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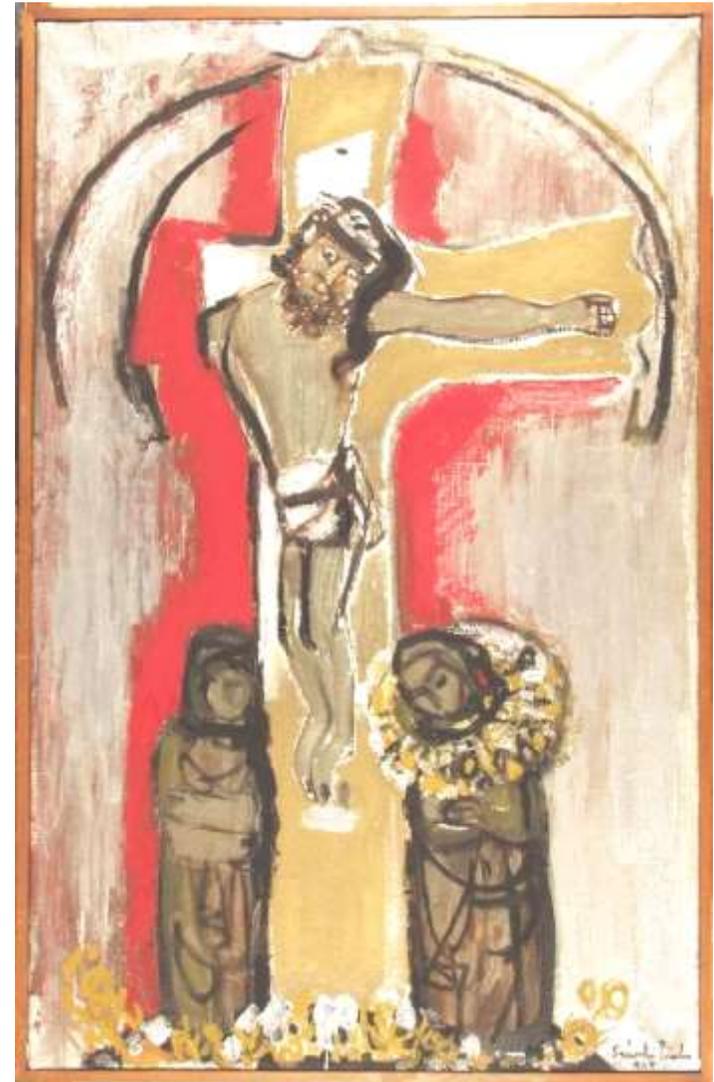
**March 26, 2017
Lent 4**

Vol. LII **11:00 a.m.** No. 13

Worship Leader: Jared Regier
Accompanist: Fern Stockdale Winder
Children's Song Leaders: Deanna Stockdale Winder and Colin Ens Funk
Greeters: Marian & Lynn Driedger
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp
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| Prelude                    |                                               |                                      |
| Call to Worship            | <b>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</b>                 | Sonrisa                              |
| Welcome and Announcements  |                                               |                                      |
| Hymn                       | <b>Come And Be Light For Our Eyes</b>         | StJ No. 5                            |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp |                                               |                                      |
| Service of Shadows         |                                               | Kelsi and Sage Siemens               |
| Hymn                       | <b>You Are All We Have<br/>Enough For All</b> | StJ No. 29<br>insert                 |
| Children's Time/Song       |                                               |                                      |
| Offering and Offertory     |                                               |                                      |
| Special Music              | <b>Domine Fili Unigenite</b>                  | Sonrisa                              |
| Joys and Concerns          |                                               |                                      |
| Congregational Prayer      |                                               |                                      |
| Hymn                       | <b>What Wondrous Love Is This</b>             | HWB No. 530                          |
| Scripture                  |                                               | Genesis 22:1-19<br>Revelation 5:1-14 |
| Sermon                     | <b>The Cross and At-one-ment</b>              | Susanne<br>Guenther Loewen           |
| Special Music              | <b>Cum Sancto Spirito</b>                     | Sonrisa                              |
| Spoken Benediction         |                                               |                                      |
| Hymn                       | <b>Praise God From Whom</b>                   | HWB No. 118                          |

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The Cross and At-one-ment

We welcome the Sonrisa Choir as they worship with us today.
We invite everyone to stay for the potluck lunch.
Our Annual General Meeting will begin after lunch.

