

This Week

Today 9:25 am Choir rehearsal.
 9:30 am Adult Ed: *Blue Christmas; International stories.*
 10:15 am Children's Sunday School.
 11:00 am 3 Advent Worship; Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
 5:00 pm NPMC Christmas Dinner.
Monday 7:00 pm Board meeting; the Agenda and October approved
 minutes are posted on the bulletin board.

Coming Up

Next Sun. 9:25 am Choir rehearsal.
 9:30 am Adult Ed: *Blue Christmas; Liturgy of comfort and hope.*
 10:15 am Children's Sunday School.
 11:00 am 4 Advent Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking.
Dec. 24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.
Dec. 29 5:30 pm Pre New Year's Eve gathering and movie; please bring
 food to share.

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

December 15, 2019
Advent 3

Vol. LIV

11:00 a.m.

No. 50

Worship Leader: Ken Warkentin
 Accompaniment: Kathy Peters
 Choir Leader: Jordan Wiens
 Scripture Reader: Marie Guenther
 Greeters: Margaret & Bob Neufeldt
 Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp



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| Call to Worship | Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus | HWB No. 178 |
| Welcome and Announcements | | |
| Advent Candle Lighting | | The Gallen Family |
| Hymn | Hope Is A Candle | StS No. 15 |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp | | |
| | Stille Nacht | Choir |
| Joys & Concerns | | |
| Congregational Prayer | | |
| Children's Time | | |
| Offering | | |
| | Jesus Christ The Apple Tree | Choir |
| | Lo, How A Rose | |
| Scripture | | Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55 |
| Sermon | Magnificat Joy | Susanne Guenther Loewen |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending Hymn | Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee | HWB No. 182 |





Christmas Concerts

****Rosthern Junior College:** Concert #1: **December 18, 7:30 pm at Knox United Church.** Concert #2: **December 20, 7:00 pm at RJC.** Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

****Coro Nova** Christmas Concert on **December 21 at 7:00pm at Knox United Church.** Many of the singers are rooted in experiences at RJC, Sonrisa, and A Buncha Guys. Tickets \$10.00 at the door, Children are free.

****The Osler Choral Society** presents *Carols at the Barn: Cozy up for Christmas.* Christmas concert at the **Barn Playhouse on December 22 at 2:00 pm.** Tickets must be purchased in advance from the Barn Playhouse 306-239-4600.



Attention Knitters and Crocheters

Thank you for sharing your beautiful creations with us for the past two months. A new display will be going into the lounge at the end of December. **You may come to pick up your articles at your convenience starting today, December 15.** The containers for your articles will be placed in the library. If you come during work days please check with Helen to ensure that the lounge is available. Thanks, Hedio Borne

Mission in Perspective Course Jan 9 - April 12 -- Mission in Perspective is a Master's-level course exploring our place in mission--historically and locally, as colonial empires, oppressed minorities, and places in between. Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:45 pm at the MC Sask office with instructor Josh Wallace. Presented by CMU & MC Sask. Go to www.mcsask.ca/registrations for more info.

Save the Date: **Station 20 West --Supper and Silent Auction on January 25, 2020,** held at Cathedral of the Holy Family. For more information, call 306-343-9378

2020 Potlucks: January 12--Church Potluck January 19: Care Group 5

Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Fruit juice, Peanut butter

Third Advent Litany - Joy

We are all too familiar with sorrow.
Though loss and disappointment can seem like they have the last word, we light this third candle of joy.
Remind us, O God, that you take joy in us and we can find our joy in you.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see -- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10)

This is the last Sunday for our focus during Advent on EGADZ, an organization that benefits youth who are at risk.

Please bring toiletries, winter wear or baby items to church. We are looking for:
Deodorant (male and female), Toothbrushes/toothpaste and dental floss,
Toques, Gloves and Mini Mitts, Socks, Individually wrapped Christmas candy,
Baby receiving blankets, baby shampoo, lotion, baby bottles, thermometers,
baby wipes, baby bath towels, teething, baby nail clippers, soothers.

The children will collect the items during the offering and place them in the basket in the sanctuary.

MCC Connects: We are celebrating our 100th anniversary by creating comforters for the "Great Winter Warm-Up" on January 18, 2020 from 1:00-5:00 pm. Help us touch the lives of people in need while celebrating our anniversary. We're attempting to collect 6,500 comforters to deliver to people affected by conflict and disaster around the world. For more information on the event and the hosting locations, check out the website at greatwinterwarmup.ca or call the office at 306.665.2555.

MC Sask: Praying for Each Other: Please pray for **Fields of Hope Mennonite Church (Hoffnungsfelder)** as they face the challenges of members loss through a variety of reasons, including aging and people moving out of the community, and as they plan to live without a pastor. They are encouraged by the lay persons, volunteers and guest speakers that help them carry on.