

Spotlight on Community Life

I believe that the Holy Spirit is surrounding our church community with great love. We have been celebrating so many wonderful days. We have celebrated Easter, welcomed 15 new members through baptism and transfer, sung a wonderful Requiem and today welcome a candidate pastor into our service and then celebrate births and weddings. Our cup of blessings is overflowing and we are filled with gratitude and love. Let us rejoice and thank God daily for our celebrations. It is truly a gift from God.

Spotlight on The Micah Mission

Micah Mission is a hands-on restorative justice organization that works with faith communities to bring hope, healing and accountability to people in the justice system. They are currently welcoming volunteers who have experience in the area of social work, education, addictions or group facilitation to join them on Tuesday mornings from 10 - 11 am at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre. Text or call Peter Oliver at [306-260-6213](tel:306-260-6213), if you are interested in this program.

This Week

Today	11:00 am Noon	Worship: Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking. Potluck lunch --A-H, bring sandwiches and help with clean-up; I-Z, bring salad and dessert, help with set-up. A Congregational meeting will follow. The agenda of the meeting is twofold: discernment (vote) on pastoral candidate Susanne Guenther Loewen and the latitude of our building renovation plan--see Renovation Project Summary in the bulletin and in your mailboxes. Creative Church--singing with Kenna Forrester.
	3:00 pm	Sunshine-Seashells Shower – celebrating couples of marriage and births. Everyone welcome – cost is \$20.
Monday	7:30 pm	Board meeting -- the agenda and March approved minutes are posted on "Our Church" bulletin board.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study Tea.
	6:00 pm	Seniors (70+) of NPMC/Coffee & Conversation Group Potluck supper at Bethany Manor in the Manor dining room. Please enter through the 110 door. Contributions of a salad, sandwiches, buns and cheese, dessert, or other cold food items are welcome.
Friday	7:30 pm	Musical Jam Session; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.

Coming Up

Next Sun. May 25	11:00 am 5:30 pm	Worship: Anita Retzlaff speaking; listening church video MEDA Banquet at Bethany Manor. Guest speaker Marlin Hershey will report on work in Nicaragua. Reception at 5:30, supper at 6:00 pm. \$22, please reserve by May 20 to Ken Warkentin warkie@sasktel.net 306-380-0861. Entertainment by Jake Ens and the Yard Sale Band.
June 4	8:00-2:00pm	Church Yard Sale. Please sign up on the volunteer list in the church foyer.
July 10	9:30 am	MC Canada Assembly invites us to worship on Sunday morning at TCU Place.

Renovation Project Summary:

Project One - Required Work Education Wing, Back Corridor, Repair front lobby damage

\$19,000 (if not using any volunteers it would be \$28,000)

Project Two - Sunday School Rooms, Music Storage Room and Play Room

\$9,000 (if not using any volunteers it would be \$15,000)

Project Three - East Wing (Washroom Corridor, Lounge, Library, Supply Room, Main Office, Anita's Office, Back Corridor, Back Sunday School Rooms, Youth Room, Youth Pastor Office)

\$21,000 (if not using volunteers it would be \$34,000)

Project Four - Sanctuary

\$23,000 (if not using volunteers it would be \$28,000)

Project Total - \$71,000

This makes a project total of \$72,000 from the \$105,000 we anticipated if we hired everything out.

We save about \$33,000 if we get a good team of volunteers.



"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.

Announcements

The refugee family we have been waiting to sponsor, the family of Doha Kharsa, will arrive in Saskatoon on Friday, May 27 at 9:44 am. We continue to look for appropriate housing in the Nutana Park/Market Mall area: a 3-bedroom house or duplex. If you know of a house, phone Ken Warkentin at 306-380-0861 or Norm Barnes at 306-221-1957.

Workshop on Sustainable Energy Options for Saskatchewan on Friday, May 27-- 8:00am-5:30pm at Neatby-Timlin Theatre (Arts 241), Campus Drive. Cost - \$150 for general population, \$75 for NGO staff and representatives, and \$40 for students. Register at www.picatic.com/sensenergyconference.

Mennonite Disaster Service continues to monitor the Fort McMurray fire situation. We are currently waiting for the opportunity to go in to Fort McMurray to assess how we can be involved in the clean-up, repair, and rebuilding response. Donations can be made to “MDS” by cheque, online, or by phoning in with your credit card information. Our contact info is 6A – 1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB, R3T4J6, phone: 1-866 261-1274.

May 17-19 Workshop at Mount Royal Mennonite: *Wrestling with Scripture: The Art of Facilitating Dynamic Bible Study.* Presented by Derek Suderman. Cost \$125, Register at mcsask@mcsask.ca or 306-249-4844, ext 0.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed for the 2016 MC Canada Assembly July 6-10! Registration, Ushers, Hosting the Art Space, Directing People to Seminars, Helping with Set-up and Take-Down are just some of the positions. We have a job for you! Each volunteer time slot is 4 or 4 ½ hours long and we still have over 150 left to fill. We need your name and when you're available! Email mcsask@mcsask.ca or call Marianne at 306-249-4844 ext. 0 and join us as we welcome our fellow Mennonites from across the country!

Message from Shekinah Retreat Centre: Are you interested in spending time with our camping program at Shekinah this summer? We are in need of volunteers in our kitchen for the following weeks: July 10-15, July 17-22, July 24-29, and August 7-12. We are also in need of a few bible leaders, so if you're interested in sharing your gifts with camp in this way, please talk to Katie for more information and availability. If you're interested in helping out and being a part of camp, call the office and talk to either Katie or Jill (306-945-4929), or send us an email (katie@shekinahretreatcentre.org). Hope to hear from you!

Employment Opportunities:

--Rosthern Junior College has openings for the 2016-17 school year on its residence staff. Residence staff work as part of a team to provide a safe, supportive learning community for students in our residence. Competition will remain open until all positions are filled. For more information please contact: Jim Epp: jimepp@rjc.sk.ca 306-232-4222.

--Mennonite Trust Ltd. is currently looking for a Branch Manager for our Saskatoon office at 116 La Ronge Road. See www.mennonitetrust.ca/jobs/ for more information.

Messages from Rosthern Junior College:

ANNUAL STUDENT FUNDRAISING EVENT, May 25 - Students will compete in the 7th annual **Record Setting Spectacular**, a fundraiser towards student activities (class retreats, athletics, fine arts and the school yearbook). An afternoon is set aside for this fun event, where teams attempt to “better” records set in previous years. Money raised by is tax deductible (donations of \$10 or more). We appreciate your assistance as our students ask friends and family (from now until May 25) for pledges to support their teams and RJC.

We invite you to join us at the **RJC Annual Golf Classic** held at the Rosthern Valley Regional Golf Course, **Saturday, May 28**. Please register by email, mail or phone by May 15. Registration forms can be found online at www.rjc.sk.ca or by phoning 306-232-4222 or emailing rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. Feel free to register as an individual or as a foursome.

Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others

sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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