

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Sept 12 at 11:00 am: Child Dedication Service on Livestream
Wednesday Sept 15: Men's Group at NPMC at 7:00 pm
Sunday, Sept 19 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream



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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

**September 12, 2021
11:00 am**

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg
Song Leader: Zach Janzen
Ushers: Joanne and Ted Ewert

Fall Hours
Worship Service will begin
at 11:00 am
on September 12

Peace Club will be starting regular programming in September and we will be packing school kits for MCC. If you would like to make a donation of school supplies, we would be grateful! See the list below for MCC approved items (must be new). A space will be made available in the Ed wing to drop off supplies.

- spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm)
- new, unsharpened pencils
- rulers (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 coloured pencils (in packaging)
- large erasers
- new black or blue ballpoint pens
- small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes

For more specific details on supplies, go to <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/school>

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.

Prelude		
Welcome, Greetings, and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Opening Hymn	See the Children Here Before Us	VT#509
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Hymn	Be Thou My Vision	VT #549
Confession and Affirmation		
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
With the Children		Geraldine
Hymn	God Who Touches Earth with Beauty	VT #550
Scripture	Mark 10: 13-16	
Meditation		Susanne
Sharing by Families		
Child Dedication Litany		
Sending Hymn	Child of Blessing, Child of Promise	VT #508
Spoken Benediction		

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## Announcements

**Peace Club** for ages 7-11 will meet on the third Thursday of the month this year. Our first event on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 pm will be outdoors, and will include packing school kits for MCC.

Diana Decaire is having an art show from **August 20th- Sept 16th** at SCYAP (Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming), displaying her colorful dot-based paintings, many of them created during the pandemic. The address is 402 33rd Street West and it is open weekday afternoons. If you would like to visit with Di, she will be there Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 1 and 3pm.

**WEDDING & BABE SHOWER** - Marlene and Denelda (and Susanne and Patrick) are continuing with doorstep visits with the couples that are tying the knot or welcoming a new babe into their family. It is a pleasure to honour these couples in this way and then share it with all of you. Some photos have been posted on the private side of our website on the congregant's page under the title Church Life and the tab "Weddings & Babes 2021" and others will be posted over the next few weeks. Please continue to check for updates. If you would like to support the purchasing of gifts, please send a donation to the church with this designation. Thank you.

**Women's Bible Study** will have a masked, in person gathering on Tuesday, Sept 21, 10:00 am in the lounge.

The **Telephone Directory** is posted in the foyer. Please check mark if your information is correct or make changes.

Message from Brent Guenther (Chairperson, NPMC Board of Deacons): Sarah Unrau has indicated that she intends to resign from the youth leader position at NPMC. The effective date of her resignation will happen within the next couple of months, but the exact date has yet to be determined. We look forward to thanking Sarah and celebrating her years of service to the church at that time.

### **NPMC Staff Office Hours:**

Thursday is Susanne's day off from NPMC; she is otherwise available  
Patrick schedules NPMC visits M/W/F and as possible. Contact him through the office, email, or at home.  
Gwen is in the office Monday – Friday from 1pm - 5 pm.

**Coro Nova** choral rehearsals resume Wednesdays beginning October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm at NPMC. All singers over 18 are welcome. Double vaccination and mask required and we will re-evaluate as time goes on. Contact Lynne Driedger-Enns for more info.  
[lynne.driedgerenns@gmail.com](mailto:lynne.driedgerenns@gmail.com)

**Rosthern Mennonite Church is celebrating the installation of Andrea Enns-Gooding as their pastor** on Sunday, September 12 at 10:00 am. We wish them God's

blessings as they begin this journey together. If you would like to send greetings please email Ryan Siemens at [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca)

**Sept 18**, Shekinah Move-A-Thon. Registration now open! Participate by donating, cycling, paddling, or hiking. \$20/person (includes lunch; family and youth registration available). Day begins at 9 am with registration and cinnamon buns, visit [www.shekinah.ca](http://www.shekinah.ca) for more details and full schedule of events.

Shekinah is looking for both a head cook and for a hospitality manager. Please contact the Shekinah office or email at [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca)

Shekinah's water source is no longer viable. As we look at permanent solutions, we realize that we will have to haul water in the interim. We are currently looking for either a flat deck trailer/ water tank combination or a water truck of some sort. If you have any leads or suggestions, please contact [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca).

**Sept 20, You are invited to a Communion service at Mount Royal Mennonite Church at 7:00 am.** On this election day we renew our commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord, a commitment that transcends political parties and ideologies. While this does not absolve us from robust participation in our democratic processes, such an act reminds us where the church fits into God's purposes. This service is being planned by the four MC Sask congregations in Saskatoon but all are welcome to attend. Masks are required

**Oct. 15-16, 2021:** MCSask Songfest of Thanks: this event is currently under review. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp ([youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca)) if you would like more info or to share your hopes and concerns regarding the event.

**Thank you from RJC!** We are thrilled with the support we have received from alumni, friends, and church constituents as we begin a new school year. We are happy to once again report an increase in student enrollment. Please continue to pray for RJC students and staff.

**RJC call for host families.** Are you interested in supporting RJC in a new way? We are currently looking for host families for international students during closed dorm weekends and extended holidays. If you are interested in this opportunity or would like to know more, please email [deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca)

**RJC Opening Program, Sept 22 at 7:00 pm:** Join us at RJC as we begin the start of a new school year. Call (306) 232-4222 if you have any questions.

## NPMC Reopening Committee Update for Fall 2021

While much of the province has lifted restrictions, there are still many families, businesses, and organizations that have chosen to keep some measures in place to help mitigate risk. The NPMC Reopening Committee and Board of Deacons continues to take a cautious and incremental approach when it comes to easing restrictions. We believe that the guidelines below give people the opportunity for making choices while continuing to keep people safe. These guidelines will take effect on September 1, 2021:

1. Masking will remain in place while inside the church.
2. Pre-registration will no longer be required for worship services, but names will be recorded upon arrival for contact tracing purposes.
3. There will be no capacity limit for worship services.
4. Gatherings involving food will be encouraged to take place outside, but eating will be allowed inside the church as long as people bring their own food. Catering will also be allowed. At this time, only round tables will be set up for groups wanting to eat in the education wing. This will encourage people to sit in small groups that are distanced from one another. This also means that our seating capacity will be approximately 60. Masking will still be required before and after eating.
5. NPMC small groups and external rental groups will have access to our church, and will come up with their own guidelines when it comes to masking, capacity, and food. No groups will have access to the kitchen at this time.

Although this is a plan for the fall, the Reopening Committee plans on meeting regularly to adjust measures as appropriate. We will continue to communicate any changes with the congregation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brent Guenther

Chairperson, NPMC Board of Deacons

## Child Dedication Litany - Congregational Response

**Leader: You have offered Eli and Benjamin to the strong and tender care of God.**

People: We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your children.

With God as our guide, we will share in your children's nurture and well-being.

We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide loving and caring homes where trust in God grows and Christ may be known.

Our prayers are with you and for you.

May our shared life and witness

help you grow as families in faithfulness and joy.