meeting**
 - **Next Sunday, Noon – Worship Committee meeting**
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Next Sunday, LENT FOUR: March 6: “Lost Son #2 – Resentful Obedience”: Luke 15:25-32 by Patty Friesen

Next Sunday, March 6: Worship leader: Christy MartensFunk
Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky Pianist: Mark BiglandPritchard
Children’s Time: Kathy Braun Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Nursery Supervision: Marlene Campbell
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, John Gascho

Remember in Prayer

Joys – Soup and Share. Faspas and games. Greetings from CMU.

Concerns – John Gascho’s friend, MC Sask churches in search processes. Remember Frieda and family in your prayers, following the passing of her son, Jeff. The Memorial service was held on Thursday evening at OMC.

Announcements

Patty's Week: Monday: Heart to Heart. Tuesday: sermon/Bethany. Wednesday: Office, M&S meeting. Thursday: Council meeting. Friday: office.

*Delegates are needed for the **MC Sask Annual Delegates Sessions on March 11 & 12** here at OMC. Please pick up a registration form from the table in the church foyer. **Please complete the form and see Christy if you are interested in representing OMC as a delegate.** Note: Registration deadline for meals is March 4.

*Ladies “**Heart to Heart**” is on Monday, February 29th at 7:00 pm. Our theme is "Everything's coming up Hearts". Come for a time of fellowship, singing, prayer, and snacks. To add to the fun, please wear something red or pink, if you are able.

***MHSS March 5, Annual General Meeting:** You are invited to attend the Mennonite Historical Society of Sask AGM on Saturday, March 5 beginning at 9:30 am at Bethany Manor. John Reddekopp will compare the spiritual life to softball. Henry Harms will speak at 11 am about his photography. Lunch available. There will be a painting demo with Ray Dirks at 1 pm to show how he created "Along the Road to Freedom."

Sunday, March 6, 2:00pm, Diefenbaker Centre** on the University Campus, will be the Grand Opening of the ***Along the Road to Freedom Exhibition. It features 26 paintings of Mennonite women of courage and faith. There will also be three displays of women who lived in the Valley area. They are Maria Buhler(1907-2002), Elizabeth Fehr (Bueckert) (1905-1983), and Justina Goertzen (Teichroeb) (1876-1957). Guest speaker: Ray Dirks. Fasha served.

Mennonite Church Canada

***Assembly 2016 registration** is now open at: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016/information>
Theme: God~Faith~People (Jeremiah 31:33). Keynote Speaker Safwat Marzouk, assistant professor of Old Testament at AMBS, will bring compelling insights to ancient texts. Stay tuned to your bulletin for more highlights in the coming weeks.

***Featured prayer request from the wider church.** Steve Heinrichs, Mennonite Church Canada's Director, Indigenous Relations is editing a special edition of *Intotemak* focused on UNDRIP—The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has called all Churches and social justice organizations to share how they will comply with UNDRIP by March 31st 2016. Pray for Steve and others as they work toward this goal.

***Volunteers: Mennonite Church Sask Annual Delegate Sessions**
Please check out the bulletin board for places you can sign up and help Osler Mennonite Church host the Mennonite Church Sask ADS on March 11 and 12. In order for this to happen **we need a large number of volunteers and there are various ways to help:**

1. Are you able to provide billeting for one or more delegates? If so, please let Margaret Dyck know.
2. Are you able to help out in areas such as food services, registration, setup, and cleanup? See the list on the bulletin board and sign up or speak with John Reddekopp. Thanks!

***Don't forget to bring small pieces of cloth that mean something to you or represent part of "your story".** Join the Worship committee in the project to make a **Story Quilt** to hang in our church. It can be anything that you like: work clothes, finery, tie-dyed, polyester plaid, baby wear, jerseys, etc... (*The plan is to cut 3 inch squares, so bring pieces at least that size - anything larger than that will be cut into 3 inch square pieces to use.*) Even "imposter" pieces will be accepted, if you don't want to part with the real thing. If your piece(s) have a particular story we would love to hear that as well. Thanks!

