

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: Jake and Betty)
Friday	6-9 pm	Gym Booking
Saturday	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
	1-4 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary

### Prayers

Leaders from North American Vietnamese Evangelical Fellowship will be gathering in Vancouver in early August. Nguyen Thi Hong, president of Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam, will join the gathering. Pray for Pastors Nhien Pham and Garry Janzen, liaison workers for Mennonite Church Canada Witness, as they deepen relationships with these leaders and discern direction for working together with Mennonites in Vietnam.

### Staff Notes:

1. “Emily will be away from July 22-29 to visit family in the United States. She’ll be back in her office on Tuesday, July 30th. If you have a pastoral care need during that time, please contact Evan.”
2. Gwen will be away on vacation on Monday July 22, and there will be no one in the church office that day.

### Today’s Service

Worship Leader: Melody N  
 Song Leader: Rita H  
 Pianist: Esther C  
 PowerPoint: Len A  
 Sound: Gord/ Ryan S  
 Video: Dennis H

## Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church

Learning to live - through relationships with Jesus,  
 our neighbours and each other

Worship Service 10:00 am

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Prelude

Land Appreciation Statement

Announcements

### GATHERING

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs

Do Lord

There’s within my Heart a Melody

Offertory Prayer

### HEARING

Story for all Ages

Trevor S

We Sing

This little light of mine.

Scripture

Genesis 12: 1-8

Sermon

God of Faithfulness: Abram’s Story

Emily S

Installation Litany for Len Rempel as MC Sask Executive Minister

Song of Response Oh, How I Love Jesus

### SHARING

Peace Lamp

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sharing our prayers

### SENDING

Sending Song

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Blessing

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Verna and Eric O, Jake W, Henry and Ella F*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Marg W, Eric and Doris Q, Evelyn S, Maureen G, Anne K*
- **Families of the week:** *Henry B, Margaret M, Nola S*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$1,425, received for our ministry here and beyond our borders.

### MRMC Notes and Events

- a) **MRMC is responsible to provide kitchen staff for 1 week at Camp Shekinah.** We have chosen the week of Aug. 5-8. It is a short week for the youngest campers. We are looking for a few volunteers to work a day or two, as you are able. Any staff or volunteers are required to have a Criminal Record Check along with a vulnerable sector section. I have the letter and form that is required. Please call Marlies P @ 306-222-7844 or email at [Hamar\\_rhd@hotmail.com](mailto:Hamar_rhd@hotmail.com)
- b) **Saskatoon Open Door Society;** an organization that helps refugees and immigrants settle into life here, has been running their SSWIS Summer camp for refugee and immigrant children in our multi-purpose room 8:30-3:30 daily for the past two weeks. They had about 24 children in the program with an English as a second language class in the morning and activities in the gym or park in the afternoon. See <https://www.sods.sk.ca>
- c) MRMC is invited to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ray and Grace P. on Sunday, August 25 at 2:30-5:30pm in the multipurpose room. There will be a short program at 3:00 pm. No gifts please.

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **July 21: You are invited to the installation of Len Rempel as the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Executive Minister** on Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 am at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Notes of welcome/encouragement can be sent to [mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca) with "installation" in the subject line.
- 2) **Aug 7& 8: You are invited to attend our 1<sup>st</sup> annual All-Ages Practice Peace Summer Camp on August 7 & 8 from 10-3pm at the MCC office building (and park across the street if weather permits).** Join us for a hands-on summer learning experience focused on peaceful conversations and interactions. Open to all ages, with engaging exercises for everyone. Perfect for professional development, personal growth, and family fun! Details and registration available at <https://mcc.org/events/practice-peace-summer-camp>
- 3) **August 15, 5 pm – Join us at the Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre to dig deeper into the story of the Mennonite migration to Mexico in the 1920s.** 5-6 pm – Museum open, 6-7 pm – Watermelon and Rollkuchen supper on the grounds, 7 pm – Screening of the documentary film, *Conform*, followed by Q & A with Leonard Doell,

in the church beside the museum. Admission is by donation. RSVP by August 8 by email to [rosthernmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:rosthernmuseum@gmail.com), or by phone or text to Donna Schulz at 306-232-7447.

- 4) **Registration is now open for "Healing Haunted Histories: Decolonizing Discipleship" a short course with Elaine Enns & Ched Meyers.** The course is presented jointly by CMU and MC Sask and will be held at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon November 11-15. Details and registration available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca)
- 5) **Sept 8: Shekinah's 45th Anniversary! Sept 8th from 2:00 - 6:00!** There will be singing, activities, craft, farmer sausage on a stick and birthday cake! Watch for more details!
- 6) **Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for an energetic and creative personality to lead the Shekinah Summer Camp and Shekinah School Programming.** Details can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/shekinahprogramdirector> If you are interested and feel your skill sets match the Job Description please feel free to apply now. Deadline is July 30th.
- 7) **MC Sask is pleased to be able to offer four, \$1,000 scholarships** to those pursuing Anabaptist education through schools or service programs that offer faith-based training and education rooted in the words and actions of Jesus. Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 MC Sask Education Scholarship. Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, CMU, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is July 31, 2024, visit [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) for application forms and full eligibility details.
- 8) **MCC Connects:** Join The School Kit Challenge in August and help support 24,000 children! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who struggle to afford basic school supplies. To learn more about this, please visit: [www.mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://www.mcc.org/school-kit-challenge)  
**Grow Hope Saskatchewan** is helping to support the work of MCC and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. In its 7th season, Grow Hope Saskatchewan is helping to provide emergency food supplies and long-term food security. As little as \$15 can provide food assistance to one person for a month, and \$350 can sponsor one acre and support up to 200 people. About 40% of available acres have been sponsored so far this year. For more information, please visit: <https://www.growhopesk.ca/>.
- 9) **Save the date - Mennonite Church Canada's 2025 Gathering will meet at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Kitchener, Ont. from July 2-5, 2025.** Gathering 2025 will enact some recent decisions by Joint Council to adjust how regional churches and the nationwide church conduct business together. Read more <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44877>
- 10) **MDS:** The July edition of *On the Level* is now available. Read about a three-year-long recovery from wildfire in Lytton, B.C., with stories about survivors. <https://conta.cc/4bM51Em>

The **Missions and Service Committee** has been made aware of a woman here in Saskatoon, Fatima, who is looking for help in sponsoring her relatives to come to Canada as refugees. The family of five is currently in Pakistan, originally from Afghanistan, and she fears for their safety. The cost to bring her family to Saskatoon will be approximately \$63,000. Fatima indicated that she can put forward \$40,000 herself and is keen to help with additional fundraising.

The Missions and Service Committee is bringing this request forward to the congregation to see if there are individuals who are interested in teaming up for this refugee sponsorship project. MCC says this, “Sponsorship groups are essentially a team of at least five or more people who have the time, resources to help, and live in the same community, like a church or community group. While the sponsorship lasts only a year, the relationships built are often lifelong and transformational.”

If there is sufficient interest, the process begins with the formation of a refugee committee and fundraising. Based on Fatima’s commitment, the committee would need to raise \$23,000. Once the required funds are in place, we would be approved as sponsors and sign up. The next steps of bringing the family to Canada depend on politics, immigration and paperwork. This can typically take 1-3 years. Once a date for arrival is set, the committee would work to secure housing, and other settlement needs such as medical care, English classes, integration, etc.

If you would be interested in being part of a Refugee Sponsorship team or have additional questions about Refugee Sponsorship, please reach out Donna Bueckert.”