

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

**November 27, 2016
1 Advent**

Vol. LI

11:00 a.m.

No. 48

Worship Leader: Alison Jantz
 Accompanist: Susan Ens Funk
 Special Music: Rachel & Jared Regier
 Song Leader: Jake Ens
 Greeters: Mabel & Walter Wall
 Ushers: Dorothy & Merv Sorensen

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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Hymn of Praise & Gathering **O Come, O Come, Immanuel**

HWB No. 172

Joys and Concerns

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Special Music

**Noël Nouvelet**

Rachel & Jared

Advent Reading Litany

insert

Mat and Josh Rouleau

Song

**Come, Light Of The World**

StS No. 3

Children's Time/Song

Offering

**We Three Kings**

Rachel & Jared

Scripture

John 6:56, John 8:58

John 14:26, Colossians 1:15-16

Sermon

***This Do In Remembrance Of Me***

Alan Reese

Hymn

**I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say**

HWB No. 493

Hymn

**Praise The One**

StS No. 1

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

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Spotlight on EGADZ

EGADZ is a non-profit organization that provides programs and services to children, youth and their families in making healthy choices that improve their quality of life. We have placed an EGADZ Christmas Collection box near the Food Bank Bin. EGADZ would appreciate the following items: deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste, dental floss, toques, gloves, mini mitts, socks, baby bags consisting of receiving blankets, baby shampoo, lotion, baby bottles, thermometers, baby wipes, baby bath towels, teethingers, baby nail clippers, soothers. Donations are also gratefully accepted.

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>Doing Theology Through Poetry: Bible Stories Retold (con't) and Advent Poems.</i> Facilitator is Edna Froese.
	11:00 am	1 Advent Worship; Alan Reese speaking. Creative church – Advent art.
	Noon	Care Group #1 – visitors are welcome to join us.
	3:30 pm	Traditionally the career-aged and young families group has decorated the church Christmas tree. If either or both of these describe your stage of life, join us at church to decorate the tree at 3:30pm and share a potluck supper at 5pm. Please bring a potluck dish to share -- children are very welcome!
Monday	10:00 am	Caregivers Group; lounge.
	2:00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study.
Sat.	10:00-3:00pm	Youth Group Babysitting. If you have young children and are looking for some extra time to go Christmas shopping or relax, please sign-up on the Youth Bulletin board. Drop your child/children off with a lunch and outdoor clothing.

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>Doing Theology Through Poetry: Advent Poems (con't).</i> Facilitator is Edna Froese.
Dec. 11	11:00 am	2 Advent Worship; RJC chorale. Potluck following the worship service: A-H, bring casserole, help with clean-up; I-Z, bring salad and dessert, help set-up.
	2:30 pm	The Saskatoon Men's Chorus will present <i>A Christmas Fanfare</i> at Grace Westminster United Church. This concert of seasonal music will also feature the Bridge City Brass Band. Tickets are \$15 for seniors and students, \$20 for adults, and free for children under 12; and are available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, or by calling 306-220-0812, from SMC members, or at the venue.

Dec. 11 and 17

A Buncha Guys Christmas concerts: Dec. 11--7:30 pm at Mayfair United Church; Dec. 17--7:30 pm at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Special guest Aaron Bueckert Tickets (\$5.00) available at McNally Robinson Book Sellers, Russ Regier (306-249-3650), any of the Guys, or at the door. An offering will be taken to support Shekinah Retreat Centre.

Dec. 18

6:00 pm

Church Christmas Dinner Event. Please add your name on the sign-up sheet in the education wing by December 4. Dinner is complimentary; an offering will be taken to replenish our church capital replacement fund.

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Light of the world, shine on our dark and weary world

Congregation: Blessed are you who frees the captives, puts an end to war, and encourages reconciliation in the midst of violence and hatred

Leader: Come, Light of the world, illuminate and restore our exhaustion and fear

Congregation: Blessed are you who brings hope and joy through the birth of a baby, who offers peace and justice to the world

Leader: Come, Light of the world, enflame our hearts

Congregation: Blessed are you, the one who fills us with love and compassion for both our neighbour and our foe.

All: Come, Jesus, Come.

Litany – First Sunday of Advent

Reader: God of Gabriel, of birth and life,
Hear our prayer
As we prepare for Christ's coming:

**Congregation: Like Mary,
Make us bold enough
to question angels.**

Reader: We light this first candle
Asking for holy boldness. AMEN

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.

Scripture Readings

John 6:56

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

John 8:58

⁵⁸Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.'

John 14:26

²⁶But 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.

Colossians 1:15-16

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

Announcements

As a follow-up to our Fall worship series on Communion and the many stories of Jesus sharing food, the **children will be collecting non-perishable food items throughout Advent** during the offering time. All food will be donated to the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre.

Advent devotional booklets (Unto Us a Child Is Born, by Henry Nouwen) are available on the table in the foyer under the monitor. Please help yourself.

There are no Faith Conversations during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

MCC Connects: Christmas is just around the corner! Support your local MCC Thrift Shop by purchasing decorations, ornaments, trees and upcycled gifts. Consider giving a gift of your time - volunteers are needed during the Christmas season and beyond. Call a thrift shop or visit us online: thrift.mcc.org

Anyone interested or willing to **Gift Wrap** for **Ronald McDonald House**, call Marlene Froese at 306-668-4793 or 306-220-9409. Wrapping started November 25, goes until December 24.

Rosthern Junior College Choir Christmas Concerts - Concert #1: **December 16, 7:30 pm** at Knox United Church. Concert #2: **December 18, 2:30 pm** at Rosthern Junior College. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC.

To stay updated with **Future Directions: Covenant New**, head over to <http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca/> for all the latest information.

Youth Announcements

Discussion group --Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm for youth in Grades 7-12.
December 3: 10am-3pm. Youth Babysitting, please let Jenae know if you can babysit.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church October 31, 2016			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
	Jan-Oct	Jan-Oct	Jan-Oct
Revenue	309,202.02	329,430.00	-20,227.98
Expenses	<u>304,233.17</u>	<u>329,430.00</u>	<u>-25,196.83</u>
Surplus (loss)	<u>4,968.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,968.85</u>

Church Renovations - Property Improvements October 31/16:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue		
General Donations		7,300.00
Expenses		
Sewer Project	12,000.00	12,576.84
Flooring	66,574.00	67,325.36
Painting	4,426.00	2,326.84
Miscellaneous		<u>1,199.76</u>
Total Expenses	83,000.00	83,428.80
Capital Reserve	<u>57,606.09</u>	<u>57,606.09</u>
Net Capital Reserve	<u>-25,393.91</u>	<u>-18,522.71</u>

Dec. 24 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 25 11:00am Christmas Day Service