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**February 14, 2016**  
**Lent 1**  
**Journey Through the Bible – Luke and Acts**

Vol. LI **11:00 a.m.** No. 7

Worship Leader: Marlene Froese  
Accompanist: Terry Keller  
Children's Song Leader: Bonnie Dahl  
Special Music: Lynn Driedger, Bob Neufeldt  
Greeter: Tanya Koop  
Ushers: Evelyn & Peter Epp

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Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Service of Shadows Zac Janzen  
Hymn **Come, Let Us All Unite** HWB No. 12  
Lighting of the Peace Lamp  
Scripture Acts 1:1-8; 2:43-47  
Children's Time/Song **Lord's Prayer / Jesus Loves Me** insert  
*Child care is provided for young children*  
Special Music **Precious Lord**  
Joys and Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Hymn **The Love of God** StJ No. 44  
Sermon **Reflections from Luke and Acts** Patrick Preheim  
Tammy Forrester  
Jared Regier  
Offering/Offertory  
Benediction  
Sending Hymn **Heart With Loving Heart United** HWB No. 420

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### Spotlight on Community Life

We honour God when our lives mirror Christ. We try to mirror Christ not physically but in the way we treat others, help others as he did, love others as he taught us by using kindness, humility and forgiveness. Loving sounds so easy to say, but is it that easy? Can we make it happen?

### Spotlight on St. Valentine

The feast of St. Valentine is February 14. St. Valentine was apparently a Christian priest in Rome who assisted martyrs during the persecution under Emperor Claudius II. When he refused to renounce his faith he was beaten and beheaded. By offering his heart, he proved himself a true devotee of the God of Love.

### This Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>8:55 am</b>	Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:45 am</b>	Adult Ed: <i>The Ultimate Homework of Life: Holding Hands with our Mortality; Embracing What Is</i> with Margie Koop from Sherwood Park, Alberta.
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Lent 1 Worship; Reflections on sharing from Luke/Acts with Jared Regier, Tammy Forrester, Patrick Preheim. Creative church activity is " Being invited for lunch... we will be discussing the meal invitations and teaching opportunities Jesus had as written in the book of Luke, while Creative Church makes pancakes and bacon." Care Group #4 lunch is cancelled today.
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>10:00-4:00pm</b>	Winter Fun Day at Shekinah Retreat Centre! Come join us for tubing, skiing, skating, giant crokinole, a hot dog roast and a lot more! Donations are welcome.
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Ecumenical Bible Study.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Women's Bible Study.
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Avenue; with Calvin Goforth Presbyterian in charge.
<b>Thursday</b>		No Intergenerational Activity this week. Sign-up deadline is February 21 for the March activities.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Musical Jam Session; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.

### Coming Up

<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>8:55 am</b>	Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:45 am</b>	Adult Ed: <i>The Ultimate Homework of Life: Holding Hands with our Mortality;</i> with John Schachtel from Mourning Glory Funeral Services.
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking on the book of Romans.
	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Mennonite Central Committee Sask Relief Sale Fundraising Concert</b> at Grace Westminster United Church. Matt Pauls will perform selections from the works of Franz Schubert as well as Argentinian and Canadian composers. Tickets (\$20) at the door; a light lunch reception will follow.
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Supper</b> for our young adults, career group, and young families. Sign-up sheets in Education Wing for those wishing to help with this event and also for those wishing to come; or contact Marlene Froese at 306-668-4793 or <a href="mailto:dmfroese@sasktel.net">dmfroese@sasktel.net</a> Everyone invited!

<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Sing Together;</b> A joint concert with Canadian Mennonite University Singers, Rosthern Junior College Chorale and soloist Matt Pauls at Knox United Church.
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Church activity night; bring finger food snacks.
<b>March 8</b>	<b>5:00-7:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Farm Bible Camp</b> Vereniki and Farmer Sausage Supper at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.

### Acts 1:1-8; 2:43-47

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It

is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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### Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Annual Delegates Sessions

**Bound Together, Freed to Serve** is the theme for the 2016 Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Annual Delegates Sessions on **March 11 & 12** at Osler Mennonite Church. Come to worship God, to hear how we have been serving Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen the bonds between us. Contact **Alison Jantz** if you would like to attend as a delegate. Forms are online at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca). Registration deadline for meals is March 4.

As MC Sask, we are 31 congregations made up of 2800 members that span from Carrot River to Wymark, Drake to Superb, Regina to Glenbush, with many congregations in between. And while we are diverse in location and vocation, serving God's reconciling mission in different ways and places, we are bound together in Christ, members of one body. During ADS 2016 let us join together to worship God, to hear from each other how we've been called to serve Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen the bonds between us

**“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.

Lenten Devotional Materials are available  
in the church foyer.

## Announcements

**You are invited to experience Assembly 2016 (July 6-10 in Saskatoon) through the eyes, hands and feet of a volunteer.** *A host of volunteers from across the province are needed to ensure that guests and participants from across Canada will experience our hospitality. To volunteer a day or more, or an hour or more, contact Marianne at [mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca) or for clarification and information contact Charlotte at [cbueckert@sasktel.net](mailto:cbueckert@sasktel.net).*

**First Mennonite Church** is showing the video, *Amish Grace*, on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Refreshments and discussion will follow. Everyone is invited to attend!

**MCC Connects:** Appleby Kids Club works with children between the ages of 3 and 10 every Wednesday from 6 – 8pm to play games, read Bible stories, do crafts and eat together. A volunteer Kid’s Club Activities Coordinator is needed to provide leadership for programming. Please contact MCCS Community Engagement Coordinator Kaytee Edwards Buhler at [KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca](mailto:KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca) or 306-665-2555 ext. 237 for more information.



**From Earthkeepers:** Food packaging makes up about two thirds of total packaging waste in North America. Think critically before buying food packaged in small portions, and consider carrying reusable mugs, bags, and containers with you.

### Care Groups

Feb. 21--Care Gr. 3    Feb. 28—Care Gr. 1    March 6 - Care Gr. 2

### Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee,  
Saying, “Let them come to Me.”

Jesus loves me still today,  
Walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give  
Light and love to all who live.

- Verses by David R. McGuire (1929-1971)

### Message from Shekinah Retreat Centre:

While 2015 proved to be an exciting year with a number of developments, 2016 has started with a major challenge. The economic downturn that the province is experiencing is also affecting Shekinah. We have lost some of our larger bookings and are anticipating some significant revenue losses over the next few months. We have also been behind in our fundraising dollars over the last few years and that is only compounding the situation. We had some exceptional support from our faithful supporters in 2015 with our donations exceeding what we have received in recent times. Unfortunately however, we still find ourselves in a time of crisis. We are facing a potential shortfall that could possibly lead to some very difficult decisions that may need to be made. We are appealing to you, the congregations, the churches and the people that have put so much love and effort into this place, for help. This is not a situation that affects only a few people, but it affects all who belong to the body of Christ that is represented by Mennonite Church Saskatchewan and all who love Shekinah. We are all owners of Shekinah and we all have a vested interest in the future of this beautiful place.

There is a vision at Shekinah that has been inspired by God and that the staff and the board is excited about, we just need your support, we need your help through this challenging time. We are asking for financial assistance and we are asking for the opportunity to discuss with you other ways in which you may help. If you would like to help please speak to one of the board members or contact Nick Parkes, the Executive Director at Shekinah, we would be happy to fill you in with more details and answer any questions that you may have.

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12*

Thank you and please pray for us.