

**NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

August 18, 2019

Vol. LIV **10:00 a.m.** No. 33

Worship Leader: Denelda Fast
Accompaniment: Jenn Attema
Song Leader: Lynn Driedger
Greeter: Connie Gutwin
Ushers: Joanne & Ted Ewert

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| Gathering Hymn                            | <b>We Are People Of God's Peace</b>      | HWB No. 407                |
| Welcome and Announcements                 |                                          |                            |
| Call to Worship - Lighting the Peace Lamp |                                          |                            |
| Hymn                                      | <b>I Bind My Heart This Tide</b>         | HWB No. 411                |
| Children's Time                           |                                          |                            |
| Joys & Concerns                           |                                          |                            |
| Congregational Prayer                     |                                          |                            |
| Hymn                                      | <b>Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace</b>   | StJ No. 56                 |
| Scripture                                 |                                          | 1 Samuel 25:2-42           |
| Sermon                                    | <b>Blessed Are The Peacemakers</b>       | Susanne<br>Guenther Loewen |
| Hymn of Response                          | <b>Blest Are They</b>                    | StJ No. 94                 |
| Offering and Offertory                    |                                          |                            |
| Benediction                               |                                          |                            |
| Sending Hymn                              | <b>Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands</b> | StJ No. 87                 |

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Please join us for the potluck brunch following the worship service.

This Week

Today 10:00 am **Worship**; Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
Potluck: A-H, bring muffins, bagels, rolls, cheese, help clean-up. I-Z, bring muffins, bagels, rolls, fruit, help set-up.

Tuesday 10:00 am **Women's Book Study**.

Wed. 9:00 am **Church Cleaning Bee**. If you are able to help, phone Lois Tiessen at 306-227-4743 or 306-374-8161 or Janet Barnes at 306-292-8801. Coffee and snacks will be provided, please bring your own lunch.

Friday, Sat. 9:00-5:00 **Shekinah Work Day**. There is work for all skill levels. Please RSVP so we can feed you, but come anyway.

Coming Up

Next Sun. 10:00 am **Worship**; Patrick Preheim speaking.
10:30 am **Shekinah's 40th Anniversary** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Bring a lawn chair and spend the day! Everyone welcome.

Sept. 14 **Shekinah Bike-Paddle-Hike-Athon**. Raise funds for Shekinah. Email Bert at bertklassen.wfg@gmail.com.

Music is an integral part of worship at our church. If you are interested in adding to our worship through special music, please let Fern Stockdale Winder or Aleta Schellenberg know.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, income, education, ability, and other factors that give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

Announcements – August 18, 2019

MCC Connects: You are invited to the Grow Hope Saskatchewan Field Day! Join us on August 24th from 11-2 in Rosthern, by the big tent on the lawn across from Good Neighbours' Food Centre, for an interactive afternoon. Learn more about local and international food security issues, sample a variety of foods (including food prepared by Chef Jenni), and visit one of our Grow Hope fields. For more information contact Rick Guenther at rickguenther@mccsk.ca or call the MCC office at 306.665.2555.

MC Sask: Praying for each other: Shekinah Summer Camp has so much to be grateful for. We have 10 amazing young adults running our camp program, campers that continue to warm our hearts and fill our spirits, and volunteers that give beyond thanks. We ask that you pray for Shekinah's staff as we head into the fall and the environmental sustainability of our world as we are all accountable for God's creation. We also encourage everyone to come and enjoy the Presence and Glory of God here at Shekinah as your participation is an answer to our prayers.

MC Sask is working together with CMU and Susanne Guenther Loewen to offer **Peace, Violence & the Atonement**, a graduate level course that is available for credit through CMU's Mdiv or M.A. Extension Program or for audit. To register, see <https://mcsask.ca/peace-violence-the-atonement-course/>. The course will take place on Thursday evenings at the MCC Building, 6:00pm to 8:45pm, beginning September 5.

Coro Nova choir invites you to join us for our second season of music! This new SATB group was formed last year from the Sonrisa and A Buncha Guys choirs and has strong roots to the musical traditions of RJC. **ALL are welcome to join this new group!** Rehearsals start **Wednesday September 11th at 7pm at Nutana Park Mennonite Church**. Cut off to join is the September 18th rehearsal. If you have any questions or want more information please contact director Lynne Driedger-Enns at gord.lynne@sasktel.net. We look forward to making music and community together once again and welcome you to join us!

