

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

**December 3, 2017
1 Advent**

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11:00 a.m.

No. 48

Worship Leader: Ken Warkentin
Accompanists & Special Music: Sharon Klassen, Rhonda Krahn
Greeters: Diane & Peter Hooge
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp

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Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** HWB No. 178

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Children's Time

Special Music

Advent Reading Litany – insert Sarah and Jake Neufeld

Hymn **My Soul Cries Out** StS No. 124

Special Music

Offering and Offertory

Scripture Reading Psalm 80

Sermon **Restore Us O God** Joe Heikman

Hymn of Response **New Earth, Heaven New** HWB No. 299

Benediction

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We welcome Joe Heikman, pastor at Wildwood Mennonite Church,
as he worships with us this morning.



1 Advent



Spotlight on Station 20 West

A number of organizations call Station 20 West home, all working to improve the health and well-being of communities, individuals, and families in Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods. These include CHEP Good Food, the Boxcar Cafe, the U of S Community Engagement Office, the Mother's Centre, Quint Development, Kids First, and the Elizabeth Fry Society. For more information or to make a donation, please visit station20west.org.

This Week

Today	8:55 am Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages.
	9:45 am Adult Ed ; <i>Preparing for and experiencing birth</i> . Sharing by Rachel Regier, Susanne and others.
	11:00 am 1 Advent Worship ; Joe Heikman speaking.
	11:15 am Sunday School age 4-11 years; childcare age 1-3 years.
Tuesday	Noon Care Group #5 lunch ; visitors are welcome to join us.
	10:00 am Women's Bible Study Tea ; lounge.
Wed.	7:00 pm Men's Study ; lounge.
	7:00 pm "Caring, Sharing, Remembering" at Grace Westminster United Church. Please come to a memorial gathering to remember our loved ones. Refreshments will follow.
Sat.	1:00-5:00 pm Peppernut Making Bee in the church kitchen in preparation for the Christmas Banquet. Dough will be provided -- come out and help cut and bake.
	7:30 pm Sonrisa Women's Choir and A Buncha Guys concert; Knox United Church. Donations to support Shekinah.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages.
	9:45 am Adult Ed ; <i>Birth in Difficult Circumstances -- refugee stories of birth and hope</i> .
	11:00 am 2 Advent Worship ; Patrick Preheim speaking.
	11:15 am Sunday School age 4-11 years; childcare age 1-3 years.
Dec. 11	Noon Potluck ; A-H, bring salad and dessert, help set-up; I-Z, bring casserole, help clean-up.
	2:30 pm Saskatoon Men's Chorus Christmas concert ; Grace Westminster United Church. See posters for ticket prices.
Dec. 12	7:30 pm Station Singers Christmas Concert ; Station Arts Centre, Rosthern. See posters for ticket prices.
Dec. 12	1:30 pm Women's Coffee & Conversation time ; lounge.
Dec. 17	5:30 pm NPMC Christmas Banquet . Sign up today on the "Church Life" bulletin board in the education wing.

Dec. 17	7:00 pm Sonrisa Women's Choir and A Buncha Guys concert; Shekinah Retreat Centre. Donations to support Shekinah.
Dec. 20 and 22	Rosthern Junior College Choir Concerts : Dec. 20, 7:30 pm at Knox United Church ; Dec. 22, 7:00 pm at RJC . Free admission, a collection taken in support of RJC.
Dec. 24	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service .
Dec. 25	No Christmas Day Service .

1 Advent Litany

Leader: Many await the deliverance of God. Some experience emptiness, loneliness, or feeling trapped, and they long for God's touch in their lives.

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine that we may be saved.

Leader: Some endure violence from storms, political leaders, economic forces, and even from family. They pray for the coming of God's justice and God's peace.

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine that we may be saved.

Leader: Some live with limitations of body or mind. With hope some look to the healing arts. Some simply await the renewal that will come in the life after life.

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine that we may be saved.

Leader: We light the first advent candle as a prayer that God's face will again shine upon us and restore us.

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine that we may be saved. Amen

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

Please submit the Pastoral Surveys for each of our pastors by today.

MCC Connects: Palestine & Israel: Let No Walls Divide, MCC's annual Advocacy Student Seminar is happening February 15-17, 2018 in Ottawa. Contact Myriam at MyriamUllah@mccsk.ca to apply for flight subsidies from MCC by January 10, 2018. Visit mcccanada.ca/ottawa-student-seminar for more information.

From MC Sask: Families with children: This week is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of "Yes! Let It Be!" a free, downloadable guide for family worship from December 3 to January 6. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. Find it at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org.

Rosthern Junior College Gym Blast - Saturday, December 9. Students from grades 6-11 are invited to a gym blast at RJC, featuring SK Roughrider Henoc Muamba. Registration to begin at 11:30 am. RSVP by Thursday, December 7 to office@rjc.sk.ca or 1.303.232.4222.

Mennonites Learning Indigenous Theology

NAIITS is an Indigenous Learning Community that hosts annual theological gatherings intended for young and older pastors and activists. Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations would like to help sponsor a group of women and men from across our nationwide church to attend this year's symposium on "White Supremacy and Indigeneity," June 7-9, 2018 @ Acadia Divinity College (Nova Scotia). If you are interested, please email Steve Heinrichs for details (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca).

Bill C-262 will be debated in Parliament following its second reading on December 5, 2017. Bill C-262 is a private member's bill that seeks to harmonize Canadian law with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. As a result of grassroots advocacy, the Government of Canada has just announced that they will be supporting Bill C-262. This is incredibly encouraging! But we need to keep applying the pressure. Active ways to be involved: pray, email a word of thanks to local Liberal MP's, and keep sending the free Walk the Talk postcards to all MP's (www.commonword.ca/go/1283).

L'Arche Saskatoon invites you to celebrate the launch of their cookbook, *One Big Table: Recipes from Friends of L'Arche Collective Kitchen*, compiled by Krista Loewen and Nancy Kube, December 9th, 7:30-9pm, at Mennonite Central Committee (600 45 St W, Saskatoon, SK). All proceeds go to the L'Arche Solidarity initiative.

Job Opportunity at Camp Elim: Director for a half-time position. This will close December 31, 2017. Please email campelim1@sasktel.net for more information.

Job Opportunity at Bethany Manor: ¾ time interim Spiritual Care Coordinator. This is a two year interim position beginning on Feb. 1/18. Please send resume, cover letter and expected remuneration to jerry@b55.ca or mail to Bethany Manor, 110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon, SK. S7K 7H8, Attn: Executive Director. Deadline is Dec. 8, 2017.

Job Opportunities at Shekinah: We are currently looking for a Maintenance Manager, Hospitality Manager, and Office Administrator. Visit www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or Facebook page for more details, or contact Kirsten in the office at 306-945-4929 or director@shekinahretreatcentre.org.

Job Opportunity at Rosthern Junior College:

Director of Donor Development and Alumni Relations: We are inviting those interested to apply for our Director of Donor Development and Alumni Relations. For more information visit: rosthernjuniorcollege.ca or contact Jim Epp, RJC Principal at 306-232-4222; jim.epp@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca

Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Pasta Products, Canned Meat, Fish