

Coming Up

Sunday, Aug 4 at 10:00 am: Worship Service, Patrick Preheim speaking
Wednesday, Aug 7 at 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Coachman
Sunday, Aug 11 at 10:00 am: Worship Service, Melody Neufeld speaking

Points of Progress

- 1) Africa: Farm by farm, a nonprofit working with smallholders has reforested an area nearly seven times the size of Manhattan.** Africa loses 3.9 million hectares of rainforest and dry forest each year. Farmers meet to train and access tools and seed banks to replace their monocultures with forest gardens.
- 2) United States: More students are learning Indigenous languages in public schools** as tribes work to expand the number of fluent speakers. During the 2022-2023 school year in Oklahoma, 3,314 students took part in an Indigenous- language program, a threefold increase from the 2 previous years.

John 6:27—35

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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.



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
Aug 4, 2024 at 10:00 am**

In Person and Online Worship Service
Worship Leader: Patrick Preheim
Usher: Evelyn Roden

Prelude

Welcome / Announcements and Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Time with the Children

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Scripture John 6: 27-35

Sermon Communion Context pt 2

Patrick

Questions for Conversation

Communion Service

Benediction

Blessing for the Meal Doxology

NPMC Announcements

August 4 (today): Summer Communion Services and Potluck: In our discernment around how we would move forward for this year with one primary pastor, one of the ideas that came forward was to have occasional services where we deviate from our regular service structure and give our volunteers a bit of a break. After discussion with the church board, we have decided to try this on the three long weekends this summer. The idea is that we will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship wing around tables and have a simple communion service, followed by a shared meal. We may attempt to incorporate some discussion/sharing time into this. There will be **no livestream** on these Sundays. A sermon from our archives or some reflections from Patrick will be distributed by Gwen in her Friday email.

On August 4 (today), a fellowship meal after the 10:00 a.m. Communion Service.

A -H. Please bring muffins/bagels/rolls and fruit, and help with clean-up.

I -Z. Please bring muffins/bagels/rolls and cheese, and help with set-up.

Community Announcements

August 4, today: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. Summertime vibes meet peaceful reflection in outdoor worship. Come check it out! All are welcome!

Aug 7 & 8: You are invited to attend our 1st annual All-Ages Practice Peace Summer Camp on August 7 & 8 from 10-3pm at the MCC office building (and park across the street if weather permits). Join us for a hands-on summer learning experience focused on peaceful conversations and interactions. Open to all ages, with engaging exercises for everyone. Perfect for professional development, personal growth, and family fun! Details and registration available at <https://mcc.org/events/practice-peace-summer-camp>

August 15, 5 pm – Join us at the Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre to dig deeper into the story of the Mennonite migration to Mexico in the 1920s. 5-6 pm – Museum will be open to visitors. 6-7 pm – Watermelon and Rollkuchen supper on museum grounds (in case of inclement weather, supper will be served in the RJC dining hall). 7 pm – Screening of the documentary film, **Conform**, in the little church beside the museum. 8 pm – Q & A with special guest, Leonard Doell Admission to this special event is by donation. RSVP by August 8 by email to rosthernmuseum@gmail.com, or by phone or text to Donna Schulz at 306-232-7447. The exhibit is a partnership of Mennonite Heritage Village, the Plett Foundation, and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada.

Join us for Forest Church at Shekinah on September 1 at 3pm as we celebrate the ministry of Kirsten Hamm-Epp with MC Sask. Kirsten will be leaving her role as Youth Minister after 11 years. Come help us thank Kirsten and celebrate her many contributions to MC Sask over the years.

Sept 8: Save the Date to Celebrate Shekinah's 45th Anniversary from 2:00 - 6:00 pm! There will be singing, activities, craft, farmer sausage on a stick and birthday cake! Watch for more details!

Osler Mennonite Church invites interested persons to a 6 week CMU Xplore Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount with Michael Pahl. This is a zoom class on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am on October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November.6. We will have lunch on site for those interested. No need to register ahead. For more info contact Osler Mennonite Church at 306-239-2133

MCC Connects: Join The School Kit Challenge in August and help support 24,000 children! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many children can't get the education they need. To learn more about this challenge and to download a fun activity guide, please visit: www.mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

MCC Connects: Grow Hope Saskatchewan Field Day! How do the crops we grow in Saskatchewan support emergency food assistance in regions of conflict, drought, and disaster? Join us on Sunday, August 11th at the annual Cherry Sunday Festival in Bruno to learn more and to tour one of the Grow Hope fields.

Questions for Conversation

1. As mentioned last month, communion practices have changed and are unique to different communities. What have you learned from the varied forms of communion in which you have celebrated the Lord's Supper?
2. Focal Points: what have been these for you in relation to family and faith communities?
3. In the sermon I detailed some of the ways communion has been linked to community care. How have you experienced that? How do you envision that it could be a source of inspiration in discipleship? Communion, according to the early church, is not only a comfort of God's abiding care but about reaching out to our people and community. Thoughts?

What's in a school kit?

A school kit is a cloth bag filled with notebooks, pencils, a ruler, colored pencils, an eraser, pens and a sharpener that gets sent to children in need all over the world. Our global partners are requesting school kits again this year, and we need your help filling these bags!