***Apple Pie!** As a student of RJC, Katherine is helping to raise money for the **"Have a Heart Fundraiser"**. The money is going to the places that students will be visiting during ALSO (Alternative Learning Service Opportunities) week.... Guatemala, Alabama, Calgary, and Friendship Inn, as well as helping a refugee family in Rosthern. So Katherine is making **homemade apple pies** (frozen, unbaked) and **will be selling them each Sunday until March 6**. Cost is \$10/pie. Come see Katherine after church today for yours!

***Bottle Drive Fundraiser:** You are invited to bring your recyclable pop and other bottles and cans to church for the next few weeks, to help Liam and Zach with their RJC ALSO fundraiser. Or speak to the guys about picking up your bottles, if that is more convenient.

***Sunday, March 20th, noon - Youth Ministry Team** bag lunch meeting. See you there!

OMC CALENDAR

Sun Feb 28 Lent Three – Patty Friesen preaching
Sun Feb 28 11:15am - Deacons Meeting
Mon Feb 29 7:00pm Heart to Heart
Wed Mar 2 7pm – Missions & Service Comm. Meeting
Wed Mar 2 7:30pm – Youth Discussion with Steph
Thur Mar 3 7:30pm – Church Council meeting
Sun Mar 6 Lent Four – Patty Friesen preaching
Sun Mar 6 Noon - Worship Committee meeting
Fri Mar 11 Annual Delegate Sessions at OMC
Fri Mar 11 9:30pm Barn Dance at Osler Community Hall
Sat Mar 12 Annual Delegate Sessions at OMC
Sun Mar 13 Lent Five - Willard Metzger preaching
Sun Mar 13 Loose Change Sunday
Mar 14 – 18 Mon-Friday mornings – Blanket making
Sun Mar 20 Noon: Youth Ministry Team meeting (bag lunch)
Thur Mar 24 Maundy Thursday – Potluck and Communion
Fri Mar 25 Tenebrae Service
Sun Mar 27 Easter Sunday

***OMC Employment Opportunity: Pastor/Minister of Faith and Community** - At our AGM, our congregation has approved this new position. This person will help fill the gap in our youth program, but the position is actually much more broad - focusing on faith and relationship building with youth, children, families, and the wider community. A big job; which we're only filling part-time at this point. We are hoping to fill this position quite quickly if the right candidate finds us. The position is now advertised on our Church website home page, and the job description is there as well. Know someone who would be a good fit? Preferred start date is as soon as possible. Questions and applications to: Christy Martens-Funk martensfunk@gmail.com; 306-225-2200 or by mail to Christy Martens-Funk c/o Osler Mennonite Church, Box 129, Osler, SK S0K 3A0. **Applications should be received no later than Feb. 26, 2016.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Luke 15: 20-24

²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²²But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

***MCCS** is excited to invite you to the premiere of the **documentary "RESERVE 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies."** In 2006, the Mennonite community and St John's Lutheran Church (Laird, Sk) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Young Chippewyan/Stony Knoll First Nations and Mennonite Community. As we work in the spirit of this MOU we have continued to move towards justice and peace. It is important for us at this time to begin to share our story and highlight the story of the Young Chippewyan/Stony Knoll First Nations. "Official teaser" @ <https://vimeo.com/150321815> **Roxy Theatre**, 320 20th St W, Saskatoon - **Sunday, March 13 at 3:30pm. Free Admission.**

*Adeline will be resigning from her position as our **church office administrator**. We will be looking for someone to fill this position by mid-April. If you are interested, please talk to anyone on the church executive: George, Christy, Diana, Jim or Patty.

Our Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Osler Mennonite Church is to be a supportive community in which people can meet God through worship and fellowship.

We seek to teach an Anabaptist understanding of scripture, led by the Spirit to imitate Christ in word and deed.

We strive to nurture faith and discipleship, committing ourselves individually and corporately to respond to the needs of others.