Refelections

from the land of living skies

Fall 2026

through my lens



By Len Rempel

One of my favourite things to do is to go exploring with my camera. I enjoy find something interesting or unusual, often looking at things from a different perspective. I also enjoy exploring Scripture, and theology and connecting them to photography. There are times when all these things converge and those are the things I want to share in this space that I call ”through my lens.”



I call this photo *between a hard place*. There are times and places where it seems hard to find life. We may need to stoop down and look in unexpected places. Our eyes can play tricks on us so that we see what we expect to see. What happens when we look closer? What happens when we look for the unexpected?

> Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It's impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”
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> ***~ Mark 1027 (CEB)***

To see this small flower seemingly growing out of the rocks gives me hope. Life can spring up when and where we may least expect it. God is at work in our world even though we may not always notice. Look around you. Where do you see God at work?

I see God in the complexity and beauty of nature and I see God in the people I meet as I walk the dog. God is active when we connect with others and we stop and notice the life around us. And we are invited to be participants with God in this life.

That's the way I see it ... *through my lens*.

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

Welcome Cynthia & Dalen



Cynthia is new to the MC Sask office, and looks forward to meeting you, the learning curve, and other office challenges that may come her way. She and her husband, Ferencs, live in Martinsville - just under 15 minutes to the office! Ferences plays guitar and Cynthia sings on a Worship Team at their church. They love their 3 grandbaby boys, and yes, even the other family members that come with them! Cynthia is now the lead coordinator of the Annual Delegate Sessions, manages day-to-day fiances, our web page, communications, phone, sale, emails, event registration, and keeping everyone caffeated with Fair Trade Coffee orders.



Dalen, and his wife Keira, live in Saskatchewan. After years of internships, education, and working with youth in Southern Saskatchewan, Dalen and Keira moved to Saskatchewan in 2021. Shortly after, Dalen began working at Lakeview Church, as the Youth Pastor, in 2022. In this new role, as Faith Development Minister, Dalen hopes to create and sustain relationships with youth and young adults across MC Saskatchewan. Dalen will work closely and collaborate with church leaders, youth pastoral, sponsors, and volunteers. To support faith development initiatives already under way, while also reimagining what faith development can look like across MC Saskatchewan. In his personal time, Dalen enjoys travelling, making good coffee, and a casual round of disc golf.

Youth

We look forward to welcoming our Youth back this Fall! We hope you have enjoyed the summer, whether you were away at camp, at the lake, at home, or wherever you found yourself. As we look ahead to September, Mount Royal, Nutana Park, and Osler will restart their Youth programs. The first Mega Menno event will take place on September 19th, from 4 -7 pm, at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake. *If you have any questions about Youth Programs, reach out to Dalen.*

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Finance Update

Firstly, thank you to the congregations and the individuals who give faithfully and generously to MC Sask.

We are two thirds of the way through the fiscal year. This is the time that summer vacations are mostly complete, students and teachers head back to the classroom, and farmers are hoping for dry weather for harvest.
It is useful to compare current giving and expenditures to past years as well as to our 2026 budget.

	2026	2025	Budget
Congregation giving	$195,800	$210,400	375,000
Individual giving	20,385	13,000	50,000
Total Revenue	300,550	267,700	414,070
Total Expenses	331,800	373,920	451,226

Our Financial Position is very consistent with this time of year. It is common for donations to be good until summer holidays, then they drop off, and in the fall and the rest of the year donations resume. Expenses are mostly fixed expenses such as office and building, salaries, and our support of various organizations such as camps, schools, and restorative justice.

Our 2026 budget was projected to have a deficit of about $37,000. This was because we kept our donation targets the same as the last few years but we will have higher expenses due to the new Faith Development Minister position. MC Sask does have reserve funds to cover deficits. It will be much easier to budget for upcoming years if the donations remain consistent or perhaps higher.

I wish you many blessings for the last four months of 2026.

Tim Wiens
Finance Chair

Save the Date

The MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions (ADS) will be held **March 12th and 13th**.
Keep your eyes open for next details in the coming months!

Transitions

- **Garth and Claire Ewert Fisher** concluded their time at Rosthern Mennonite on April 12.
- **Garth Ewert Fisher** was commissioned as Pastor at Pleasant Point Mennonite on June 14 and began serving on May 17.
- **Patty Friesen** and **Patrick Preheim** were commissioned as Spiritual Care Coordinators at Bethany Manor on June 21.
- **Dalen Applegate** began as Faith Development Minister for MC Sask on July 6.