

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



**March 24, 2019  
Lent 3**

Vol. LIV

**11:00 a.m.**

No. 12

Worship Leader: Lorraine Harder  
Accompanists: Lorene Nickel, Jenn Attema  
Choir Director: Jordan Wiens  
Greeters: Valerie & Darryl Epp

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

text in bulletin

Gathering Hymn

**Holy Spirit, Come With Power**

HWB No. 26

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Offering

**Steal Away**

Choir

Confession and Affirmation

Psalm 51:1-12

Hymn

**Lord Jesus, Think On Me**

HWB No. 527

Service of Shadows (insert)

Rachel & Jared Regier

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Children's Time

Hymn

**O God, In Restless Living**

HWB No. 557

Scripture

Genesis 18:9-15

Acts 8:26-39

Special Music

**My God Is So High**

Choir

Call to Discipleship

text in bulletin

Sermon

**Lord, Open Us To Receive Your Future**

Ryan Siemens

Sending Hymn

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

HWB No. 327

Spoken Benediction



*Lent 3 - Naming Our Fears:  
Fear of the Future*

*The Guests of Abraham and Sarah // 2017 // Julia Stankova*

*Please join us for the potluck meal after the service.  
Our Annual Meeting will follow immediately after the potluck.*

## Spotlight on Church Aid Fund

As a faith community built on compassion, Nutana Park Mennonite Church sets aside a small portion of funds to be used in case of emergencies that arise among our congregants (for instance, to help cover rent or food costs during a crisis). Please consider donating to this benevolent fund if you are able.

### This Week

Today	9:30 am	Choir rehearsal.
	9:30 am	<b>Adult Ed:</b> <i>Lent as penitence, deprivation and sacrifice.</i> Facilitator is Edna Froese. <b>No Children's Sunday School today.</b>
	11:00 am	<b>Lent 3 Worship;</b> Ryan Siemens from MC Sask speaking.
	Noon	<b>Potluck, followed by our Annual General Meeting.</b> A-H, bring salad and dessert, help with set-up; I-Z, bring sandwiches, help with clean-up.
Monday	2:00 pm	<b>Ecumenical Bible Study;</b> lounge.
Tuesday	10:00 am	<b>Women's Bible Study,</b> lounge.
	5:00-7:00pm	<b>Vereniki and Sausage Fund Raiser</b> for Youth Farm Bible Camp at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Donation admission.
Wed.	8:15 am	<b>Ecumenical Lenten Services</b> at St. Philip Neri RC church, followed by breakfast. Service by Calvin Goforth Presbyterian
	7:00 pm	<b>Men's Study:</b> God is ____?
Thursday	1:30 pm	<b>Share and Care Support group,</b> meet in east S.S. rooms.
Friday	7:00 pm	<b>Shekinah Wine &amp; Cheese;</b> enjoy a fun evening at Shekinah Retreat Centre and a silent auction fundraiser. Tickets available online at <a href="http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org">www.shekinahretreatcentre.org</a>

### Coming Up

Next Sun.	9:30 am	Choir rehearsal.
	9:30 am	<b>Adult Ed:</b> <i>Lent as a time for naming our fears.</i> Facilitator is Susanne Guenther Loewen.
	10:15 am	<b>Children's Sunday School.</b>
	11:00 am	<b>Lent 4 Worship;</b> Nora Pederberg speaking.
	5:30 pm	<b>Movie Night;</b> bring finger foods to share, movie at 6:30 pm.
April 5	7:30 pm	<b>Musical Jam Session,</b> lounge.
April 6	9:00-4:00 pm	<b>Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat</b> at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Registration forms on mailbox table.
April 7	2:30 pm	<b>Saskatoon Men's Chorus Spring Concert;</b> Grace Westminster United Church. Tickets from McNally Robinson booksellers, SMC members or at the door.
April 7	2:30 pm	<b>Rosthern Junior College Spring Choir Concert;</b> gym. Performances by Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir.
April 12	7:30 pm	<b>Station Singers Spring Concert.</b> Station Arts Centre, Rosthern. Tickets from Station Arts or choir members.
April 14	7:30 pm	<b>Station Singers Spring Concert</b> at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Purchase tickets from choir members.

April 28	2:30 pm	<b>Saskatoon Choral Society spring concert;</b> Grace Westminster United Church.
April 30	7:30 pm	<b>Canadian Mennonite University Choir and Sask Chamber Choir concert</b> at NPMC.

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.

### Call to Worship

For to this you have been called by Christ:  
because Christ also suffered for you,  
***leaving you an example,***  
***so that you should follow in his steps.***

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
***The Lord is the stronghold of my life;***  
***of whom shall I be afraid?***

***Glory to the Father,***  
***and to the Son,***  
***and to the Holy Spirit:***  
***as it was in the beginning,***  
***is now,***  
***and will be forever. Amen.***

### Call to Discipleship

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that comes from the mouth of God.  
***Let us worship the Lord our God,***  
***and serve God alone.***

## Genesis 18:9-15

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."  
<sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have

grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."  
<sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

## Acts 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb

silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

## Service of Shadows

### Open:

Lent is a time when we open ourselves to be transformed. During our service of shadows we extinguish one candle as we name our fears and follow in the dust of our rabbi.

