

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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February 7, 2016
5th Sunday of Epiphany

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11:00 a.m.

No. 6

Worship Leader: Armin Krahn
Accompanist: Charlene Sorensen
Song Leaders: Jake Ens, Bonnie Dahl
Greeters: Glennis & Gary Koop
Ushers: Sarah Alford & Brent Tiessen

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| Prelude                    |                                                  |                |
| Welcome and Announcements  |                                                  |                |
| Call to Worship            | <b>Come! Walk in the Light</b>                   | Choir          |
| Hymn                       | <b>To God Be The Glory</b>                       | HWB No. 102    |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp |                                                  |                |
|                            | <b>Arise! Shine!</b>                             | Choir          |
| Scripture                  | John 3:16,17, 12:44-46,<br>14:15-17, 14:25-27,   |                |
| Children's Time/Song       | <b>Jesus Loves Me</b>                            | insert         |
|                            | <i>Child care is provided for young children</i> |                |
| Offering                   |                                                  |                |
|                            | <b>Hear Me, O Lord</b>                           | Choir          |
| Joys and Concerns          |                                                  |                |
| Congregational Prayer      |                                                  |                |
| Sermon                     | <b>Staying Connected to God</b>                  | Anita Retzlaff |
| Hymn of Response           | <b>The Love of God</b>                           | StJ No. 44     |
| Spoken Benediction         |                                                  |                |
| Sending Song               | <b>You Are All We Have</b>                       | Choir          |

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Spotlight on Community Life

As we enter the season of Lent, we want to reflect our Father's love in a new way. Using our spiritual strengths of love, warmth, patience and acceptance, let us reflect His love to someone every day. Our Lenten goal is to try living and showing His love to someone every day of this journey. What way can we be more loving and caring? Help me share!

Spotlight on The Bridge on 20th and the Lighthouse

The Coldest Night of the Year Fundraising Walk

February 20 from 4 pm to 8 pm.

The Bridge on 20th and the Lighthouse are combining their efforts for this great fundraiser to help Saskatoon's hungry, homeless and hurting.

To walk, volunteer or donate, go to: <https://coldestnightoftheyear.org/home>

This Week

Today	8:55 am	Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:25 am	Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>The Ultimate Homework of Life: Holding Hands with our Mortality; Controlling choices before our death</i> – with Renata Klassen and Valerie Epp.
	11:00 am	Worship; Anita Retzlaff speaking on the Gospel of John. Creative church activity is “ <i>Being Connected -- crafting chains of love.</i> ”
	Noon	Potluck following the service: A-H, please bring a casserole, help with clean-up; I-Z, please bring salad and dessert, help with set-up.
Monday	2:00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study.
	1:30 pm	Women's Coffee & Conversation time; lounge. Please contact Debra Heinrichs at 306-242-1692 if you need transportation.
	5:30-6:30 pm	We are invited to a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Third Avenue United Church. Tickets \$7.
Wed.	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast; Jerry's Food Emporium, 8 th Street.
	8:15 am	Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Avenue; with Redeemer Lutheran in charge.
Thursday	7:00 pm	Intergenerational Activity -- Friendship Night -- all ages welcome to join.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am	Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>The Ultimate Homework of Life: Holding Hands with our Mortality; Embracing What Is</i> with Margie Koop from Sherwood Park, Alberta.
	11:00 am	Worship; Reflections on sharing from Luke/Acts with Jared Regier, Tammy Forrester, Patrick Preheim.
Feb. 15	10:00-4:00pm	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.

Feb. 21	2:30 pm	Mennonite Central Committee Sask Relief Sale Fundraising Concert 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.
	5:00 pm	Supper 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. Everyone invited!
Feb. 28	2:30 pm	Sing Together , A joint concert with Canadian Mennonite University Singers, Rosthern Junior College Chorale and soloist Matt Pauls at Knox United Church.

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 12:44-46

Then Jesus cried aloud: ‘Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.

John 14:15-17

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

John 14:25-27

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, 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.

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Lenten Devotional Materials are available
in the church foyer.

Announcements

Message from Mennonite Church Sask: The MCSask Ad Hoc Committee on Same-Sex Marriage exists in order to guide, design, and facilitate congregation-to-congregation listening as well as a discerning process for MCSask regarding same-sex marriage. This committee will listen to all voices within MCSask. Though the committee is not a decision-making group, the committee invites any and all members of MCSask to share with them via email, letter, or in conversation thoughts about same-sex marriage as well as about the shaping of a discernment process.

- Josh Wallace (Committee facilitator)

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From Earthkeepers: Between 1950 and 2000 the population of the world doubled and meat consumption increased five fold. Studies show that the biggest intervention people could make towards reducing their carbon footprints would not be to abandon cars, but to eat significantly less red meat. Consider eating vegetarian just one or two days a week.

A reminder that the **Mennonite Church Sask Annual Delegate Sessions 2016** will be held at Osler Mennonite Church on March 11, 12.

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 or for clarification and information contact Charlotte at cbueckert@sasktel.net.*

Walk to Church group

If you like snowy nature and good company consider joining our bi-monthly walk to church group! Rachel and I (Jenna) will be making a planned, (roughly) timed, walking route, starting in Riversdale wending it's way to church. If others would like to join us we will adjust the route to meet up along the way. It's like a walking school bus pick up! Anticipated conversations include "Did you see/hear that?", "Isn't it lovely today?" and "GLORY HALLELUJAH" (kidding). The walk will be under an hour from most locations, one way. For more information or to express interest come see us in the education wing.

Jenna Zee and Rachel Regier.

“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.

Care Groups

Feb. 14--Care Gr. 4

Feb. 21--Care Gr. 3

Feb. 28--Care Gr. 1

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)