

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

**April 2, 2017
Lent 5**

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11:00 a.m.

No. 14

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanists: Teresa Koop-Hunter, Lynn Driedger, Sharon Klassen
Choir Director: Tristan Brenneman
Children's Song Leaders: Barbara & Jake Ens
Greeters: Hedio & Ross Borne

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| Welcome, Greetings and Announcements |                                     |                     |
| Call to Worship                      | <b>Awake The Joyous Day Is Here</b> | Choir               |
| Invocation                           |                                     |                     |
| Hymn of Praise                       | <b>Amazing Grace</b>                | HWB No. 143         |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp           |                                     |                     |
| Service of Shadows                   |                                     | Bonnie & Rod Ramage |
| Hymn                                 | <b>You Are All We Have</b>          | StJ No. 29          |
| Hymn                                 | <b>Open My Eyes</b>                 | StS No. 65          |
| Children's Time/Song                 | <b>Ride On, King Jesus</b>          | insert              |
| Offering                             |                                     |                     |
| Confession and Affirmation           |                                     | Psalm 51            |
| Hymn                                 | <b>Gentle God</b>                   | StS No. 71          |
| Joys and Concerns                    |                                     |                     |
| Congregational Prayer                |                                     |                     |
| Special Music                        | <b>Who Is The Man</b>               | Choir               |
| Scripture                            |                                     | John 9:1-34         |
| Sermon                               | <b>Blindness, Sin and Salvation</b> | Patrick Preheim     |
| Sending Hymn                         | <b>Longing For Light</b>            | StJ No. 54          |
| Spoken Benediction                   |                                     |                     |

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Please join us for the Youth Lunch Fundraiser.



Christ Heals The Blind Man

-Rembrandt

Spotlight on MC Sask

MC Sask has entered a year of intentional prayer and engagement around questions of identity, vision, and purpose. A survey called **Refresh, Refocus, Renew** at www.mcsask.ca is available until Monday, April 3.

Take some time to fill this out. A workshop will be held on April 28 and 29 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. See details in bulletin.

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

This Week

Today	<p>8:55 am Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.</p> <p>9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages.</p> <p>9:45 am Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less</i>. <i>Nonconform freely</i>. Facilitator is Winona Senner.</p> <p>11:00 am Lent 5 Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking. Creative Church in the lounge.</p> <p>Noon NPMC Youth lunch fundraiser. The funds will go to the Appleby Kids and Youth Club of Saskatoon -- an MCC project.</p> <p>7:00 pm Rosthern Junior College Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction at RJC. Pie will be served.</p>
Monday	2:00 pm Ecumenical Bible Study ; lounge.
Tuesday	10:00 am Women's Bible Study ; lounge.
Wednesday	8:15 am Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast at St. Martin's United Church. NPMC is leading worship.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	<p>8:55 am Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.</p> <p>9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages.</p> <p>9:45 am Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less</i>; Jared Regier speaking.</p> <p>11:00 am Palm Sunday; reading the Passion text.</p> <p>5:30 pm Movie Night; bring finger food snacks. 6:30 is show time, popcorn provided.</p>
April 14	7:00 pm Good Friday Tennebrae Service at NPMC.
April 16	9:30 am Easter Sunday Brunch -- please bring Easter baking, cheese and fruit.
April 22	<p>10:00-3:00 pm Volunteers needed for Shekinah firewood cutting day. Call 306-945-4929 or director@shekinahretreatcentre.org.</p> <p>6:00 pm Spring Banquet in the Woods - 2nd annual Fundraising Event for Parkland Restorative Justice featuring guest speaker Jorgina Sunn, Aboriginal Order of Canada Recipient. Tickets \$40/each or \$300/table of 8. Doors open at 5pm at the Prince Albert Wildlife Federation Building (3 km north of Prince Albert). Contact Heather at 306-763-6224 or parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com for tickets.</p>

April 23	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.
April 27, 28	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.
April 28, 29	Refresh, Refocus, Renew: MC Sask workshop at Mount Royal Mennonite. \$25, includes Sat. lunch. Friday, 7-9pm; Saturday 9-4pm. Register at mcsask@mcsask.ca or 306-249-4844.
April 29	7:30 pm The Great Canadian Mennonite Opera presented by the descendants of Isaak Zacharias at Bethany Manor. Donations will go to MCC.
April 30	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.
May 5	6:15 pm Bethany Manor Fundraising Dinner Show for Personal Care . Come and enjoy a traditional Mennonite meal ... Cabbage Rolls, Verenicke & Cream Gravy, Farmer Sausage & Fried Onions, Pluma Moos, Salads, Pie and More! Entertainment by Graham Dyck ... definitely not your traditional Mennonite entertainer! Tickets \$100 each, of which \$75 is tax receiptable. Call the Bethany Office (306) 242-9019 to reserve tickets. Should be fun!
May 6	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.

Ride On, King Jesus by Steve Bell

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

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.

John 9:1-34

1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 3 Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' 9 Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' 10 But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' 11 He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' 12 They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' 16 Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. 17 So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' 18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind

and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' 20 His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' 24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' 25 He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' 26 They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' 27 He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' 28 Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' 30 The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' 34 They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

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**Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Pasta Products, Canned Meat, Fish
(The big blue bin in the Education Wing)**

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.

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/>

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 by filling out the enclosed form 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.