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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

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The Tree of Life**

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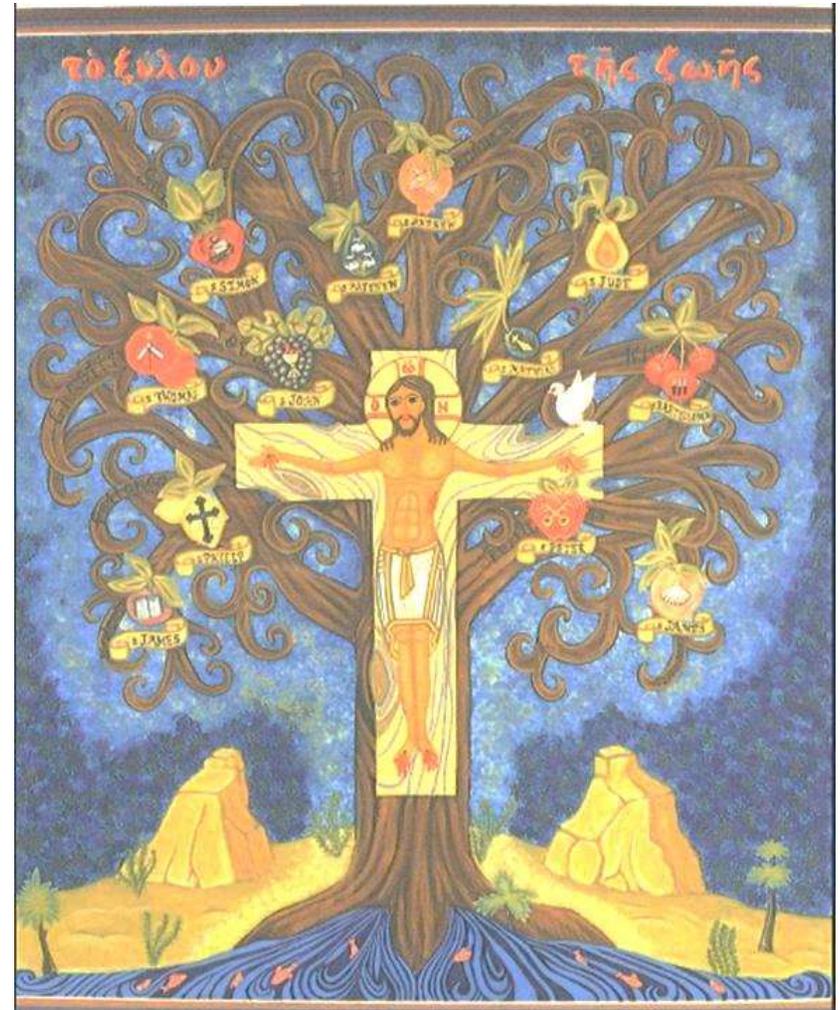
No. 6

Worship Leader: Darryl Epp
Accompanist: Lorene Nickel
Special Music: Dick and Schellenberg Families
Children's Song Leaders: Bonnie Dahl and Kathleen Regier
Greeters: Irene Baergen and Paul Enns
Ushers: Lorene & Arnie Nickel

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| Welcome and Announcements  |                                       |                                   |
| Call to Worship            | <b>Tree Song</b>                      | StS No. 116                       |
| Invocation                 |                                       |                                   |
| Hymn                       | <b>Thou True Vine That Heals</b>      | HWB No. 373                       |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp |                                       |                                   |
| Children's Time/Song       |                                       |                                   |
| Joys and Concerns          |                                       |                                   |
| Congregational Prayer      |                                       |                                   |
| Special Music              | <b>I Saw One Hanging On A Tree</b>    |                                   |
| Offering/Offertory         |                                       | Zac Schellenberg                  |
| Scripture                  | <b>Excerpts from John 14:25-15:12</b> | Mitch Dahl                        |
| Hymn                       | <b>Tis So Sweet</b>                   | HWB No. 340                       |
| Sermon                     | <b>The Tree of Life</b>               | Patrick Preheim<br>and Alan Reese |
| Special Music              | <b>Jesus Christ The Apple Tree</b>    |                                   |
| Benediction                |                                       |                                   |
| Sending Hymn               | <b>Go My Friends</b>                  | StS No. 57                        |

