

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

July 21, 2019

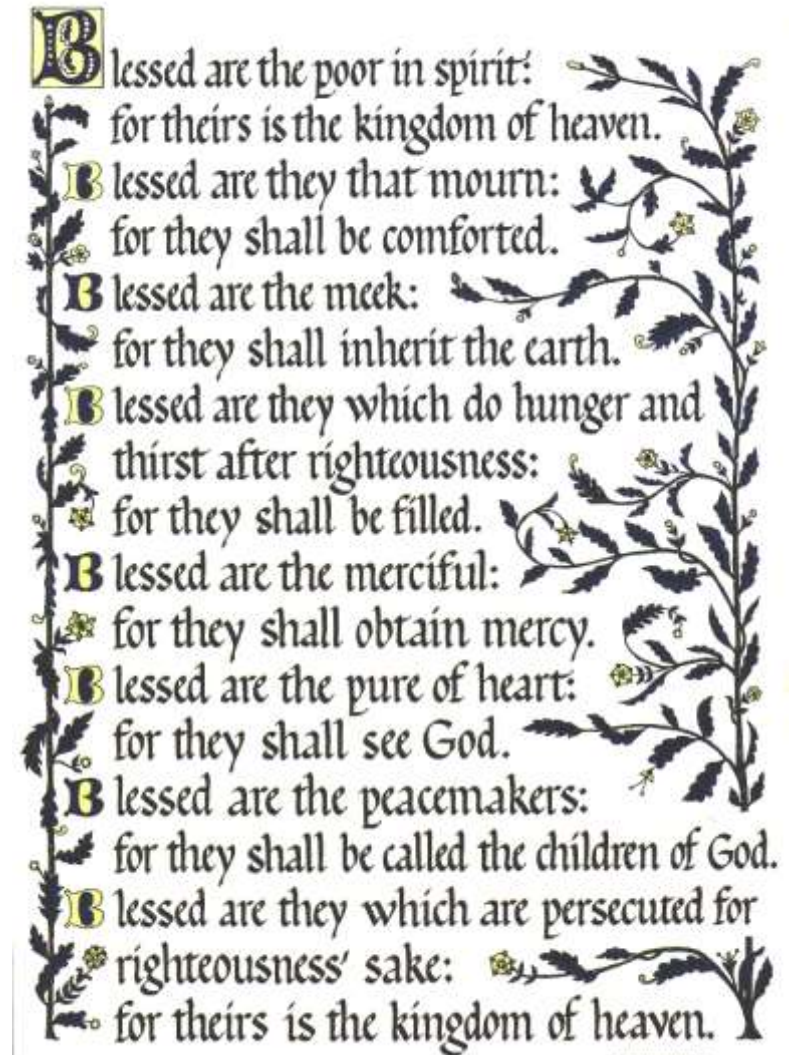
Vol. LIV

10:00 a.m.

No. 29

Worship Leader: Marlene Froese
Accompaniment: Sue Schellenberg
Greeters: Edna & Don Froese
Ushers: Marg & Wally Krause

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Prelude		
Greetings and Announcements		
Call to Worship	<b>Blessed Are They</b> vv 1, 2	STS No. 41
Invocation Prayer		
Hymn	<b>Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service</b>	HWB No. 369
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		HWB No. 711
Special Music	<b>What A Friend</b>	
Joys & Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Offering and Offertory		
Children's Time		
Song	<b>I Cannot Come</b>	text in bulletin
Special Music	<b>One Day At A Time</b>	
Scripture		Ruth 1:6-18 Luke 14:15-24
Sermon	<b>Blessed Are The Gentle</b>	Susanne Guenther Loewen
Hymn	<b>Blessed Are They</b> vv 3, 4, 5	StS No. 41
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	<b>God Be With You</b>	HWB No. 430
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MATTHEW 5:3-10

Spotlight on Shekinah Work Day

Summer camps are well underway, nurturing faith in the younger generations. Shekinah Retreat Centre continues to appreciate volunteer help. **Upcoming workdays are August 22 and 23, 9:00 - 5:00.** Jobs include: cutting wood, trail work, moving the bridge for the Ravine trail, cabin work (exterior staining, installing fireplace, solar panels), grounds grooming, mowing, stain deck of Timber Lodge, small repairs, feeding the volunteers. Reply (306-945-4929) to help them know how much food to prepare, however, come for whatever you can whether you reply or not.

This Week

Today 10:00 am **Worship**; Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
Tuesday 10:00 am **Women's Book Study.**

Coming Up

Next Sun. 10:00 am **Worship**; Patrick Preheim speaking.
Aug. 25 10:30 am **Shekinah's 40th Anniversary** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Bring a lawn chair and spend the day! 10:30 am - outdoor church service, followed by lunch (by donation) and an afternoon of games and frivolity. Everyone welcome.

I Cannot Come

I cannot come to the banquet
Don't trouble me now
I have got me a wife
I have bought me a cow.
I have fields and commitments
That cost a pretty sum.
Please pray me excused
I cannot come.

Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Flour/Rice, Canned vegetables

New Address for MEDA:

595 Parkside Drive
Suite #2
Waterloo, ON N2L 0C7

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

The 6-month Financial Statements are in your church mailboxes.

MCC Connects: Save the new date! The MCC Saskatchewan Board invites you to the newly formatted MCCS Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 28, 1:30 - 4:00pm, at the MCC Center.

MC Sask: Praying For Each Other: Let us pray for each other as we enjoy the summer, be it at family gatherings, time at the lake, travelling or just quiet time in the backyard. Pray that we could all enjoy God's blessings of sunshine and rain.

Great opportunity to foster reconciliation. The final **Walking with our Sisters** Art Exhibit will happen at Batoche Aug. 15-18. This art installation is 1800 vamps (moccasin uppers) honoring Canada's Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women. Because this is an outdoor exhibit put on by volunteers a lot of help is needed, both financially and manpower wise. To learn more go to the web page <https://m.facebook.com/WWOSBatoche2019/>

Bethany Manor Assisted Living/Independent Living – two suites available for immediate occupancy. See the bulletin board for details and floor plans.

MC Sask is looking to fill maternity leave positions in the areas of youth programming and church engagement. For position details and application information go to <https://mcsask.ca/we-are-hiring-2/>.

Shekinah Music Camp - Due to low registration, we are postponing Shekinah Music Camp until summer 2020. New dates will be published next spring.

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.

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>.

The **RJC dorms** are getting an overhaul this summer! Please consider volunteering for a day to help with painting, flooring and furniture building. Mel Siemens is coordinating the project. He would welcome up to three volunteers per day. Please bring a water bottle and a lunch. Mel can be reached at 306-232-7147.

Ruth 1:6-18

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if

I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" ¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Luke 14:15-24

¹⁵One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' ¹⁹Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' ²⁰Another said, 'I have just been married,

and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' ²²And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' ²³Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"