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Thanksgiving

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No. 39

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Accompaniment: Rhonda Krahn and Sharon Klassen
Song Leader: Lynn Driedger
Greeters: Breanne & Nicholas Fast
Ushers: Joan & Bob Sawatzky

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Welcome, Greetings and Announcements  
Call to Worship

Come, let us sing to Yahweh;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to the God of Creation.**  
Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**  
It is good to give you thanks, O Yahweh;  
**To sing praises to your name, O Most High;**  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
**and your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and harp,  
**to the melody of the lyre.**  
For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

**All: At the works of your hands we sing for joy.**

Hymn of Thanksgiving **For the Beauty of the Earth** HWB No. 89

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn **I Bind My Heart This Tide** HWB No. 411

Scripture Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 7:24-30

Children's Time/Song **God's Love is for Everybody**

*Child care is provided for young children*

Offering and Offertory Sharon Klassen

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Special Music **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**

Sermon **A Constant Faith in Changing Times** Geraldine Balzer

Hymn of Response **Great is Thy Faithfulness** HWB No. 327

Benediction

Sending Hymn **Sizohamba naye** StJ No. 78

**We Will Walk With God**

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Spotlight on Community Life

Thanksgiving speaks to us of gratitude and praise. Let us emphasize it today, but let us remember to give thanks for our life and what we have. Sometime it is important to verbalize it or make a list of all our blessings.

Spotlight on Refugee Sponsorship

Mennonite Central Committee, along with other Sponsor Agreement Holders will host a round-table discussion time with a **potluck** on **October 16 at 6:30 pm** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place. On **October 17, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**, there is a training workshop along with staff from Toronto Refugee Sponsorship Training Program, also at Holy Spirit Parish. **Please note that pre-registration is required for both.** Phone the MCC Saskatchewan office at 306-665-2555.

This Week

- Today** **9:25 am** Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary. No Adult Ed.
11:00 am Worship; Geraldine Balzer speaking. Creative Church activity – preparing treats for congregation.
- Monday** No Ecumenical Bible Study.
- Tuesday** **10:00 am** Women's Bible Study.
- Wed.** **7:30 am** Men's Breakfast; Jerry's Food Emporium, 8th Street.
- Thursday** **7:00 pm** Chili cook off. This is also the deadline for registration for the Harvest Stew night.
7:00 pm Public Forum on Caregiver information and support; Edwards Family Centre, 333-4th Avenue N.
- Friday** **7:30 pm** Musical Jam Session; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.
- Friday, Saturday** Women's Retreat – *Igniting our Creativity: Looking Back, Moving Forward* at Shekinah Retreat Centre Timberlodge. All women are welcome! www.mcsask.ca.

Coming Up

- Next Sun.** **9:00 am** Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
9:45 am Adult Ed: *What is it that frightens us? Why is death so hard to talk about?*
11:00 am Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking on the Book of Nahum.
Noon **Care Group #2 lunch**; visitors are invited to join us.

- Oct. 24** **9:30 am** **Equipping Day 2015** "Engaging Anabaptism Today" is quickly approaching. Join us at Eigenheim Mennonite Church for workshops such as *Baptism & Communion: Then & Now* with Ryan Siemens or *What is Happening in International Ministry* with Todd Hanson. Registration forms are on our mailbox table or at www.mcsask.ca.
- 5:00 pm** **Rosthern Junior College Corporation Day** meeting – report books are on table under mailboxes.
- 6:00 pm** **Rosthern Junior College Homecoming Appreciation and Fundraising Event.** Tickets are complimentary, to reserve seats phone 306-232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca by October 16.
- Oct. 30** **6:30 pm** **Mennonite Disaster Service Fundraiser** at West Portal MB Church in Saskatoon. An autographed original art piece, "Spring Break-up" by Glen Scrimshaw will be auctioned off, as well as other items. Call 306-342-4344 by October 13 to reserve your complimentary meal.
- Nov. 7** **10 am--5 pm** The Mennonite Central Committee Sask Encounter & AGM will be held at Parliament Community Church in Regina. Registration and coffee start at 9:00 am. Registration forms are in your mailboxes.
- Nov. 27, 28, 29** **7:00pm** **Theatre of the BEAT** presents *This Will Lead to Dancing*; Wildwood Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.

