
Rosthern Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

June 21, 2020, Number 25

There will be no live worship service in our building this Sunday.
Traditionally, this has been the Sunday when RJC holds their baccalaureate service in our church, and graduates of the school, along with their families, join our congregation for the service. This year, the (pre-recorded) baccalaureate service will be offered on the RJC YouTube channel, or you can view it on our Facebook page. We wish all the graduates of RJC the very best as they celebrate this milestone in their lives.

Today, 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.

THIS WEEK:

Dear friends at Rosthern Mennonite Church:

This week's blogspots will be the last ones I will prepare for you. So quickly the 1 ½ years we spent together has come to its end. And the ending was not what any of us anticipated. But preparing and sending out these blogspots have been a powerful way to stay connected.

Wednesday and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00, and again from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., I plan to be in Rosthern. I will bring some lawn chairs and set them out under the weeping birch trees on the front lawn of the church. I would be most happy for you to stop by for a short visit. Please call ahead to let me know you are coming. And you are right, one of the questions I will ask you is "Where have you seen God at work in your life?"

I look forward to seeing many of you again. We will be physically distanced and perhaps even masked, but it will be good to see you in person again.

God is with you!
Claire

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Mennonite Church Canada AGM, via Zoom. If you are interested in attending Mennonite Church Canada's AGM, please e-mail mcsask@mcsask.ca to register. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom meeting link as well as a link to the financial documents.

Next Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Claire's last Sunday with us – we will be able to meet together at church for this service! Please note the attached information about required distancing and restrictions.

Under the unusual circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Shekinah Retreat Centre needs extra help. On June 28, they are holding a virtual fundraiser. There will be updates on their financial situation, what's currently happening, and their plans for the future. There will also be "meet your board members", interviews on how Shekinah has impacted people's lives, music and songs, and the annual State-Of-Shekinah address. If certain fundraising goals are met, someone may also lose their head ... or, at least, their hair. Please check out www.shekinahretreatcentre.org for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

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.

Attention Students! Planning to attend Rosthern Junior College High School (RJC), Canadian Mennonite University (CMU), Columbia Bible College (CBC), Conrad Grebel University College (CGUC), or Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in fall? Go to <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry> and click on the link for an application. Deadline is July 31. Send to MC Sask attention Ryan Siemens.

Springridge Mennonite Church in Pincher Creek AB will share the June 21 worship service with our nationwide community of faith. We welcome you to reflect with us on how the gifts of each of our members are needed to strengthen the body of Christ as a whole (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). It will be available at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>

Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission welcomes applications for position of Executive Director. Applications are due July 15, 2020. For information, visit <http://www.aimintl.org/executive-coordinator-search>.

MCC Connects: Although we were not able to gather together at the MCC Saskatchewan Relief Sale this year, there are still opportunities for you to support the work of MCC. Thanks to the creativity of our Relief Sale Committee we were able to move our plant sale online! Available plants can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2URkpug> and pre-orders can be made by calling Phyllis Goertz. Plants will be ready for pick-up on June 27th at Wildwood Mennonite Church between 1-5pm.

The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In the current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers helped Hesston College make modifications to campus housing to improve student health and safety. You can learn how MDS innovation and creativity is helping to bring a flood victim home after four years of waiting. MDS also shares how it is planning and visioning for an eventual return to projects. Go to: <https://conta.cc/2AN0JkC> to read more.

Help match Mennonite Church Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund! This spring Mennonite Church Canada donated \$50,000 to MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund to help our sister churches around the world who are struggling to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Now Mennonite Church Canada is asking its congregations to match this donation so that we collectively raise \$100,000. Donations will go through regional churches. If you wish to donate to this, you may send a cheque to the MC Sask office, designated MWC Global Church Sharing Fund, or give to the same cause online, through the MC Sask web site.

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.

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 #24		Year to date		
	Actual	Weekly	Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
June 14, 2020					
Offering	\$ 1,620.00				
Direct payment	\$ 1,500.00				
BUDGET	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 3,445.00	\$ 76,903.70	\$ 82,680.00	\$(5,776.30)
Coins Count	\$ 295.95				
Improvement					
Fund (Insurance)	3,877.07				
Blanket-making	\$ 17.00				
Total	\$ 7,310.02				

PRAISE AND CONCERNS:

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:

Please pray for peace in Palestine and Israel in the coming days. Israel's government has announced it will begin annexing significant parts of the Palestinian territory of the West Bank. The Palestinian people, including Christian partners of Mennonite organizations, are concerned that this violation of international law will further deepen dire human rights abuses, land expropriation and economic injustice they have experience under Israeli military occupation since 1967. Pray for Palestinians, Israelis and advocates around the world who are promoting a durable and just peace, with equal rights and dignity for Israelis and Palestinians alike, using what Palestinian Christians call "the logic of love."

Please pray for our Witness workers as they deal with change and uncertainty in their own lives and in the lives of those around them. Times of uncertainty bring stress and exhaustion to all of us. Pray for health, strength and joy as they make decisions and continue their work in uncertain times.

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 avid.Lametti@parl.gc.ca.