
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service June 14, 2020, Number 24

Worship Leader Claire Ewert Fisher
Pianist Judy Epp
Song Leader Esther Funk
Sound Lyall Pealo

Prelude

WE GATHER

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, family of God,
Come join in the celebration of new life!

People: **Come, mothers and fathers,
come, sisters and brothers,
Come, grandparents, friends and neighbours.
Come, family of God!**

Leader: God is about to do a new thing.
Be glad and rejoice in what God creates!

All: ***We have come to witness a birth;
We have come to welcome new members
to the body of Christ.
Praise God, the Giver of new life!***

Gathering Prayer

Hymn *God is here among us* **HWB #16**

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Prayer: Our gifts at work

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

WE LISTEN

Child Dedication

Congregation's Response (HWB #791)

You have offered your children
to the strong and tender providence of God.
We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your children.
We promise, with humility and seriousness,
to share in your children's nurture and well-being.
We will support, by our example and words,
your efforts to provide a loving and caring home,
where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen.
Our prayers will be with you and for you.
May our shared life and witness
help make your task both joyful and fruitful.

Hymn *As I went down to the river* **StJ #79**

Faith Stories of Baptismal Candidates

Jessica
Kate
Tianna

Hymn *Guide my feet* **HWB #546**

WE RESPOND

Baptismal Service Jessica
Scripture Reading Luke 3:21-23 **Pew Bible p. 726**
Sending Blessing
Sending Hymn *Thuma mina* **HWB #434**

At 1:30 today, Tianna and Kate will be baptized at Christopher Lake.

THIS WEEK:

We will continue to present a worship service on Facebook each Sunday. The church office remains open, and Claire is available by phone, email or text. Today's service is also available as a telephone conference call. Please call the church office, or call Kathy for more information.

Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – MC Sask Ministries Commission virtual Town Hall – “Dreaming Church Beyond Pandemic” – you are invited to join this discussion. Email churchengagement@mcsask.ca to register.

Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. – Pastoral committee meeting

Next Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – Go to our Facebook page to watch videos of the baptisms of Kate and Tianna.

11:00 a.m. - RJC virtual baccalaureate service will be presented. You will be able to watch it with a link on our church Facebook page.

2:00 p.m. - RJC virtual graduation ceremony will be available on RJC's YouTube channel.

COMING EVENTS:

June 8 – 30 - 14th Annual RJC Golf Classic - As golf courses begin to reopen with distancing rules, RJC invites you to participate in an 18-hole round of scramble at any course, in support of the school, from June 8-30. This event will include an online silent auction and prizes. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more information and rules.

Sunday, June 28 – Claire’s last Sunday with us – we will be able to meet together at church for this service! More information will follow about required distancing and restrictions.

- Shekinah Retreat Centre is having its (virtual) Friends of Shekinah Fundraiser. Please save the date and watch for more information

Rosthern Mennonite Church Financial Report						
June 7, 2020	Worship service #23		Year to date			
	Weekly	Weekly	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	
	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
Offering	\$ 2,750.00					
Direct payment	\$ 1,680.00					
BUDGET	\$ 4,430.00	\$ 3,445.00	\$ 985.00	\$ 73,783.70	\$ 79,235.00	\$ (5,451.30)

Calling All Kiddos!!! You are invited to a weekly MC Sask digital Sunday school, at 9:30am. This 20-25 minute Zoom gathering will include a song, a story, and a time to share and pray (and show off your weekly craft). Shared leadership will be needed. If you are interested in a) signing up your kids, b) leading some of the sessions, or c) have some questions, please contact Josh Wallace at churchengagement@mcsask.ca.

When the current Federal Government was re-elected, the Minister of Justice was mandated to “introduce co-developed legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the end of 2020.” Mennonite Church Canada Indigenous-Settler Relations, together with ecumenical partners, wants to help make this promise—a response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 43rd Call to Action—come true. Please pray for ISR and those who seeking to raise awareness of the need for Declaration Legislation—that we would have discernment in our engagement. Please also pray for the Minister of Justice, the Honourable David Lametti, as he seeks to implement this mandate. Communicate your support for this legislation by writing the Minister at David.Lametti@parl.gc.ca.

