

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Lent 5

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

Worship Leader: Anita Retzlaff
Accompanists: Fern Stockdale-Winder, Lynn Driedger
Greeters: Marg & Wally Krause
Ushers: Lorene & Arnie Nickel

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Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Lighting of the Peace Lamp  
Service of Shadows Rebecca Breen and Ella Ens Funk  
Joys and Concerns

**“Understanding Diversity”**

Introduction to SMYO  
Call to Worship  
Gathering Song **Come, Now is the Time to Worship** StJ No. 9  
Scripture Luke 19:1-16

***THEM***

Song **For We Are Strangers No More** HWB No. 322  
Children’s Time/Song **Ride On King Jesus** Lynn and Fern  
*Child care is provided for young children*

Offering  
Scripture Matthew 22:34-40

***Racist or Redeemer***

Reflection Zachary Stefaniuk, Osler Mennonite Church,  
Gr. 12 at RJC  
Sending Song **You Shall Go Out With Joy** HWB No. 427

Benediction

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We welcome Kirsten Hamm-Epp, Jesse Neufeld, Hailey Funk, Zachary Stefaniuk, Dannica Funk, Marcus kruger, Alexa Dyck, Robyn Martens, Jonah Krahn and Amy Wiens to our service.

Donations to the work of SMYO are welcome.
Cheques should be made out to MC Sask and designated to SMYO.
Any donation of \$20 or more will be receipted.

Spotlight on Community Life

We want to love freely and unconditionally. Henri Nouwen writes that "freedom is the core of spiritual life." If you claim the love that Jesus gave unconditionally, you can go into the world freely and with hope. We can tell the world that we want to love as God loves us: fully and unconditionally. What freedom and how awesome.

Spotlight on Saskatchewan Mennonite Youth Organization (SMYO)

The purpose of SMYO is to bring together youth from across the province for fellowship, a feeling of unity, and spiritual growth. The goal of SMYO events is to foster feelings of identity and unity, invite youth to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ and encourage them to follow God in all areas of their lives. SMYO receives oversight from Kirsten Hamm-Epp.

This Week

Today	8:55 am	Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:25 am	Choir rehearsal for all ages.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>The Ultimate Homework of Life: Holding Hands with our Mortality; The Language of Death: how shall we offer comfort and support--</i> with Simon Lasair.
	11:00 am	Lent 5 Worship; Sask Mennonite Youth Organization in charge of the service. Creative church -- everyone stays in church and children may use the craft bags.
	3:30 pm	Mennonite Central Committee Sask is excited to invite you to the premiere of the documentary <i>RESERVE 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies</i> . Roxy Theatre.
Monday	2:00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study.
Wed.	8:15 am	Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Avenue; with St. Martin's United in charge.
Thursday	7:00 pm	Intergenerational Activity--making Paska bread at the home of Renata Klassen. Sign up by March 27 for making stepping stones on April 7 and 14.
Friday	7:30 pm	Musical Jam Session; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.

“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.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am	Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:25 am	Choir rehearsal for all ages.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: <i>The Ultimate Homework of Life: Holding Hands with our Mortality; final thoughts.</i>
	11:00 am	Lent 6 Worship; Reading the Passion story.
	Noon	Potluck following the service: A-H, bring salad and dessert, help with set-up; I-Z, bring casserole, help with clean-up.
		NPMC Annual General Meeting will follow.
April 2	5:30 PM	Shekinah Retreat Centre annual fundraising banquet at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Entertainment by <i>A Buncha Guys</i> Alumni. Tickets \$20.

Easter Services

Good Friday, March 25

- 10:00-11:30 am** Way of Cross in downtown Saskatoon, sponsored by Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.
- 10:30 am** Good Friday Service at First Mennonite Church - we are invited to join them.
- 7:30 pm** Tenebrae Service at NPMC

Easter Sunday, March 27 at NPMC

- 9:30 am** Brunch -- please bring Easter baking, cheese and fruit
- 11:00 am** Easter Worship Service

Message from Shekinah Retreat Centre:

To: Youth and Young Adults

You may have heard that Shekinah is in a financial crises, and you may have been wondering how you can help ... with consideration to youth and young adults, we've created a more accessible fundraiser for this age demographic. We understand that these young people are still invested in Shekinah, but not always able to make sizeable donations, and so we're holding a Mystery Dance night on **Friday, April 1** at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. There will be dancing, alongside a game of Shekinah Clue to solve. So, if you're in high school or "recently graduated" come out for a night to support our beloved camp. \$20 will get you your ticket, a drink, and unlimited popcorn!

