

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH  
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**November 8, 2015**  
**24th Sunday of Pentecost**

Vol. L **11:00 a.m.** No. 43

Worship Leader: Terri Lynn Paulson  
Accompanist: Lorene Nickel  
Song Leader: Jake Ens  
Special Music: Men's Quartet: Peter Hooge,  
Robert Dick, John Elias, Duff Warkentin  
Greeters: Denise & David Fowler  
Ushers: Hedio & Ross Borne

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| Prelude                     |                                                  |             |
| Call to Worship             | <b>As Lives the Flower Within the Seed</b>       | Quartet     |
| Greetings and Announcements |                                                  |             |
| Prayer of Invocation        | <b>Vene Sancte Spiritus</b>                      | HWB No. 298 |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp  |                                                  |             |
| Scripture                   | From John and 1 Corinthians                      |             |
| Children's Time/Song        | <b>I've Got Peace Like a River</b>               |             |
|                             | <i>Child care is provided for young children</i> |             |
| Offering/Offertory          | <b>Beati mortui</b>                              | Quartet     |
| Joys and Concerns           |                                                  |             |
| Congregational Prayer       |                                                  |             |
| Psalm Reading               |                                                  | Psalm 126   |
| Hymn                        | <b>Jesus, Priceless Treasure</b>                 | HWB No. 595 |
| Sermon                      |                                                  | Alan Reese  |
|                             | <b>Oh, Have You Not Heard</b>                    | HWB No. 606 |
| Benediction                 |                                                  |             |
| Choral Sending              | <b>We Shall Walk Through the Valley</b>          | Quartet     |

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... unless a grain of wheat fall into the earth and dies ...  
John 12:24

### Spotlight on Community Life

Practicing gratitude can lead to stronger faith. I'm very sure that all of you give gratitude in some way every day. When I do, it changes my whole attitude. Love becomes so much easier. Let's make gratitude part of our daily prayer.

### Spotlight on Mawe Wicshitowen

This conference being held Nov 17-18 at TCU Place is intended to help business and organizations work toward respectful Aboriginal engagement and inclusion within a community based setting. Complete registration is full but space is still open for keynote addresses.

## This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:25 am</b> Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:45 am</b> Adult Ed: <i>Can I learn to accept unfinished business? When shall I leave "well enough alone"?</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b> Worship; Alan Reese speaking. Creative church activity today is crafting crosses. Care Group 3 -- visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
	<b>Noon</b> Ecumenical Bible Study.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b> Women's Bible Study.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b> Men's Breakfast; Jerry's Food Emporium, 8 <sup>th</sup> Street. NOTE: Time change for this week.
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>11:00 am</b> You are invited to an MCC Sask Remembrance Day Service at the Osler Mennonite Church. Rami Shamma, the Program Manager at a national Lebanese NGO called Development for People and Nature Association, will be sharing. DPNA aims at reaching a non-violent democratic society where individuals enjoy all their rights and freedoms without discrimination.
	<b>2:00 pm &amp; 7:30 pm</b> Saskatoon Chamber Singers concert <i>A Terrible Beauty</i> ; Knox United Church. Tickets at McNally Robinson; saskatoonchambersingers.ca; at the door.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Speaking Out: Expressions of Our Mental Health. We all have mental health. How can our faith and community help us walk together towards healing and wholeness? Join us at Wildwood Mennonite Church for an evening of intentional listening, worshipping, and praying.

## Coming Up

<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:25 am</b> Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:45 am</b> Adult Ed: <i>What and how shall I tell my family and friends?</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b> Worship; Child Dedication.
	<b>Noon</b> <b>Care Group 4</b> -- visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
	<b>2:00 pm</b> Join us for a <b>Classical Music Concert at NPMC</b> -- featuring a variety of musical instruments and vocalists/artists performing. Please bring a plate of dainties for refreshments following the concert; an offering to be taken for Rosthern Junior College.

- Nov. 21 10:00-3:00 pm** Youth will babysit at church.  
**7:00 pm** Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan **Relief Sale Fund raising concert** at NPMC. Enjoy the musical stylings of the Saskatone Singers and Sparky & the Plugs. Admission is free. Donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt.
- Nov. 24** **Rosthern Junior College fundraiser** at Bethany Manor; Kielke & Sausage dinner. First seating is **4:30pm** for residents & guests; Second seating is **6:30pm** for everyone else. Donations over \$10/person will be receipted.
- Nov. 27, 28, 29 7:00pm** **Theatre of the BEAT** presents *This Will Lead to Dancing*; Wildwood Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.
- Dec. 20 4:30 pm** **Christmas Banquet at NPMC** - Social at 4:30 pm, supper at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$20-18 yrs & up; \$10-ages 10-17; Free-10 & under. Sign up in foyer by Dec. 10.