### Poem: LENT LITURGY - Penny Guy

On our Lenten journey we remember travellers:

Those who are travelling by choice: for work, to see friends and family, to experience new cultures and see the world,

Those who are forced to travel: to leave their homes because of fire or flood or war,

Those who must leave their country due to fear of violence and who hope to resettle in another country.

Those whose journey involves giving something up in order to deepen their relationship with you,

Those who haven't chosen to give things up but have had them taken away from them: their belongings, their homes, their freedom.

For all travellers, we ask your blessing.

### Close:

(unison reading) Ever-present God. May the fears, heaviness, and darkness of the shadows dissipate as you take our hand in yours, accompanying us on this Lenten journey. AMEN.

## South Nutana Park Ecumenical Lenten Services at St. Philip Neri R.C. Church

March 27 Calvin Goforth Presbyterian  
April 3 St. Stephen's Anglican  
April 10 St. Martin's United  
April 17 Redeemer Lutheran

### Announcements

We are planning a brass ensemble for **Easter Sunday morning** service. If you are interested in participating please contact Lynn Driedger.

**Request for billets:** The CMU Choir from Winnipeg is bringing a concert to NPMC on April 30. If you are able to help with billeting, please contact Carolene Funk at 306-477-0775. Pick up is after the Tuesday evening concert, breakfast in the morning and drop off here at church with a bag lunch by 8:00 am.

**Thank you to Jeff Olfert for donating a wheelchair to the church--it is in the foyer.**

**MCC Connects:** According to the UN, Cyclone Idai (which hit South Eastern Africa earlier this week) may in fact be the worst ever disaster to strike the Southern Hemisphere. MCC invites you to provide relief to people in Malawi and Mozambique who have been affected by Cyclone Idai and subsequent flooding. Please consider making a donation today by calling (306) 665-2555 or visiting [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca).

**MC Sask--Praying For Each Other:** Warman Mennonite Church is excited about the opportunity to grow in unity as we pray for one another and seek to turn our hearts toward our neighbors. At the same time, we face the challenge of remaining open to growth and transformation rather than just treading water or being carried along by our culture's changes.

**Two messages from Shekinah Retreat Centre:**

**We're building two more cabins!!** If you would like to be a part of raising Cabins #3 & #4 at Shekinah Retreat Centre, please consider coming out on April 22-27 (9:00am-5:00pm). Lunch and snacks will be provided. All skilled and non-skilled laborers are invited. Please call the Shekinah office at 306.945.4929 for information and to register.

**Shekinah Music Camp:** Shekinah Music Camp is more than a music lesson, it is inspiring campers to build music into their everyday life. The camp runs from August 19-23 and is for campers age 12-17. Shekinah's goal is to give campers an experience that incorporates music, nature, and spirituality. Campers will learn how to sing in groups, play acoustic guitar, and practice their rhythm on percussive instruments. For more information and to register visit [shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://shekinahretreatcentre.org) or email [craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org).

RJC Lent-opoly **Bake Sale Fundraiser after the potluck.** RJC students are offering baking for donation. Proceeds go to ALSO (the Alternative Learning Service Opportunity) destinations: MCC Guatemala, Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church in Mississippi, Gleaners in Oliver, BC, Calgary, Toronto, Shekinah and Saskatoon.



Read the information on the "Missions & Service" bulletin board about the needs of The Bridge. They are looking for volunteers, clothing needs, and a position for a Women's ministry assistant.

**NPMC Students:** Post-secondary bursaries available--**deadline is May 31.** To see a list of bursaries and application forms, check the website or contact the church office.

Please let the church office know if you do not want photos of yourself and/or your children posted on the monitor in the foyer.

**Big Sky Artists Show and Sale:** March 29, 30, 31 at Grace Westminster Church. Participating artist is Norma Rempel. See posters for times of the show.

You are invited to join **Rosthern Junior College Family Fun Night** on April 9 at 7:00 pm at the Herschel Retreat House for a family fun night! All ages and people are welcome. Come out to hear an update from the school, meet our new Admissions Director, Alex Tiessen and to get information about our exciting new educational programs at RJC. RJC staff will host some kids and youth activities, and drinks and snacks will be provided. Phone Laurie Wiens (306) 377-4620 or the school (306) 232-4222 for more information. We hope to see you there!

**Wildwood Mennonite Church** in Saskatoon invites applications for a half to three-quarter time co-pastor. The successful candidate will work closely with our current co-pastor (who is half-time). Ideal start date is early summer 2019, however we are flexible with the start date! Learn more about us at [wildwoodmennonite.org](http://wildwoodmennonite.org) Please email applications to Les Klassen Hamm [searchchair@wildwoodmennonite.org](mailto:searchchair@wildwoodmennonite.org) or to Ryan Siemens, MC Sask Executive Minister [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca)

**\*\*\*March Muffin Drive!** Due to growing popularity, the weekly breakfast offered by Kirsten and other Faith Leaders on the U of S campus is running out of food! We would like to fill our freezer with muffins to last for the rest of the semester, and would be very grateful for any help you, as congregations or individuals, might be able to offer. Reusable plastic bags can be picked up from the MC Sask office, which is also where food can be dropped off. Thank you for your help as we provide food and community for the hungry on campus!

**Care Group Lunches:** March 31--Group 1



Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Baby Formula and Baby Food