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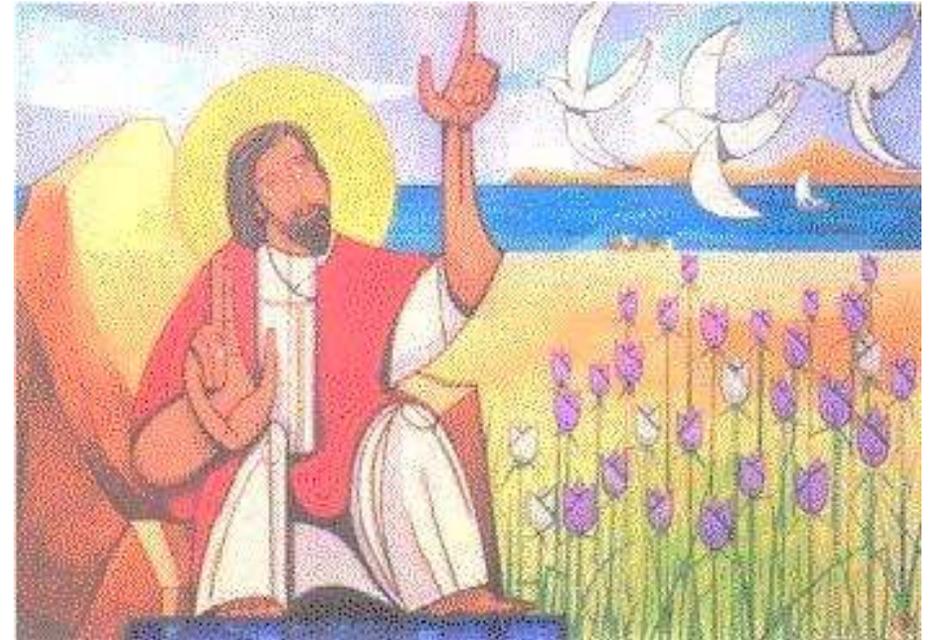
No. 8

Worship Leader: Armin Krahn
Accompanist: Evelyn Roden
Children's Song Leaders: Bonnie Dahl and Kathleen Regier
Greeters: Janet & Norm Barnes
Ushers: Lorene & Arnie Nickel

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| Prelude                              |                                       |                              |
| Welcome, Greetings and Announcements |                                       |                              |
| Call to Worship                      |                                       |                              |
| Hymn                                 | <b>I Sing The Mighty Power of God</b> | HWB No. 46                   |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp           |                                       |                              |
| Hymn                                 | <b>Make Me A Channel</b>              | StJ No. 56                   |
| Children's Time/Song                 | <b>Tree Song</b>                      | insert                       |
| Offering/Offertory                   | <b>Living Streams</b>                 |                              |
| Joys and Concerns                    |                                       |                              |
| Congregational Prayer                |                                       |                              |
| Scripture                            |                                       | Job 12:7-10<br>Luke 12:22-32 |
| Sermon                               | <b>Learning From Creation</b>         | Susanne Guenther Loewen      |
| Hymn of Response                     | <b>This Is My Father's World</b>      | HWB No.154                   |
| Benediction                          |                                       |                              |
| Sending Hymn                         | <b>We Will Walk With God</b>          | StJ No. 78                   |

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Learning from Creation

Spotlight on Reserve 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies

Relationships and reconciliation between Indigenous and settler peoples is integrally connected to our care for God's creation here in Canada. The award-winning documentary "Reserve 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies" tells a local story of settlers and Indigenous people in Laird, Saskatchewan. "When a group of Mennonites and Lutherans in the town of Laird discover that the land they live on is in fact the former reserve of the Young Chippewyan First Nation, they are forced to acknowledge their history. Myths, assumptions and fears are shattered as this old injustice is about to provide an opportunity for friendship and renew a fierce determination to repair the wrongs of the past." To borrow or watch the film online, see: <http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/50/18774> or <https://www.reserve107thefilm.com/>. Study guides available on both websites.

This Week

Today	8:55 am	Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less: Learn from the world community.</i> Valerie Epp facilitating.
Monday	11:00 am	Worship; Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking. Creative Church -- please use quiet bags.
	Noon	Care Group #1 potluck - visitors are welcome to join us. Shekinah Winter Fun Day will include tubing, skiing, skating, broomball, snowshoeing, sleigh rides and a wiener roast.
	2:00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study; lounge.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study; lounge.
Saturday		The Bridge "Coldest Night of the Year" walkathon; a fun, family friendly event that raises support for The Bridge and The Lighthouse. Brave the cold together on a 2km, 5km, or 10km route followed by a hot chili meal. Sign-up at https://canada.cnoy.org/location/saskatoon .

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am	Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less</i> ; Guest speaker is Eileen Klassen-Hamm from MCC Saskatchewan.
March 1	11:00 am	Worship; Eileen Klassen-Hamm speaking.
	Noon	Potluck following worship: A-H, bring casserole, help with clean-up; I-Z, bring salad and dessert, help with set-up.
	5:30 pm	Potluck at NPMC with our Muslim friends – please bring vegetarian or Halal dishes.
March 1	8:15 am	Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast at St. Martin's United Church.
March 5	5:30 pm	Movie Night; bring finger food snacks. 6:30 is show time, popcorn provided.

March 10, 11

MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at NPMC; we are hosting with Pleasant Point Church. Registration forms are on the mailbox table -- Online registration and online payment are also available at www.mcsask.ca -- registrations page. Childcare is available. See announcements for volunteer help. NPMC will be hosting a "Feast and Share" Potluck Supper. Saskatoon Native Ministry's Feast and Shares is an opportunity for the ecumenical community to gather, share great food and learn more about the challenges, successes and stories of our indigenous brothers and sisters. If you are willing to be part of a small host committee to set up tables and such, let Patrick know. This is part of follow up to the TRC recommendations put forward last year.

