



**Zion
Mennonite
Church**

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Sunday In-person Worship at 10:30 AM

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Pianist – Carla P. Worship Leader – Zach Stefaniuk
Song Leader – Marcia M.

Prelude

Gathering Song VT #9 *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

Welcome

Call to Worship

We come together as the body of Christ

To learn his way of peace.

We come together as God's beloved children

To feel God's warm embrace.

We come together as one church

To remember our call to reflect God's character.

We come together to worship our Lord.

Prayer

Praise Songs SS #124 *My soul cries out*

SS #1 *Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

Blessing of the Offering

Announcements, Opportunities, Sharing

Prayer (HWB #731)

Song SS #115 *Beauty for brokenness*

Scripture Readings Luke 2:8-15

John 20:19-23

Reimer family

Sermon *Peace & Justice is Gospel*

Len R.

Response Song HWB #407 *We are people of God's peace*

Benediction

Sending Song VT #843 *May the Peace of Christ*

Postlude

Today 9:45 am **Sunday School class on *Ruth*** Emmaus Room
1 pm **Executive meeting**

Thursday 10 am **Xplore class on *Ruth*** in library
7 pm see back of bulletin re. meeting

Pray for:

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones and those struggling with transition of some kind
- those with sudden health issues
- our Leadership Team / Executive
- Swift Current Ministerial: Church of the Open Bible
- Mennonite Church Sask **Praying for each other:** Please pray for **Carrot River Mennonite Church** as fall programs get underway. May they be effective at connecting us to God and to each other and to help our faith to grow.
- Ukraine / Russia
- a just peace in the Middle East
- MCC at work around the world in the name of Christ

Cardboard Collection. **Camp Elim** needs cardboard to use next summer. Looking for medium (big amazon boxes) to large boxes (appliances). The bigger the better! Put in Camp Elim Office at Zion.

MCC Peace Conference on Saturday **November 1** from 9 am to 3:45 pm at First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. See the poster on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs going to the balcony.

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan has asked us as a congregation if we feel our Pastor Zach would be ready for ordination. The area conference initiates the ordination process but the congregation has a role to affirm the call and readiness for ministry by the pastoral candidate.

To help us discern Zach's readiness for ordination the Executive will hold a meeting for all interested on Thursday October 23 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Zach as a minister.

To help us shape this discussion we will look at 4 questions listed below.

1. Is there an acceptable level of competence to carry out the essential tasks of ministerial leadership, not only in this congregation but throughout a lifetime of ministry?
2. What qualities of character (listening to others, teachability, mutuality, integrity authenticity, love etc.) does this person demonstrate in order to provide effective leadership and to maintain meaningful relationships?
3. Does the church recognize in this person one who leads the church and one who represents the church in the community and the world?
4. How has the church experienced the grace and love of God in Jesus Christ through the ministry of this person?