On September 15, from 2-4 pm, **Langham Mennonite Fellowship invites everyone to a Come & Go Open House** to see our new building.

Young Adults interested in intentional community: Vine & Table still has spots for Fall. See vineandtable.ca.

The Saskatoon Choral Society invites new singers to join them. They meet at Grace Westminster United Church on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm from September to November. The Winter semester is from January until April. See yxechoral.ca.

From Rosthern Junior College:

****It's not too late to apply to RJC!** Contact Alex Tiessen (admissions@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222 to attend RJC for grades 10-12 this fall.

****Open Campus BBQ.** Prospective students and their families are invited to the RJC campus on **August 20** for a meal, lawn games, and information on the school. Campus tours begin at 5:00pm, with the BBQ to follow at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Alex Tiessen (admissions@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222.

****Help with painting, flooring and furniture building in the Dorms:** Contact Mel Siemens at 306-232-7147. Please bring a water bottle and a lunch.

Ride for Refuge is on October 5, 2019. Join friends and families across Canada to bike or walk and raise financial support for ministry around the world. Support a Mennonite Church Canada International Witness Worker. For more information, visit the MC Canada website at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019>.

Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Breakfast cereal, Baked beans

1 Samuel 25:2-42

²There was a man in Maon, whose property was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. ³Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was clever and beautiful, but the man was surly and mean; he was a Calebite. ⁴David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. ⁵So David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. ⁶Thus you shall salute him: 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. ⁷I hear that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing, all the time they were in Carmel. ⁸Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your sight; for we have come on a feast day. Please give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.'" ⁹When David's young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David; and then they waited. ¹⁰But Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are breaking away from their masters. ¹¹Shall I take my bread and my water and the meat that I have butchered for my shearers, and give it to men who come from I do not know where?"

¹²So David's young men turned away, and came back and told him all this. ¹³David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every one of them strapped on his sword; David also strapped on his sword; and about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage. ¹⁴But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he shouted insults at them. ¹⁵Yet the men were very good to us, and we suffered no harm, and we never missed anything when we were in the fields, as long as we were with them; ¹⁶they were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. ¹⁷Now therefore know this and consider what you should do; for evil has been decided against our master and against all his house; he is so ill-natured that no one can speak to him."

¹⁸Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys ¹⁹and said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. ²⁰As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them. ²¹Now David had said, "Surely it was in vain that I protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; but he has returned me evil for good. ²²God do so to David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him." ²³When Abigail saw David, she hurried and alighted from the donkey, fell before David on her face, bowing to the ground. ²⁴She fell at his feet and said, "Upon me alone, my lord, be the guilt; please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant. ²⁵My lord, do not take seriously this ill-natured fellow, Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I, your servant, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. ²⁶Now then, my lord, as the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, since the Lord has restrained you from bloodguilt and from taking vengeance with your own hand, now let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be like Nabal. ²⁷And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. ²⁸Please forgive the

trespass of your servant; for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord; and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. ²⁹If anyone should rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living under the care of the Lord your God; but the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling. ³⁰When the Lord has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you prince over Israel, ³¹my lord shall have no cause of grief, or pangs of conscience, for having shed blood without cause or for having saved himself. And when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant."

³²David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me today! ³³Blessed be your good sense, and blessed be you, who have kept me today from bloodguilt and from avenging myself by my own hand! ³⁴For as surely as the Lord the God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there would not have been left to Nabal so much as one male." ³⁵Then David received from her hand what she had brought him; he said to her, "Go up to your house in peace; see, I have heeded your voice, and I have granted your petition."

³⁶Abigail came to Nabal; he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; so she told him nothing at all until the morning light. ³⁷In the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him; he became like a stone. ³⁸About ten days later the Lord struck Nabal, and he died. ³⁹When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be the Lord who has judged the case of Nabal's insult to me, and has kept back his servant from evil; the Lord has returned the evil-doing of Nabal upon his own head." Then David sent and wooed Abigail, to make her his wife. ⁴⁰When David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel, they said to her, "David has sent us to you to take you to him as his wife." ⁴¹She rose and bowed down, with her face to the ground, and said, "Your servant is a slave to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." ⁴²Abigail got up hurriedly and rode away on a donkey; her five maids attended her. She went after the messengers of David and became his wife.