

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

**February 4, 2018
Shekinah Sunday**

Vol. LIII

10:00 a.m.

No. 5

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanist: Fern Stockdale-Winder
Greeter: Charlene Krahn
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp

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Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise **Come, Now Is The Time To Worship** StJ No. 9

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn **Be Thou My Vision** HWB No. 545

Offering

Confession and Affirmation

Hymn **My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less** HWB No. 343

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

With The Children

Scripture Mark 1:29-39

Hymn **Jesus, Rock Of Ages** HWB No. 515

Scripture Isaiah 40:21-25

Hymn **Jesus, Rock Of Ages** HWB No. 515

Scripture Isaiah 40:26-31

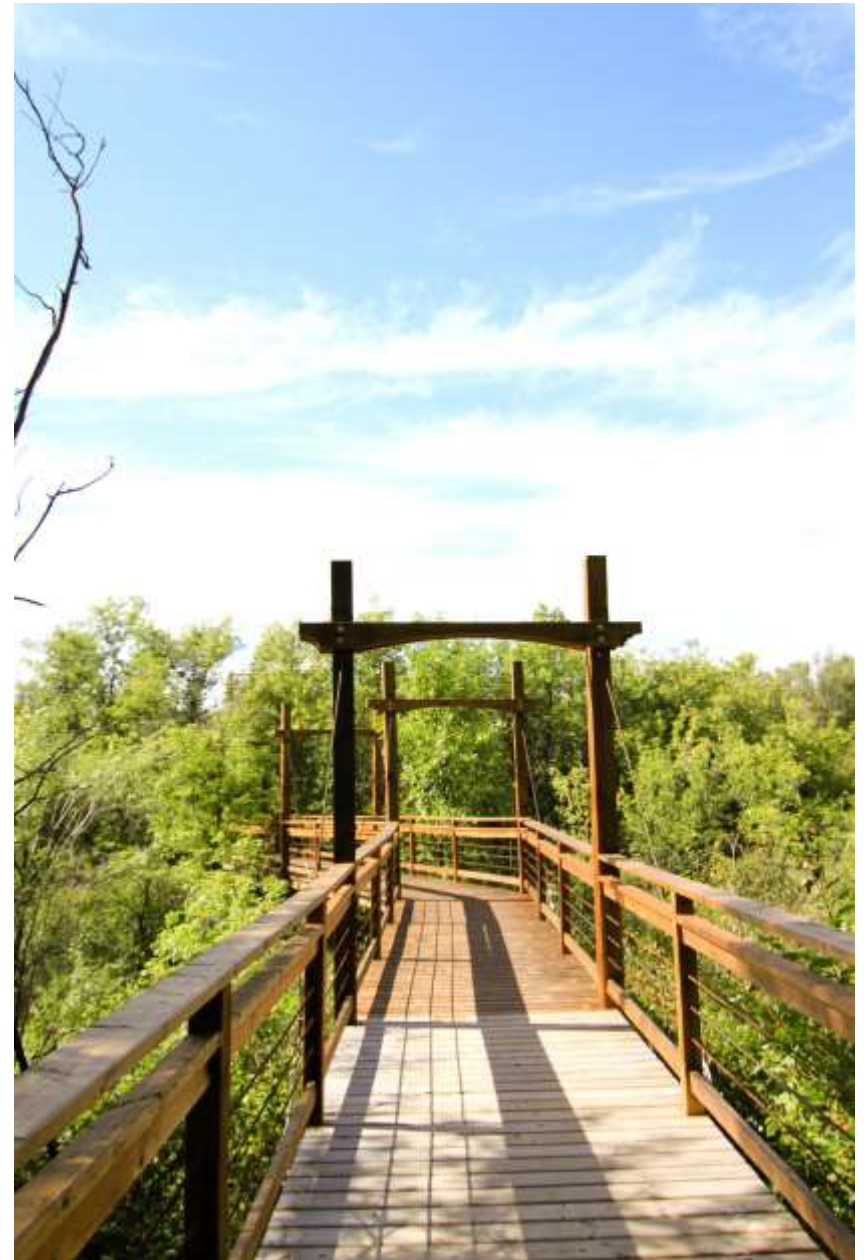
Sermon **Mountains and Valleys** Kirsten Hamm-Epp

Sending Hymn **O God In Heaven** StJ No. 53

Spoken Benediction

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Welcome to Kirsten Hamm-Epp and staff from Shekinah Retreat
Centre as they bring the worship service today.



Spotlight on Prayers for Lament and Healing

*The Boushie and Stanley case has highlighted struggles and unhealed wounds in our communities. We mourn for the losses that all people impacted by this case have experienced. We pray that healing can happen. In response, MCC will open their building up for a time of prayerful lament this **Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome.
MCC Saskatchewan, 600-45th Street*

