

**EASTER SUNDAY April 5, 2015**

Worship Leader ..... Karen Good      Chorister ..... Karl Braun  
Piano/Organ ..... Carolyn Strathdee      Trumpet ..... David Romagnoli  
Violin..... Julia Enns La Doaré      Percussion ..... Linden Gossen  
Saxophone ..... Janet Charette      Readers .... Brent & Claire Schmidt

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Prelude**  
**Choir** Alleluia  
**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**  
Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
With wonder and anticipation we offer prayer and praise.  
**We celebrate the Good News of God’s amazing love.**  
This is Easter:  
**the celebration of resurrection, the festival of hope,**  
the promise of new beginnings, the dance of faith,  
**the song of joy, the music of gladness, the hymn of love.**  
The God of resurrection, the God of life invites us to worship.  
**With joy and thanksgiving we gather as a worshipping community.**  
Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Prayer**  
**Hymns** Thine is the glory #269 HWB  
Christ is arisen #271 HWB

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
**Giving Our First Fruit Offerings to the Lord**  
**Offertory** – The Holy City by Stephen Adams; arr. Clair W. Johnson  
**Children’s Offering Project:** Mary’s Place – Emergency Shelter  
**Quartet** I know that my Redeemer lives  
**Children’s Story** Sharla Braun

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**Hymns** Christ is risen! Shout hosanna #272 HWB  
Low in the grave he lay #273 HWB  
**Scripture** John 20:1-18

There you go again, God, turning things inside out and upside down.  
**While bringing life out of the grave sounds good to us,**  
**we’re nervous about what else you might have in mind.**  
Following your lead means letting go of ours.  
**And letting go is hard.**  
*SILENCE*  
Yet you are good, you are the one for whom we have waited.  
Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed.**

**Sermon** – Good News – Christ is Risen! Eleanor Epp-Stobbe  
**Hymn** Lift your glad voices #275 HWB

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**  
**Praying Together**  
**Choir** That Easter Day

**Affirmation of Faith**  
Today, we reaffirm our belief in God.  
**Today, we sing God’s praises.**  
Today, we delight in God’s beauty.  
**Today, we give and receive love.**  
Today, we listen and pray.  
**Today, we remember that God is ever-present.**  
Today, we receive strength from God.  
**Today, we live out our faith in the world around us.**  
Today, we work for justice and peace.  
**Today, we follow the path that Jesus has set for us.**  
*Today and every day.*

**Hymn** Christ the Lord is risen today #280 HWB  
**Benediction & Postlude**

**We welcome all to our church community.**  
**Following the worship time, you are invited to enjoy coffee, juice**  
**and conversation in the foyer.**

**Ushers:** Maryanne Szuck, Wally Ens, Alex Charette, Art Mueller  
**Greeters:** Paul & Dorothy Horton  
**Nursery:** Jillian Burkhardt & Erin Braun  
**Offering Counters:** Corrie Brubacher & Art Klassen

**\$ Stewardship & Finance Update:**  
Mar 29 Attendance 158 Budget Givings \$6,607.00

**Calendar of Coming Events**  
Apr. 6 Mon 7:00 pm Creative Hands – Room 100  
Apr. 7 Tue 2:00 pm Creative Hands – Room 100  
Apr. 7 Tue 7:00 pm Missions Committee – Library  
Apr. 8 Wed 9:00 am Comforter Blitz – gym  
Apr. 11 Sat 9:00 am Church Cleaning – all welcome to help!  
Apr. 12 Sun 9:45 am Worship – Lily Hiebert Rempel Preaching  
Apr. 13 Mon 1:00 pm Men’s Crokinole – Room 100  
Apr. 14 Tue 7:00 pm MCCO Service Evening at Thrift on Ken  
Apr. 19 Sun 8:30 am Safe Places Guidelines session/breakfast  
Apr. 19 Sun 9:45 am Worship – Eleanor Epp-Stobbe Preaching  
Apr. 19 Sun 12:00N Soup Lunch – Youth Fundraiser  
Apr. 29 Wed 7:00 pm Budget/Business Meeting  
May 2 Sat Garage Sale – church gym

**Birthdays**  
Apr. 6 Rachel Good April 8 Colin VanderMeer  
Apr. 7 Ken Bender Apr. 9 Art Klassen  
Apr. 7 Elizabeth Gingerich Apr. 10 Zoey Hilker

### Announcements.

• **Recommendation:** Church Council is pleased to confirm it has received and supports two recommendations from the Pastoral Search Committee for candidates for full time and part time pastor. The process will have the candidates presented to the congregation on two separate occasions when they will speak during the service and in the second hour participate in a question and answer session with members and adherents from our congregation.

We recommend Eleanor Epp-Stobbe as candidate for full time pastor. Eleanor's candidating Sunday will be April 19. Members will have the opportunity to discuss and vote at our April 29 budget meeting. Any member unable to attend and vote on April 29 will be able to do so by picking up a ballot in the church office, on or after April 21, and dropping it in the church ballot box prior to April 29.

We recommend Sara Erb, from Tavistock, as candidate for part time pastor. Sarah's candidating Sunday will tentatively be May 10.

Further details will follow. Thank you, Pastoral Search Committee, for your dedication and work to date, on such a substantive task. Kindly remember all involved, especially the candidates, in your discernment and prayers.

• **Young Adult Care Packages** are available for pick up this morning. Thank you to "Girls' Nite Out" group for providing baking.

• **Comforter Blitz at BMC for Mennonite Central Committee Ontario** here at BMC on Wed, April 8 beginning at 9:00am. Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Perimeter Cluster Churches will join us. Lunch provided, but please sign up on main bulletin board.

• **Volunteering at MCC Thrift Store** at 50 Kent Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm. We will be sorting donations of clothes, pricing, etc. This opportunity is for all generations. Please see sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

• **BMC Safe Places Guidelines** – We are hosting sessions at 8:00 on TWO Sunday mornings which include breakfast. Please make sure you sign up.

April 19 – for all persons who visit seniors in their homes

April 26 – for all persons working with children and youth (this includes youth who will work at the Summer Camp in August)

• **Vacation Bible School/Summer Camp** committee is looking for volunteers to share their talents the week of August 17-21. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to talk to Julia Enns-Le Doaré or email her.

### Beyond the Congregation

♪ **My Coins Count** (formerly Penny Power) jar is in the foyer to collect coins for MCC. This will be taken to the New Hamburg Relief Sale at the end of May.

• **Shalom Counselling Services Groundbreaking Ceremony** Thursday, April 9 at 5:00 at Shalom, 9 Avondale Avenue S., Waterloo. For information 519-886-9690 or [admin@shalomcounselling.org](mailto:admin@shalomcounselling.org)

• **Peace & Justice Community Breakfast** followed by a dramatic presentation, A Healing Journey: A dramatic look at life after incarceration. Saturday, April 11, 8:30 a.m. at Steinmann MC. See Beyond sheet.

• **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Woolwich** Monday April 13, 5:00-8:00 pm, at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira. No Charge. Donations appreciated. Everyone welcome! Make it a family event! See poster.

• **New Hamburg Relief Sale Promotion Dinner** Monday, April 20 at Bingeman's. Tickets available from church office or Vern Roth. Tickets \$10.



## Breslau Mennonite Church

We strive to be a welcoming community of faith and worship  
Supporting each other as we learn and grow  
Extending Christ's love, peace, and justice  
With our community  
With the world

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