Barbara and Jake Ens are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a come and go tea on Saturday, November 28th from 2:00-5:00 pm here at NPMC. There will be a short program at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome.

## Intergenerational Activity Nights

December Theme – Christmas . Sign-up sheet in the Education Wing. Possible nights are Wednesday or Thursday. The event will be on the same night each week. Registration deadline is November 20 for the entire series. Indicate if you need to miss a week. No cost, no take homes.

- Week 1 Create decorations for church Christmas banquet on Dec. 20.
- Week 2 Create a Christmas production to include in the choir Christmas program on Dec. 13.
- Week 3 Baking treats to share at the Christmas banquet on Dec. 20.

**“Creative Church” is an intergenerational, multisensory, participatory worship alternative to the formal sermon during the second half of our worship service. Anyone, ages 4 to 94 is invited to participate.**

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

**EGADZ Christmas Wish List:** EGADZ is hosting a Christmas party and giving every child/youth a stocking filled with gifts. They ask for help with the gift list: toques, gloves, mini mitts, deodorant, razers, toothbrush/toothpaste, dental floss, boxers, socks, etc. Please help if you can - a poster is in the ed. wing.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church is looking to hire an interim **Youth Leader** to cover a maternity leave starting February 16, 2016. This half time position would include work with youth in grades 7-12. Interested individuals can email resumes to Helen at [npmc@npmc.net](mailto:npmc@npmc.net) by December 1st, 2015. Those invited for interviews will be contacted by December 7th, 2015.

**Ronald McDonald House Gift Wrap Program** needs volunteers to help wrap gifts at Midtown Plaza from November 27 to December 24. Sign up by contacting Marlene Froese at 306-668-4793 or [dmfroese@sasktel.net](mailto:dmfroese@sasktel.net).

**Stories of Peace:** You are invited to Bethany Manor in Saskatoon on Sunday afternoon, November 15 at 2:30 pm to hear 4 stories of peace. Walter Klaassen will talk about how his family members moved to Canada from the US during WW1; Mae Poppoff will share the "burning of the guns" Doukhobor story in Russia just before 1900; Leonard Doell will talk about several Holdemann families who went to jail during WW2; Lyle Stuck will share his experiences about being called up to serve in the US military during the Vietnam War. Contact Jake Buhler 244 1392 for more information. Sponsored by MHSS.



**From Earthkeepers:** Two homes currently under construction in or near Saskatoon are participating in the Passive House Open Days, November 13-15. Passive house refers to an ultra-low energy Building which requires little energy for space heating or cooling. Check the [EcofriendlySask.ca](http://EcofriendlySask.ca) calendar and follow the links.

**The Bridge** invites us to a seminar called "Evangelicals Understanding Catholicism" by Pastor Harry Strauss. Nov. 20, 7-9pm; Nov. 21, 9-Noon. Held at The Bridge interim Location -- 919 20th Street W.

### **Bethany Manor:**

710 sq. ft. suite is available for Life Lease in Bethany Place Assisted Living. Includes 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom with shower, all meals plus assisted living services. See poster for details. Please contact Jennifer Saunders, Bethany Housing Coordinator Office, 306-242-9019, extension 227.

**Saskatoon Food Bank: Fruit juice; peanut butter**

## Scripture

[John 12: 24-25] "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat fall into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

[John 15:1, 4-5] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.... Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the Vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in Me, and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

[John 16:7, 12, 13] "It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you ... I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of Truth comes he will guide you into all the truth...."

[I Cor 15:36, 49-50] "What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the perishable."

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## I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean . . .

I've got joy like a fountain . . .

## Poems and Meditations

Christ, Supreme Poet, lived Truth  
So passionately that every  
Gesture of his, at once  
Pure act and perfect Symbol  
Embodies the Transcendent.  
:Lewis Thompson (1909-1949)

The seed of God is in us.  
Given an intelligent and hardworking farmer  
It will thrive and grow up into God, whose seed it is;  
And accordingly its fruits will be God-nature.  
Pear seeds grow into pear trees, nut seeds into nut trees,  
And God seeds into God.  
:Meister Eckhart (14<sup>th</sup> century)

### "The Avowal"

As swimmers dare  
To lie face to the sky  
And water bears them  
As hawks rest upon air  
And air sustains them,  
So would I learn to attain  
Free fall, and float  
Into Creator Spirit's deep embrace.  
:Denise Levertov (1923-1997)