This Week

Today	<p>10:00 am Worship; Shekinah Retreat Centre leading in worship.</p> <p>11:00 am Coffee -- visitors welcome.</p> <p>11:10 am Children's Sunday School.</p> <p>11:10 am Choir rehearsal for all ages.</p> <p>11:10 am Adult Ed: <i>Relationship to governments: chosen separation has given way to more involvement.</i> Guest: Ray Funk. Facilitator Paul Schroeder. For a preparatory summary of the changes, see <i>Canadian Mennonite</i> article http://www.canadianmennonite.org/articles/seeking-welfare-city</p> <p>Noon Care Group #2 lunch; visitors are welcome to join us.</p> <p>2:30 pm Festival of Choirs at Grace Westminster United Church. Join in this celebration of choral music offered by the CMU Men's Chorus, RJC Chorale, A Buncha Guys and the Sonrisa Women's Chorus. Admission is free, an offering will be taken in support of the work of both CMU and RJC.</p>
Monday	2:00 pm Ecumenical Bible Study; lounge.
Tuesday	10:00 am Women's Bible Study; lounge.
Wed.	7:00 pm Men's Study; lounge.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	<p>10:00 am Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking.</p> <p>11:10 am Children's Sunday School.</p> <p>11:10 am Choir rehearsal for all ages.</p> <p>11:10 am Adult Ed: February 11: <i>Church membership: do we adhere to the Anabaptist concept of the "pure church"? How does ecumenism fit in? What is the future of denominations?</i> Facilitator Patrick Preheim.</p> <p>5:30 pm Movie Night; bring finger food snacks. 6:30 is show time, popcorn provided.</p>
Feb. 13	1:30 pm Women's Coffee & Conversation time; lounge.

Feb. 14	8:15 am Lenten Service and Breakfast at St. Stephen's Anglican Church. Host church is St. Stephen's Anglican. Check the bulletin board to see the list of hosting churches every Wednesday morning.
Feb. 15 – 20	International Volunteer Exchange Program conference; Billets are needed for 60 participants. Contact Kaytee at 306-665-2555, ext. 237 or KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca
Feb. 19	10:00-4:00 Winter Fun Day at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Come join us for sledding/tubing on Quill Hill, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing (snow permitting!), skating, curling, a hot dog roast and a lot more! Free for all ages. Donations welcome.
Feb. 24	The Bridge "Coldest Night of the Year" walk for raising funds for the homeless and hungry, followed by chili and hot chocolate. To volunteer or sign up for a team, go to www.thebridgesaskatoon.com .
March 2	2:00 pm World Day of Prayer at St. Philip Neri Parish. Everyone is invited to attend.
March 9 & 10, 2018	MC Sask annual Delegate Sessions; Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current. Registration forms on bulletin board or at www.mcsask.ca . Sessions begin 1:30 pm on Friday.

Billets Needed: The **Westgate Choir and Band** from Winnipeg will be on tour in April. They are looking for billets for students and staff for Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8. The host will provide 2 breakfasts and would be responsible for drop off and pick up. Please contact Carolene Funk at cfunk67@sasktel.net if you are interested.



Friendly Reminder: Please leave the pews designated for parents with young children for those families. Our young families continue to grow and we want to be a welcoming and accommodating place for everyone.

Care Group/Potluck Dates

Feb. 25--Group 1
March 4--Group 4; March 11--Group 5; March 18--Potluck; March 25--Group 1

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.

Mark 1:29-39

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit

the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' ³⁸He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Isaiah 40:21-25

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³ who brings princes to naught, and makes

the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Isaiah 40:26-31

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He

does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Climate Justice Saskatoon is hosting an afternoon workshop on February 11 to aid participants in articulating the spiritual and/or moral narratives about the societies we wish to build. It will be a time for faith groups to build relationships with others interested in climate justice which can contribute to a just transition into a clean economy. The workshop will be held at the Saskatoon Unitarian Center, 213 - 2nd St. Contact Patrick if you have interest in attending or questions.

Shekinah is looking to hire a Program Director. The position is full-time, year-round, and salaried. Job will oversee school programming and summer camp, working closely with the Executive Director to fulfill the mandate and vision for Shekinah. Visit www.shekinahretreatcentre.org for more info, or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp at 306-945-4929, or director@shekinahretreatcentre.org.

Classical Music at Osler Mennonite Church on Friday, February 23, 7:00 pm. Nathaniel Froese and Nicola Davies invite you to an evening of beautiful cello and piano music. Join friends, old and new, in an exploration of the many sounds of the cello, from old masterpieces, through the broad twentieth century, and into new expressions. Nate & Nina are a passionate young duo based in Winnipeg, both busy collaborators in chamber music. Nicola, a BC pianist, also works as a vocal coach and opera and musical theatre pianist. Nathaniel teaches cello and has a special interest in vocal chamber music.

MCC Connects: Travel opportunity with MCC! April 28-May 13, 2018 - **Uprooted** is a learning tour to Mexico for young adults (ages 18-30) focused on migration and peacebuilding. Learn about global migration trends/issues and how to advocate for policy reform. Explore cultural sites and MCC partner projects / See from a new perspective as you encounter people in a different context. Cost is approximately \$2,000.00. Visit mcccanada.ca/uprooted or contact Myriam at 306-665-2555.

Volunteers Needed: The Kidney Foundation requests volunteers for their fundraising campaign from March 10 – 23. Phone 306-664-8588 or saskatoonmd@kidney.sk.ca.

Rosthern Junior College: Youth in grades 5-11 are invited to RJC on Sunday, February 11 for Sunday Night Fever. Join us for supper and coffee house beginning at 5:00. Entertainment will be provided by RJC students and some special guests. Please rsvp to office@rjc.sk.ca or call 306.232.4222 by Monday, February 5.

Rosthern Junior College (RJC), a vibrant and energetic Christian school community, is guided and anchored by several integral truths; RJC is a community of place, mind and heart, relationships and grace. Because of an upcoming retirement, the RJC Board of Directors is inviting applications for the Principal position to start August 2018 in preparation for the school year ahead. If interested please submit application to Rosthern Junior College, Attention Tammy Forrester, Board Chair, by March 1st, 2018. By Mail: Box 5020, Rosthern, SK S0K 3R0 By Email: tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca For further details and clarification contact Tammy Forrester at 306-260-7765

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