--Hungarian Christ 1968 by Piroska Szanto

Spotlight on The Pass System

April 2, 7:00 pm - The 2015 documentary *THE PASS SYSTEM* will be shown at the Broadway Theatre, followed by a Q&A with director Alex Williams and others. Narrated by acclaimed Cree actor and activist Tantoo Cardinal (*Dances with Wolves, Legends of the Fall*), this film "illuminates Canada's hidden history of racial segregation" by hearing from Cree, Saulteaux, Dene, Ojibwe and Blackfoot elders about their experiences of the Pass System on prairie reserves. St. Martin's United Church is hosting this event, with support from Wildwood Mennonite and our congregation. The event is free but a ticket is required – see Susanne for tickets. An offering will be taken.

My Coins Count -- coins are helping to build sand dams in Mozambique.

This Week

Today	<p>8:55 am Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary. 9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages. 9:45 am Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less</i>. Guest speaker is Peter Prebble, Saskatchewan Environmental Society. 11:00 am Lent 4 Worship; our guests are the Sonrisa Choir. Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking. Creative Church in the lounge. Noon Potluck; A-H, bring salad and dessert, help with set-up; I-Z, bring sandwiches, help with clean-up. 1:00 pm Annual General Meeting; everyone invited to attend.</p>
Monday	<p>10:00 am Caregivers Group; lounge. 2:00 pm Ecumenical Bible Study; lounge.</p>
Tuesday	<p>10:00 am Women's Bible Study; lounge.</p>
Wednesday	<p>8:15 am Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast at St. Martin's United Church. St. Philip Neri R.C. is leading worship.</p>
Saturday	<p>7:30 pm Sonrisa Women's Choir presents Vivaldi's Gloria. Knox United Church. Tickets (\$10) available from choir members and at the door.</p>

Coming Up

Next Sun.	<p>8:55 am Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary. 9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages. 9:45 am Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less; Nonconform freely</i>. Facilitator is Winona Senner. 11:00 am Lent 5 Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking. Noon NPMC Youth lunch fundraiser. The funds will go to the Appleby Kids and Youth Club of Saskatoon. 5:30 pm Movie Night; bring finger food snacks. 6:30 is show time, popcorn provided. 7:00 pm Rosthern Junior College Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction at RJC. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!</p>
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April 23	<p>2:30 pm Saskatoon Men's Chorus spring concert presents "From Sooke to Sydney". It will consist mainly of music written or arranged by various Canadian composers; Grace Westminster United Church. Check the posters, or our Facebook page, for further details.</p>
April 27, 28	<p>Station Singers presents a concert that includes many famous Canadian songwriters. Rosthern--April 27, 7:30 pm at Station Arts Centre. Saskatoon--April 28, 7:30 pm at Mayfair United church. Tickets are available from choir members, Station Arts and McNally Robinson.</p>
April 28, 29	<p>Refresh, Refocus, Renew: MC Sask workshop on congregational and provincial discernment at Mount Royal Mennonite. \$25, includes Sat. lunch. Friday, 7-9pm; Saturday 9-4pm. Register at mcsask@mcsask.ca or 306-249-4844.</p>
April 29	<p>7:30 pm The Great Canadian Mennonite Opera presented by the descendants of Isaak Zacharias at Bethany Manor. Donations will go to MCC.</p>
April 30	<p>2:30 pm A Buncha Guys Spring Concert at Knox United Church, featuring the 20 Year Reunion Choir. Doors open at 2:00. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, MCC, any of the guys, or at the door. Offering to support MCC.</p>
May 6	<p>6:00 pm Shekinah Fundraising Banquet and Capital Project Launch at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Tickets online at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call 306-945-4929.</p>

Enough for All -- by Brian Moyer Suderman.
 There's enough for all, If we can learn to share it.
 There's enough for all, If we can learn to see.
 There's enough for all, Let's bring our loaves and fishes
 And offer them to Jesus
 There's more than enough for you and me.

Easter Services at NPMC

Good Friday, April 14
 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 16
 9:30 am Brunch -- please bring Easter baking, cheese and fruit
 11:00 am Easter Worship Service

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.