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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PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

Our Coins Count collection and bottle drive is over! *Thank you* all for your generous donations, of cash and containers. \$1,724.05 was received from Sarcan for all the bottles and cans donated, and \$295.95 was received in cash! Lloyd had the closest guess of the value of the recycling, at \$1,710.00. He will win a prize of some ground beef and a beef farm field trip. Denise hoped for a total of \$2,020.00, and that is what we sent on to MCC, for food relief, health supplies, and hygiene education.

Please continue to pray for residents of our nursing home, and other seniors, that they will remain safe as they are gradually allowed more visitors. Please pray also for continued safety for staff at the care homes.

In June, the Rosthern Ministerial Association asks us to pray for our own congregation, Rosthern Mennonite Church, and for the work of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, Saskatoon.

Prayer requests from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:

As we go through the process of finding our way to the "next new normal", please pray for those in our congregations who are responsible for trying to figure out how we can worship together safely.

Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso asks us to pray for the suffering caused by continued terrorist attacks. This past weekend there were again many killings. Pray for safety for the people and wisdom for the government. People are becoming angry because they see the government taking little action. MC Canada works with Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso through Africa Inter – Mennonite Mission (AIMM).

Continue to pray for the ongoing COVID-19 response coordinated by PeaceBuilders Community, Inc. (PBCI) in Mindanao, Philippines. Witness workers Dann and Joji report that many areas in Davao City where they live are severely affected. Food scarcity continues to be a huge challenge in the cities. Pray that God will bless and multiply their efforts to bring food from the farmers into the cities.

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! The list will be included in the bulletin on June 28.

Applications for the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan 2020 Student Education Fund scholarship are now being accepted. Contact the church office for more information, and application forms. Applications must be submitted by July 31.

For the MC Canada worship service, Members of Zoar Mennonite Church, Rosthern Junior College and Mennonite Church Saskatchewan have come together to offer a time of reflection and worship to God, welcoming the broader community of Mennonite Church Canada. We invite you to a service full of vitality and challenge, where we focus on the theme of God's goodness toward humanity and our response. Together, we will visit Exodus 19:2-8 and Matthew 9:35-10:14 with Pastor Andrea Enns - Gooding and examine our reply to the relentless love of God. It will be available at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>

Videos available from Mennonite Church SK:

The final service for Superb Mennonite Church is available to watch at <http://mcsask.ca> In **MC Sask Shorts'** first interview, Dave Feick, executive director at The Micah Mission, talks about restorative justice and finding cause for hope in the midst of COVID-19.

MCC Connects: You are invited to a virtual event with MCC's Health Coordinator, Paul Shetler Fast, featuring stories of how MCC is scaling up and adapting programs in response to COVID-19. Join us for a live webinar on June 17, 2020 at 5:00pm CST. Register online at mcccanada.ca/webinar-covid-health or call our office at 306.665.2555 for more information! **MCC has sent out a letter to churches**, outlining cuts they have had to make due to recent loss of income. If you would like a copy of the letter, either paper or email, please contact the church office.

Canadian Mennonite University is actively planning programs for the fall semester, taking into consideration current health guidelines. To learn more, go to cmu.ca/campusvisit or cmu.ca/covid-19

Even during pandemic, we still love our neighbours. How has your congregation been seeking to care and support your community in the midst of COVID-19? Ministries Commission invites any folks (not just pastors) involved in MC Sask congregations to share their stories of the surprising and everyday ways we're walking with our neighbors in this season. Go to <http://tiny.cc/mcskpandemicneighbours> to read the stories. To submit a story, go to <http://tiny.cc/neighboursform> and fill out the brief Google form.