

## Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Dec 11 at 9:30 am: Children's Nativity Play Rehearsal  
at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream  
at 12:00 pm: Children's Nativity Play Rehearsal  
Thursday, Dec 15 at 7 pm: Kids' Club and Choir  
Friday, Dec 16 at 7:00pm: Youth at NPMC  
Sunday, Dec 18 at 9:30 am: Children's Nativity Play Rehearsal  
at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream  
at 5:00 pm: NPMC Christmas Banquet

### NPMC Staff Office Hours:

Susanne is available most weekday afternoons for visits; please contact her to arrange.  
Patrick schedules visits as possible. Contact him through the office, email, home or cell.  
Luke's office hours are Thurs afternoons and Fri afternoons  
Gwen's office hours are Mon- Fri, 1-5 pm

### COLLECTION CORNER

Young families and others are invited to bring a donation for EGADZ. Drop off box is in the foyer. Please bring your items by **mid January**. The Christmas wish list is: family size shampoo and lotion; body wash; travel size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash; hair brushes; deodorant; toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss; toques, gloves, mini mitts; socks. Thank-you!

We also have a box set out for mitts, toques, scarves, etc for Friendship Inn.

*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 11, 2022 at 11:00 am**

### In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Anita Retzlaff  
Accompanist: Joanne Ewert  
Song Leader: Adult Choir led by Jordan Wiens  
Ushers: Margaret and Wally Krause

### Advent 3

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| Prelude                                 |                                  |                         |
| Call to Worship/ Invocation             |                                  |                         |
| Choir                                   | Dancing into the Promise         |                         |
| Welcome and Announcements               |                                  |                         |
| Lighting the Advent Candle              |                                  | VT #916                 |
| Lighting the Peace Lamp                 |                                  |                         |
| Advent Hymn                             | Lo, How a rose e'er blooming     | VT #216                 |
| Children's Time                         |                                  |                         |
| Children's Song                         |                                  | Bonnie Dahl             |
| Joys and Concerns                       |                                  |                         |
| Congregational Prayer/ Offertory Prayer |                                  |                         |
| Advent Hymn                             | My Soul Proclaims with Wonder    | VT #222                 |
| Scripture                               | Isaiah 35: 1-10<br>Luke 1: 46-55 |                         |
| Choir                                   | Come, Emmanuel Come              |                         |
| Sermon                                  | Embracing Joy                    | Susanne Guenther Loewen |
| Benediction                             |                                  |                         |
| Sending Hymn                            | Oh, How shall I Receive thee     | VT #215                 |

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### Announcements

**DEC 18TH - SAVE THE DATE for our NPMC CHRISTMAS BANQUET** - We're looking forward to celebrating in person with all those able to attend! Check your church mailbox for an invite with details. The sign up sheet is in the foyer. If anyone is interested in helping on Saturday morning, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> to prep for Sunday or if you would prefer to help on Sunday afternoon leading up to the banquet, please let Denelda or Marlene know.

**Today, Dec 11 at 2:30 pm: Shekinah invites you to our annual A Very Shekinah Christmas** at the Shekinah Timberlodge. Join us for an old fashioned carol singing, a performance by local bluegrass group BJ & Friends, and - of course - some tasty goodies before your trek home. Admission is by donation, with money raised going towards our summer camp. See <https://shekinah.ca/events/2021/a-very-shekinah-christmas-2022> for more details.

**Dec 20: RJC Christmas Concert:** Join us in celebrating the Christmas season with the RJC Christmas Concert. 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 20 in the RJC Auditorium. Admission by donation.

**CREATIVE COMMONS celebrating COMMUNITY 2.0 - January 13 -14:** Are you looking for a time and space to let your creative juices flow in the company of friends and uninterrupted by household distractions? Bring your favourite project (quilting, sewing, knitting, organizing photos, scrapbooking, etc.) and enjoy working in a relaxing environment. This retreat will take place at Nutana Park Mennonite Church and will run on Friday evening from 7:00PM to 10:00PM and all day on Saturday beginning at 9:00AM. Drop in for a few hours if that is the time you have. Register with Gwen and let her know what you will need in terms of space to set up (i.e. table, electricity, etc.). There will be a registration fee of \$25.00 to cover meal costs (Saturday lunch and supper) and any other costs incurred. If you have any questions, contact Fern, Geraldine, Anita or Denelda.

**The Shekinah Youth Retreat is coming on the weekend of Jan 27-29**, and we are in need of kitchen help to make this weekend of rest and learning happen. If you'd be willing to help out in the kitchen please let Zach Dueck know at [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) or you can call Zach at 306-880-6834

**MC Sask Camping Ministry Study Update:** Tim Nickel, the project facilitator, has completed interviews with key stakeholders, visited all three camp sites, conducted much of the Stakeholder Analysis, and brought a mid-term report back to MC Sask Council. The study is making great progress! In December, Tim will conduct a market analysis in comparison with similar camps and organizations. Stay tuned in January as they seek input from MC Sask congregations in this discussion about camps.

**MCC Quilt sale 30% OFF!** Thanks to generous donors, we have everything from placemats, to couch quilts, to twin and queen quilts available. Get yours today before they're gone! <http://www.mccskquiltsale.com>

Children's Song:

Come O child of \*hope we pray.  
Enter our hearts and show us your way.  
Promise of God, heaven's pure light.  
\*Hope for the world, shining bright.  
Come O child of \*hope we pray.

\*Hope, Peace, Joy