

**NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
PASTORAL STAFF**

Susanne Guenther Loewen, Co-Pastor 306-716-7699
Patrick Preheim, Co-Pastor 306-955-2928
Sarah Unrau Youth Leader 306-291-8604

374-2144 e-mail:npmc@npmc.net web page:www.npmc.net

Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

**January 5, 2020
Epiphany**

Vol. LV **11:00 a.m.** No. 1

Worship Leaders: Susanne Guenther Loewen and Patrick Preheim
Accompaniment: Fern Stockdale Winder
Special Music: Rhonda Krahn, Jenna Zee
Greeters: Lil Bartel & Richard Penner
Ushers: Evelyn & Peter Epp

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Gloria

HWB No. 204

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Sung Response

Give peace to ev'ry heart

Give peace to ev'ry heart

Give peace, Lord. Give peace, Lord.

Readings

Today the Darkness by St. Gregory of Nyssa

What Fire Comes to Sing in You by Jan Richardson

Sung Response

Jubilate Deo omnis terra

HWB No. 103

Joys, Concerns, Congregational Prayer

Offering & Offertory

Children's Time

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-5; John 1:1-5

Meditation

Susanne Guenther Loewen

Service of Communion

Invitation and Prayer of Preparation

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread

Come And Fill Our Hearts

StJ No. 59

Concluding Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song

In The Lord

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices,

the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

This Week

Today 11:00 am Taize style Worship; Pastoral Staff offering readings on Epiphany; Communion.
Wed. 7:30 am Men's Breakfast; Grainfield's Restaurant, 8th Street.

Coming Up

Next Sun. 9:30 am Adult Ed: *Gardens and Cities: From Eden to the Environment. A Philosophy of Gardens--What is a garden? Is it part of a "good life"?* Facilitator -- Edna Froese.
10:15 am Children's Sunday School.
11:00 am Worship; Patrick Preheim and others speaking on the gift of giving.
Noon Potluck; A-H - bring a Casserole, help with clean up; I-Z - bring Salad and Dessert, help with set up.
Noon Service Group meeting in the East classroom to consider winter and spring projects.
Jan. 14 1:30 pm Women's Coffee & Conversation; lounge.
Jan. 15 7:00 pm Men's Study resumes.
Jan. 17 7:30 pm Musical Jam Session; lounge.
Jan. 19 Noon Care Group #5 lunch.

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.

~~~~~

## Announcements

**MC Sask: Praying for Each Other:** Pray for all the congregations of MC Sask that they may enter the New Year full of the promise given by the gift of God's son. Pray for our leaders; locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. As we start a new year may God guide them in the path of peace.

**MCC is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by creating comforters for the "Great Winter Warm-Up" on January 18, 2020 from 1:00-5:00 pm.** They are collecting 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](http://greatwinterwarmup.ca) or call the office at 306.665.2555.

**Every Brilliant Thing -- January 23-25 at The Refinery** 609 Dufferin Ave. Burnt Thicket Theatre's astonishing comedy about depression and cultivating joy is back! You're 7 years old. Mum's in hospital. She finds it hard to be happy. You start making a list of everything worth living for. You leave it on her pillow. You know she's read it because she's corrected your spelling. 20 years and thousands of things later, the list takes on a life of its own, exploring the lengths we go to for those we love. Tickets and details at [burntthicket.com](http://burntthicket.com).

### From Rosthern Junior College:

**RJC Open House & Friday Night Live - Friday, January 17** - Parents and students are invited to come learn about the RJC difference by attending our Open House and student coffeehouse, Friday Night Live. Enjoy a free dinner, interactive tour, and live entertainment by RJC students! Dinner & Tours @ 5:30 pm. Coffeehouse @ 7:00 pm. RSVP to Alex Tiessen at [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222.

**RJC Tournament of Memories - January 31-February 1** - Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Alumni, family and friends should register by January 27 by email ([deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com)) or phone (306-221-2846). Basketball games will be played Friday evening and Saturday. Hockey teams spanning many years will play together on Saturday at the RJC arena. A nutritious lunch will be served in the dining hall for all participants and spectators.

Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Canned vegetables, Flour, Rice

## Darkness and Light: An Epiphany Responsive Prayer

In the darkness before creation,  
you made all that lives and breathes.  
In the darkness of Mary's womb,  
you formed Jesus, bringer of light.  
In the darkness of our world your spirit sustains us.  
**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**  
Under the cover of darkness,  
Magi followed the star to the Christ-child.  
We come from the East and we come from the West,  
following you on our different roads,  
following the same star to the same place.  
**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**  
In the stillness of the dark,  
we pray for all who need God's presence in a special way—  
people who cannot find work,  
who cannot pay their bills,  
who have no place to live,  
people who are discouraged and hopeless,  
people who have become cynical and bitter.  
**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**  
We live in this world in our bodies,  
we rejoice in life and breath,  
yet when sickness or pain cripples us,  
we lose our bearings, we feel lost and bewildered.  
We need your presence to keep us safe.  
Be with those who are sick, especially \_\_\_\_\_.  
**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**  
Thank you for moments of inspiration,  
for moments of clear vision  
where we see who we are and who we are meant to be,  
where we see where we are, and where you want us to go.  
Give us courage to take the journey that you call us to,  
and give us strength on the road.  
**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**  
Your presence sustains us,  
help us to go from worship this morning,  
having seen your face,  
having done homage to your goodness,  
We are confident in the work you are doing  
in us and through us,  
for your kingdom come,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.