

This Week

Today 9:25 am Choir rehearsal.
 9:30 am Adult Ed: *Blue Christmas; personal stories.*
 10:15 am Children's Sunday School.
 11:00 am 1 Advent Worship; Edna Froese speaking.
 Noon Care Group #4; visitors are welcome to join us.
 Noon Service group meeting.
 4:00 pm Care Group #6 -- Christmas tree decorating and potluck.

Tuesday 10:00 am Women's Bible Study.

Sat. 9:30 – 12:00 Peppernut Baking Bee! Help roll and cut peppernuts in preparation for our NPMC Christmas dinner.

Coming Up

Next Sun. 9:25 am Choir rehearsal.
 9:30 am Adult Ed: *Blue Christmas; community stories.*
 10:15 am Children's Sunday School.
 11:00 am 2 Advent Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking.
 Noon Potluck; A-H, bring salad and dessert for 10, help set-up; I-Z, bring a casserole for 10, help clean-up.
 3:00 pm Care Group 6 and children's Christmas play rehearsal.

Dec. 10 10:00 am Women's Bible Study Tea.
 1:30 pm Women's Coffee & Conversation. Remember to bring items for the EGADZ baby bag.

Dec. 15 NPMC Christmas Dinner. Please check your mailbox for details! The sign-up sheets are posted on the "Church Life" bulletin board in the education wing. Come one, come all.

Dec. 24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.

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.



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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

December 1, 2019
Advent 1

Vol. LIV	11:00 a.m.	No. 48
Worship Leader: Brent Guenther Accompaniment: Joanne Ewert Special Music: Thomas Driedger-Enns, David Epp, Macaila Funk, Nicole Tiessen Greeters: Darleen Pratt & Richard Letkeman Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp		
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Call to Worship	<b>Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People</b>	Special Music
Welcome and Announcements		
Spotlight on EGADZ		
Advent Candle Lighting		Hedie & Ross Borne
Hymn	<b>Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness</b>	StS No. 1
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Psalm Reading		Psalm 122
Special Music	<b>Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming</b>	
Joys & Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Children's Time		
Offering	<b>Stille Nacht</b>	Special Music
Scripture		Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14
Sermon	<b>What Are We Waiting For?</b>	Edna Froese
Hymn	<b>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</b>	HWB No. 178
Spoken Benediction		
Sung Benediction	<b>Move In Our Midst</b>	HWB No. 418
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Announcements



Christmas Concerts

****Lighthouse Benefit Christmas Concert, December 1 at 7:30 pm at Cornerstone Church.** The Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, RJC choir, and Duff Warkentin are all involved, as well as inspiring stories from the staff and residents of The Lighthouse.

****Station Singers and the Saskatoon Brass Band** present "Gloria", a Christmas concert on **December 7 at Rosthern Mennonite Church at 7:30 pm** and on **December 8 at Christ Church Anglican in Saskatoon at 2:30 pm.** Tickets available from choir and band members as well as at McNally Robinson and Station Arts Centre.

****A Very Shekinah Christmas: December 8** - Come and enjoy some snacks, pose for our fun Christmas themed photo booth, and enjoy Christmas music with friends. **Doors open at 2pm.** Carol singing starts at 2:30pm with the concert portion beginning at 3pm. Musical Guests: Coro Nova choir & soloist Vic Krahn. Tickets: \$10 at the door.

****The Christmas Chorale** is performing in the Fellowship Centre at Bethany Manor on **December 10 at 7:30 pm.** The Chorale is made up of about 30 residents at Bethany Manor plus a few friends of Bethany. Everyone is welcome.

****Rosthern Junior College:** Concert #1: **December 18, 7:30 pm at Knox United Church.** Concert #2: **December 20, 7:00 pm at RJC.** Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

****Coro Nova** Christmas Concert on **December 21 at 7:00pm** at Knox United Church. Many of the singers are rooted in experiences at RJC, Sonrisa, and A Buncha Guys. Tickets \$10.00 at the door, Children are free.

Care Group Potlucks and Church Potlucks:

Dec 8: Church Potluck; 3:00 pm--Group 6 and children's Christmas play rehearsal

Jan. 12: Group 5 - Because of attendance, the date has changed from Dec. 22

Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Fruit juice, Peanut butter

Giving to NPMC: Business cards for **E-Transfer instructions** are available in the basket on the foyer table.

First Advent Litany - Hope

We are all too familiar with despair.
As creation groans and people cry out to you, O God,
we light this first candle of hope.
Give us the courage to live not out of fear or anger
but out of our hope in you.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
(Jer. 29:11)

We are having a special focus during Advent on EGADZ, an organization that benefits youth who are at risk.

Please bring toiletries, winter wear or baby items to church. We are looking for:
Deodorant (male and female), Toothbrushes/toothpaste and dental floss,
Toques, Gloves and Mini Mitts, Socks, Individually wrapped Christmas candy,
Baby receiving blankets, baby shampoo, lotion, baby bottles, thermometers, baby wipes, baby bath towels, teethers, baby nail clippers, soothers.

The children will collect the items during the offering and place them in the basket in the sanctuary.

The **Service Group** has chosen bell ringing for The Salvation Army as an Advent project. We have signed up from **2-8pm on Friday, December 6** at the Coop at Center Mall. If you would like to join in this endeavor, please sign up for an hour or two by contacting Patrick in the church office or Charlene Sorensen.

MCC Connects: MCC invites post-secondary students to attend our annual student seminar February 20-22, 2020 in Ottawa. This year's theme is *Non-Violence for Social Change: Active Peacebuilding*. Students will explore what active citizenship looks like, learn about faith-based advocacy, hear from Parliamentarians & civil society advocates, and take part in Ottawa's Winterlude festivities! Register at mcccanada.ca/ottawa and contact Myriam at myriamullah@mccsk.ca to apply for a travel subsidy by Dec. 13.

MC Sask: Praying for Each Other: Grace Mennonite Church Prince Albert is energized by the relationships we share with several other churches with whom we plan joint summer services. We are energized by other community connections we have, such as Riverside Community School, Parkland Restorative Justice, a choir that meets here for the Christmas season, Sunday School kids who model restorative justice, and support for an incarcerated offender who has asked for baptism, even when that relationship gets complicated. A concern is our energy levels as we age. Will there be ongoing eagerness to carry our cross? We thank you for your prayers.