



Zion
Mennonite
Church

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Office hours Tuesday to Friday

9:00 to 12:00 noon

Sunday School

9:45 am

We gather to Worship each Sunday

10:50 AM

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Organist – Grace F.

Worship Leader – Joy J.

Pianist – Marion D.

Song Leader – Ken D.

Palm Sunday

The crowds, as informed by Scriptural teaching, have certain expectations of the coming Messiah that come between their understanding and Jesus' lived experience, which defies their expectations.

What does our reading of Scripture lead us to believe, and how might our encounters with Jesus challenge our expectation?

Prelude

Processional and Gathering SS (purple) #73 *Jesus is coming* 2x
SS (purple) #75 *Blessed be the name* 2x

Praise Songs HWB #238 *Hosanna, loud hosanna*
HWB #185 *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

Scripture Reading John 12:12-16 Everyone

Welcome and Announcements

Blanket blessing on insert

Call to Worship on back of bulletin

Dramatic Lent Feature

Between Me and You Theme Song

Giving our Tithes & Offerings Naomi D.

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Song HWB #106 *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Message *Like it or not, here He comes* Lois Bukar

Response Song HWB #319 *Jesus shall reign*

Responsive Benediction

We are people of God.

We go in God's love

to extend God's love

and live God's promise.

Sending Song SS (purple) #75 *Blessed be the name* 2x

Postlude

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 7 pm Aaron & Carla **ballroom dance class**

Wednesday 8:30 am **Men's & Women's coffee time** at Riverview

Thursday 5:30 pm **Last Supper communion**

Friday 10:30 am **Good Friday** service

**** Next Sunday is Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service in Southside Park (near tennis courts) at **8:30 am**

*** Worship service at 9:30 am **note change****

Bring cut flowers to put into vases of water

where the cross used to be

*** Potluck Brunch to follow **note change****

Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our leadership team
- Camp Elim preparations for summer camps
- Swift Current: Zion Mennonite Church
- Zion Mennonite Church in Swift Current
- MCC helping refugees and displaced people

Caring Coins for College and Career – Bd. of Ed.

\$172.10 was collected for Tim cards. **Thank you** for contributing.

Come learn a few ballroom dance steps with Aaron and Carla on Tuesdays **March 13 & 27** from 7 to 8:30 pm in the church basement. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to invite friends! Spectators and a cheering section are also welcome. Please bring clean shoes with non-marking soles for dancing.

Compostable cups used at the ADS are available in the kitchen for gardening purposes (eg. starting your tomatoes). They are also being collected in the recycle box in the library.

Please use the **offering envelopes in the pews** for cash donations during the offering time.

Are you interested in being part of a **standing singing group** for the Care Home services?

Thank you to Barb Z. and her helpers for providing the lunch on Thursday for the **Lenten services** at St. Olaf Lutheran church. The services had an average weekly attendance of 89 people. \$444.45, 20% of the money collected at the lunches, was donated to the Hospital Chaplaincy program. The other 80% is divided equally between the groups who served at the lunches.

<p>Last Sunday: offering \$2065 attendance 57</p>
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Coming Events

April 14 Camp Elim perogie supper 5-7 pm
April 15 at 7 pm Handel's *Messiah* at Bridgeway
See poster for tickets

Blanket Blessing

105 blankets were made for MCC

We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these Quilts: donations of fabric, thread and sewing machines, the faithful people who cut the squares, design the patterns, sew the tops, iron the fabric, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings, pack the Quilts, bring food to sustain the quilters and contribute the money for shipping these Quilts.

Congregation: We celebrate generosity.

We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together to make the Quilts, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of crafting something with one's hands and heart for another and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

Congregation: We celebrate community.

We send these Quilts as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their Quilt will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of Christ's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

We pray that these Quilts will serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient; that they will bring warmth in the cold, shelter from the sun and heat, a wall for a home, or a carrier for a few precious belongings. May it be a step in recovering one's life and a message of care from someone they may never meet.

Congregation: We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.

We remember those who have received our Quilts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

Congregation: We celebrate the gift of life.

We ask that you bless the fruits of our labour and the whole mission of MCC, that together we may minister to our neighbours in need. Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.