

Deepening Our Walk with Christ

Since our last Annual Delegate Sessions in March, we have been invited to deepen our walk with Christ. Yet, as we prepare to journey through Advent to Christmas, we are reminded once again that in Christ Jesus, God first deepens his walk with us. The Word made Flesh, the birth of Jesus in the world, signifies God's deep love and desire to be fully present with us. As you go about preparing for the season, may the joy, love, hope and peace of Christ's presence surround you and be fully known. Advent Tidings and Merry Christmas to you!
From your staff at Mennonite Church Saskatchewan!

MC Sask 2019 ADS: Deepening Our Walk with Christ & Each Other

The 2019 MC Sask ADS will be taking place March 8 & 9 at Zoar Mennonite Church in Waldheim and is being co-hosted with Eigenheim Mennonite Church. This year's main presenter will be David Fitch, professor at Northern Seminary (Lombard, IL), co-pastor of Peace of Christ Church (Westmont, IL) and author of *Faithful Presence: Seven Disciplines that Shape the Church for Mission*.

Transitions

Vern Ratzlaff, pastor of Aberdeen Mennonite Church, retired from ministry on Sunday, November 25. Please keep Vern and AMC in your prayers during this time of transition.

Craig Neufeld, pastor of Rosthern Mennonite Church, will have his last Sunday with the congregation on December 23. Please pray for him and RMC as they celebrate their time together and move into transition. Claire Ewert Fisher has been called to serve as Intentional Interim Pastor, beginning January 1, 2019, at .5FTE.



Fred Heese (pictured here) sharing about the history of **Emmaus Mennonite Church**, Wymark SK, during their closing service on Sunday, October 28th. The church building was full as people traveled from PA, Regina, Saskatoon and Swift Current to worship together and mark this special occasion.

Supporting the Work of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

The work we do as MC Sask, from across the street to around the world, cannot be done without the financial support of congregations and individuals like you. Thank you! Please consider Mennonite Church Saskatchewan as you plan your year-end donations. Donations can be made at www.mcsask.ca/donate or sent to Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, 600-45th Street West, Saskatoon, SK, S7L 5W9.



SMYO Youth Retreats

This year's SMYO Retreats will focus on the theme of 'Without a Doubt' – looking at the things we know are a firm foundation to build and grow on.

Sr. High Retreat, Feb. 1-3, Shekinah; 'Without a Doubt, We Need Rest'. With a more relaxed schedule and lots of sleep-in time, this will be a great chance to get away from the overwhelming parts of life, and enjoy some Holy Rest in God's presence. For youth in gr. 9-12, cost: \$120/person.

Jr. High Retreat, May 24-26, Camp Elim; 'Without a Doubt, Road Trips are Awesome!' This year's Jr. High Retreat will start with a road trip all together to Camp Elim, where we'll experience some great new activities, and new people! For youth in gr. 6-9, cost: \$120/person. Funding help for both retreats is available.

Shake: Rattled by the Radical, July 28-August 1/2019 at Shekinah

A new youth gathering, *Shake* is open to youth currently in gr. 6-12 from all across Canada. Hosted by MC Sask and MC Manitoba, this gathering has been planned to help youth have fun connecting with each other, and with the Radical Jesus who rattles and shakes us, and calls us to be disciples in our world today.

Cost will be approx. \$350, registration opens in January!

Coming Events:

- Nov 28 & 28** The Snow White Variety Show at RJC
- Dec 9** A Very Shekinah Christmas
- 2019**
- Feb 1-3** Sr High Retreat @ Shekinah
- March 8-9** MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Zoar, Waldhiem
- March 22-23** Women's retreat at Shekinah
- May 24-26** Jr High Retreat @ Elim
- June 29-July 1** MC Canada Delegate Assembly in Abbotsford, BC
- July 28 - August** Shake: Rattled by the Radical Youth gathering at Shekinah Summer Camp