March 13

March 14 5:00-7:00 pm Youth Farm Bible Camp Vereniki Fundraising Supper at the Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.

March 17-19 Shekinah crafting retreat. The theme is "Love your neighbour" and Leticia Kathumba (IVEP) will be sharing her story. We also encourage you to create and donate something towards the MCC relief sale in June. Register at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call us at 306-945-4929.

Job 12:7-10

⁷ 'But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

⁸ ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

⁹ Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?

¹⁰ In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Luke 12:22-32

22 He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory

was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³²'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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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.

Tree Song

Blessed are God's children who will trust in God each day,
No matter where or why or how or what they're doing.
They are like the big trees growing
Right beside the river flowing,
Tall and green and full of fruit,
And rooted deep and strong.
We bear much fruit "chomp"
We fear no drought "ach"
Our leaves are green "wee"
We take the heat "ahh"

**repeat - faster

Announcements

If you are attending the **MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions** on March 10 and 11, please let the office know if you are attending as a delegate.

Volunteers are needed for the **Annual Delegate sessions** that will be held here at NPMC on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11. We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen Friday and Saturday, as well as provide muffins for the morning coffee -- there is a sign-up sheet in the education wing bulletin board. Pleasant Point Mennonite Church is co-hosting with us. We will also be looking for billets for the weekend, please contact Carolene Funk at cfunk67@sasktel.net if you are able to host billets.

We are accepting donations to our **WMS Youth Service bursary** and the **Theological Studies bursary**. These bursaries are replenished yearly through donations from the congregation. The account of these bursaries are low enough no grant could be offered at this time. If you wish to donate please state the name of the bursary in the memo line.

Hidden Voices - Sonrisa Womens Choir presents Vivaldi's Gloria - Saturday April 1st 7:30 p.m. at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. In Italy during the early 1700's, there were many abandoned girl children. Vivaldi was a priest and teacher at one of the orphanages that offered them shelter and education, and it was for them that he composed *Gloria, RV589*. Sonrisa will share the story of these young women and the music they made together as part of a celebration of hidden voices. Please join us! Tickets available from choir members and at the door.

Term 3 for **Children's education and worship** is open now for volunteers. There is a schedule ready for your name in the Education wing on the Families bulletin board close to the kitchen. Please sign up early and often. We need to staff 5 Creative Church sessions, 2 Explore sessions and 1 In-worship time. If you need any information on your role, please talk to Susan Ens Funk.

Volunteers are needed for the Kidney Foundation fundraising campaign, which runs from March 16th-24th. Phone 306-664-8588, ext 225 or see www.kidney.ca/sk if you can help.

MCC Connects: Requests for MCC kits remain strong, particularly around the Syria & Iraq crisis response. At this point, cash donations are preferred to meet the budget for kit supplies which have already been purchased to respond to the intense demand. Call the MCCS office at 306.665.2555 to make a donation or mail your gift to the MCCS office. Please designate your gift to "MCCS Material Resources".

New documents outlining the re-vitalization of Mennonite Church Canada and Area Churches as a result of our Future Directions process have been posted at futuredirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal.



Messages from The Bridge:

--We are in need of warm mittens for our clothing room and bus tickets to give to those in need occasionally.
--Also looking for Accountant/Bookkeeper (Part-time) and Women's Ministry Assistant (Full-time)

PETER AND THE WOLFETTES BASSOON QUARTET will present a concert at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 26th at 7:30 PM. The bassoon is known for its distinctive tone colour, wide range, variety of character and agility. Listeners often compare its warm, dark, reedy timbre to that of a male baritone voice. Don't miss it! Admission is by freewill offering, with all proceeds going to St. Andrew's ministry, 436 Spadina Crescent E in Saskatoon @ 20th Street.

Bethany Manor is accepting applications for the position of **Executive Director**. Responsible for the day-to-day operation of Bethany Manor, the successful candidate will report to the Saskatoon Mennonite Care Services Inc. board of directors. Qualifications: Strong leadership, proven management skills, strong communication skills, experience working with government agencies, post-secondary education, supportive of the Anabaptist faith. Please submit cover letter, resume and salary expectations to Bethany Manor, Attn: Selection Committee, 110 LaRonge Road, Saskatoon SK S7K 7H8. Closing date is February 28, 2017.

Are you called to serve? The MC Sask Nominations Committee is seeking persons for the Ministries Commission, Shekinah Retreat Centre Board, and Camp Elim Board. These are all important parts of our programming, and we ask that you consider saying yes to this call. Please contact Leona Ewert if you are interested; b.ewert@sasktel.net 306-363-4804.

March 1 - April 12: Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast: Wednesday mornings at **8:15 am at St. Martin's United Church**. The participating churches are:

March 1 – St. Martin's
March 8 – Calvin Goforth Presbyterian
March 15 – Our Lady of Lourdes R.C.
March 22 – St. Stephen's Anglican
March 29 – St. Philip Neri R.C.
April 5 – Nutana Park Mennonite
April 12 – Redeemer Lutheran

Church Life Events

Care Groups:

March 5 - Group 4; March 12 - Group 5; March 19 – Group 1

Bethany Manor Service: March 12.

Garage Sale: May 27

Brides & Babies Shower: June 4

Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Breakfast cereal, baked beans
(The big blue bin in the Education Wing)