Revelation 5:1-14

1 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' ⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb,

each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; ¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.' ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ²He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the

wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹²He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' ¹⁵The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.' ¹⁹So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

Announcements

NPMC Students:

***Post-secondary bursaries are available. To see a list of bursaries and an application form, check the website at npmc.net under the "Resources" tab or contact the church office. Deadline is May 31.

***Mennonite Trust Scholarships – for students attending Christian education, please apply to www.mennonitetrust.ca or phone 306-945-2080.

MCC Connects: If you're involved in producing blankets and kits for MCC or fancy quilts for the MCC Relief Sale you are invited to the annual **MCCS Volunteer Appreciation Tea**. It will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon from 1:30-3:30pm. Please RSVP to Jerry at 306-665-2555 by April 21. Come for refreshments, displays, tours, a speech or two and lots of fellowship.

April 19 at 5:30 pm **St. Andrew's College Gala Banquet** at the German Cultural Centre in Saskatoon. Speaker: The Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, Moderator of The United Church of Canada. Entertainment provided by Sons of Django. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 10. Tickets are \$100 (with a portion in tax-credit receipt). Tickets for the dinner are available by calling St. Andrew's College at 306-966-8970.

Employment Opportunity: Rosthern Junior College. Do you or someone you know have a passion for working with and mentoring youth? We anticipate an opening(s) for the 2017-2018 school year on its residence staff. Residence staff work as part of a team to provide a safe, supportive learning community for students in our dormitory. Position to begin Monday, August 28, 2017. Housing is provided. For more information please contact the school at 306.232.4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca.

The **Canadian Association for Spiritual Care** National Conference is in Saskatoon April 26-29. Poster is on the bulletin board in the Education Wing.

The Mennonite Church Canada restructuring process has its own website to keep us informed. Currently, there are 11 working groups and a Listening Group who are discerning together on topics such as Mennonite Camps, Canadian Witness (Indigenous-settler relationships), Higher Education, Congregational Vitality, Mennonite Identity, etc. Several of our congregational members are involved. For a full list of groups and members, see: <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/working-groups-progress-report/>

Refresh, Refocus, Renew Survey Invitation. MC Sask has entered a year of intentional prayer and engagement around questions of identity, vision, and purpose. To help start the conversation, you are invited to complete a brief survey, available at www.mcsask.ca. The survey will be open until Monday, April 3. Thank you for taking the time to help us begin this exciting year!

Check out the new Mennonite Church Saskatchewan website at www.mcsask.ca.

All Things Music

Singing Sunday April 23rd

Singing Sunday is coming up on April 23rd. Do you have a favourite hymn? One that comforts you in the middle of the night or that warms your spirit in the first light of day? We will be celebrating the gift of congregational songs by singing some of our favourite hymns and sharing with each other why we treasure them. Let us know your picks through filling in the bulletin insert and placing it in the collection plate later in the service or sending an email to the church at npmc@npmc.net

April 30 Young Singers

Are you a young singer between the ages of 9 and 13? We are putting together a group of singers to sing on April 30th for special music in the service. Just let Fern or Bonnie know if you or your children are interested!

Calling all Musicians!

We are starting to put together the music schedule for May to August, and we'd love to have you share your music gifts with us! If you are interested in offering special music for a Sunday morning, please let us know by contacting the church office at npmc@npmc.net.

Choral Workshop Opportunity on May 11

The Royal Canadian College of Organists will be hosting the Interdenominational Choral Workshop at Christ Church Anglican on Thursday, May 11, (7:00-9:30 pm). The facilitator will be Lottie Enns from Winnipeg. She is a very accomplished organist and choir director and also works as an instructor in musicology at the University of Manitoba. Please let Ron or the church office know, before March 30, if you are interested in participating.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church February 28, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Difference
	Jan-Feb	Jan-Feb	Jan-Feb
Revenue	58,977.50	62,708.00	-3,730.50
Expenses	<u>62,810.93</u>	<u>62,708.00</u>	<u>102.93</u>
Surplus (loss)	<u>-3,833.43</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-3,833.43</u>

Church Life Events: **Garage Sale:** May 27
Brides & Babies Shower: June 4

**Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Infant formula, Baby food
(The big blue bin in the Education Wing)**