Announcements

Job Opportunity: The new national chaplaincy contractor for Corrections Services of Canada is now looking for a Site Based Chaplain from a Protestant tradition to serve on the Saskatchewan Penitentiary Interfaith Chaplaincy Team as of April 1st, 2016. Fax a cover letter and resume to 506-443-9969 or email to hr@bridgesofcanada.com.

Volunteers Needed for the upcoming **MC Canada Assembly, July 6-10 at TCU Place in Saskatoon** to take shifts being present and hospitable as visitors tour the onsite ART SPACE curated by Ray Dirks. Contact Marianne at mcsask@mcsask.ca

MCC Connects: Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community and around the world? Consider volunteering at an MCC Thrift Shop. Contact your local MCC Thrift Shop. Find out more here: thrift.mcc.org.

Rosthern Junior College GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction-- Sunday, April 10, 7:00 pm at RJC. Join us for an evening of superb music and delicious desserts, featuring A Buncha Guys (directed by Russ Regier), and the RJC Man Choir (directed by Richard Janzen.) Included in the evening will be a dessert auction with decorated and calorie-filled desserts up for bid (bid individually, as a table, family, or consortium). Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

A Buncha Guys Spring Concert, April 24, 2:30 pm at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, from any of the Guys, or at the door. An offering will be taken to support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

The **Friendship Inn** is serving 1000 breakfasts and lunches each day, up 26% from one year ago. They will serve Easter dinner and are looking for donations of Ham, Turkey and Vegetables. Phone 306-242-5122 or drop off at 619-20th Street W if you can help.

Bethany Suite available:

710 sq. ft. suite is available for Life Lease in Bethany Place Assisted Living. Includes 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom with shower, all meals plus assisted living services. See poster for details. Please contact Jennifer Saunders, Bethany Housing Coordinator Office, 306-242-9019, extension 227 for more information.

Parkland Restorative Justice is hosting its first annual "Spring Gala in the Woods" – a fundraising banquet on April 15 at the Prince Albert Wildlife Federation building. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 or \$300/table of 8 persons. Reserve by calling 306-763-6224 or emailing parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com

Rosthern Junior College will be holding its annual **Phone-A-Thon from March 14-24** and the **Email-A-Thon from February 23-March 24**. Over the years this has proven to be an important way to connect with alumni and RJC friends and has helped fund many worthwhile projects at the school. We want to strengthen these connections, share stories and hear from you! Volunteer for an evening of pizza, fellowship and phoning former classmate and friends! We need your help to reach our goal of \$50,000!

Ride On King Jesus

Chorus: Ride on, King Jesus, No one can-a hinder thee.
Ride on King Jesus ride on, no one can-a hinder thee.

King Jesus rides to Jerusalem, no one can a-hinder thee
Hosanna to King David's Son, no one can a-hinder thee
He rides upon a donkey small, no one can a-hinder thee
The King of peace the Lord of all, no one can a-hinder thee

The children sing and they dance and shout, no one can a-hinder thee
If they won't praise the rocks cry out, no one can a-hinder thee
King Jesus did just what he said, no one can a-hinder thee
He healed the sick and he raised the dead, no one can a-hinder thee

The light of God shines on His face, no one can a-hinder thee
He offers all His pardoning grace, no one can a-hinder thee
Come join the throng your voices raise, no one can a-hinder thee
The King of love deserves your praise, no one can a-hinder thee

Chorus: Ride on King Jesus, no one can a-hinder thee
Ride on King Jesus, ride on, no one can a-hinder thee
No one can a-hinder thee, no one can a-hinder thee

**Saskatoon Food Bank: Soups-canned or dry, Canned fruit
(The large blue barrel in the Education Wing)**