Intergenerational Activity nights

Week 3: Oct. 20-22: **Hearty stew for a crowd – cook and taste.** Results will be shared beyond our walls. Possible nights Oct. 20, 21, or 22. Please indicate which ones work for you. **Registration deadline Oct. 15.**

Week 4: Oct. 27-29: Halloween Fun night- Halloween crafts, pumpkin carving, games and snacks, and a scary story. Oct. 27, 28, or 29. Please indicate which ones work for you. **Registration deadline Oct. 20.**

"Creative Church" is an intergenerational, multisensory, participatory worship alternative to the formal sermon during the second half of our worship service. Anyone, ages 4 to 94 is invited to participate.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, income, education, ability, and other factors that give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

God's Love Is For Everybody

Chorus:

God's love is for everybody,
Everyone around the world,
Me and you and all God's children
From across the street to around the world
Across the street to around the world.

Abe & Sarah listened closely, this is what God said:
"Go where I send you, keep walking straight ahead.
I am going to bless you beyond your wildest dreams
And I'll make of you a blessing for all earth's families."

Chorus

Jesus went to Nazareth and from the scroll he read:
"The Spirit is upon me to bring good news," he said.
"Freedom to the captives, to help the blind to see.
I think I'll call disciples to share this job with me!"

Chorus

Paul the apostle wrote some letters to his friends.
He said: "Do not be frightened, be faithful to the end.
You are God's own temple and God's Spirit lives in you.
Oh - and Aquilla and Priscilla said to say "Hello!" to you!"

Chorus

Lydia my neighbor lives just down the street from me,
Settla in Botswana lives across the great big sea,
Santi in Colombia, Keisuke in Japan,
We are partners all together in God's great big wonderful plan!

Chorus

Announcements

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the Ordination of Bruce Jantzen, pastor at Laird Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 pm. Fellowship and fasma will follow.

MCC Connects: Thanks to everyone who supported Meadowgreen programming throughout the summer months. Because of your continued support we ran a weekly children's garden program, sent kids to Redberry Bible camp, hosted 15 youth at Raise the Peace Camp and continued to run our weekly Wednesday drop in programs, Appleby Kids and Youth Club. We are in need of healthy snacks for our continuing weekly programs. Please contact Kaytee Edwards-Buhler, Community Engagement Coordinator at 306.665.2555 or kayteeedwards@mccsk.ca



From Earthkeepers: Creation Care Prayer Gatherings -- Join some other local Mennonites meeting weekly for prayer and conversation in search of God's healing for our planet and ourselves. We meet on Thursdays, 8-8:30 am, by the river at Gabriel Dumont Park in Saskatoon (until the weather drives us inside). RSVP to joe@wildwoodmennonite.org or just drop in as you are able.

Bethany Vision Conversation: We have been dreaming of what could be... a **MOSAIC** of people coming together to be shaped by Jesus Christ. We have been listening, praying, and researching the needs of our young people and the mission of the Church. **Join with us in seeking what comes next...** Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm at Faith River Christian Fellowship, Saskatoon. Childcare and food will be provided. There will be video taken of these events, and further opportunities for your input. Check out: bethany.sk.ca for details.

Mission Sundays: Sherbrooke Community Centre: November 1
Bethany Manor: November 1
If you are able to help out with these services please contact Marlene Froese at 306-668-4793.

Saskatoon Food Bank: Soups, canned or dry; canned fruit

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

°For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession. ⁷It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath

that he swore to your ancestors, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Acts 6:1-7

1 Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ²And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. ³Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴while we, for our part, will

devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' ⁵What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Mark 7:24-30

24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the

demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

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