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Spotlight on Prayer Vigil

Drop-in Prayer Vigil – Today from 2-5 pm at St. John's Cathedral:

As a response to the recent shooting at The Centre Culturel Islamique de Quebec on January 29, all citizens of the City of Saskatoon are invited to a drop-in prayer vigil today from 2-5 pm. This will be a quiet event, where people will be invited to sign a Book of Condolences, light a candle, and spend some time in private prayer and reflection. This prayer vigil is being held at St. John's Cathedral, 816 Spadina Crescent East. Free parking available behind the Cathedral. This is an interfaith gathering – all are most welcome to come, sign a Book of Condolences, light a candle, and say a prayer. The Book of Condolences will be mailed to the mosque in Quebec City.

John 14:25—15:12

'The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.... 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower...Abide in me as I abide in you. Just 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...If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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This Week

Today	8:55 am	Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less: Do Justice</i> . Patrick Preheim and Gordon Enns facilitating.
	11:00 am	Worship; Alan Reese and Patrick speaking. Creative Church in worship. Care Group #2 potluck - visitors are welcome to join us.
Monday	2:00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study; east Sunday School rooms.
Tuesday		No Women's Bible Study.
Wed.	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast; Jerry's Food Emporium, 8th Street.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am	Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less</i> . Patrick Preheim and Gordon Enns facilitating.
	11:00 am	Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking.
	Noon	Young Families/Adults/Career Age Group: Come join us for a potluck after church followed by sledding/skating at Harold Tatler park near the church.
Feb. 14 Feb. 20	1:30 pm	Women's Coffee & Conversation; lounge. Shekinah Winter Fun Day will include tubing, skiing, skating, broomball, snowshoeing, sleigh rides and a wiener roast. The whole day is free. What a great opportunity for refugee families to have some Canadian winter fun! Halal options will be available for lunch.
March 10, 11		MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at NPMC; we are hosting with Pleasant Point Church. Registration forms are on the mailbox table and also available online.
March 17-19		Shekinah crafting retreat. Join us for a weekend of sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking or wherever your creativity takes you. 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. Registration is online at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call us at 306-945-4929



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.

Please join us on our annual "Coldest Night of the Year" walkathon on Saturday evening, February 25. It is a fun, family friendly event that raises support for The Bridge and The Lighthouse. You and your family, friends, or coworkers will have the chance to brave the cold together on our 2km, 5km, or 10km route followed by a hot chili meal. Check this out for more info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qsCW7jxRZE>. To sign up, participate or volunteer, see <https://canada.cnoy.org/location/saskatoon>.

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

Church Life Events

Care Groups:

February 12 - Group 3; February 19 – Group 1; 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

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

Muslim friends of NPMC event – In light of recent violence against Muslims in Quebec City and elsewhere, we would like to host a potluck to connect with our Muslim friends – including families we have recently sponsored as refugees – to let them know we're glad they're our neighbours and friends. Watch the bulletin next week for further details.

Online Seminary Course: Join us for a seminary short course "Biblical Foundations for Creation Care: from **Feb. 15 – March 28**. Online, six weeks, non-credit. Instructor: Ben Ollenburger, Ph.D., professor of biblical theology. See the bulletin board for more information. Patrick will pay for registration of those interested (using some of his continuing education funds as needed). Register at www.ambs.edu/shortcourses.

MCC Connects: Whether it's sorting, pricing or working at the cash register, volunteers are vital in helping our Thrift Shops make a difference in the community and around the world. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team. To contact a shop near you, visit www.thrift.mcc.org

Care Group #1 has initiated a small fund-raising endeavor for a family near Hanley who lost their home and a family member in a fire. Garry and Glenis have connections to the family as well as the experience of losing a home to fire. If you wish to help out in donating to this relief fund, talk to Garry Koop or contact the Red Cross. Our church is unable to receipt the donations.

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.

InterChurch Health Ministries is presenting a Parish Nurse Information Night at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Ave on Wed, Feb. 15th. Registration is 6:30 PM; program is at 7:00 PM. Refreshments provided. Questions and RSVP to Laura at 306-931-6790 or email p.nursing@sasktel.net.

Youth Announcements

Tuesdays: 7:00-8:30pm - discussion night for junior and senior youth.