

The Reopening Committee met earlier this month to discuss some general guidelines for our NPMC community during the summer months. We think these protocols are both cautious and incremental, and we hope that it will make congregants feel comfortable as restrictions ease both inside and outside our church community. The following guidelines took effect July 11, 2021:

1. Masks will be required for any indoor gatherings, with the exception of one-on-one visits, where masking will be preferred, but ultimately at the discretion of both parties who are meeting.
2. Congregational singing will be permitted at worship services.
3. Group sizes at indoor worship services and outdoor gatherings will mirror one another, with gathering limits remaining at 60 for July, and rising incrementally by 10 each week for the month of August.
4. Most of the physical barriers and restrictions in the sanctuary (including rope across the pews, arrows on the floor, and mandatory entrances/exits) will be removed. We will open up the education wing for use during and following worship services. We hope that these measures will provide people with more options for distancing.
5. Food will not be served nor organized inside the church. For outdoor gatherings, people are permitted to bring their own food for consumption or food can be served to individuals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.
 Brent Guenther
 Chairperson, NPMC Board of Deacons

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, July 18 at 10:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream
Sunday, July 25 at 10:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream

Summer Hours
Worship Service will begin
at 10:00 am
July and August

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

July 18, 2021
10:00 am

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Denelda Fast
 Accompanist: Sharon Klassen
 Song Leader: Lynn Driedger
 Ushers: Maggie and Bob Neufeldt

Prelude		
Gathering Hymn	Praise with Joy the World's Creator	VT #428
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Centering Hymn	Calm Me Lord	StS #45
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Children's Time		Denelda
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn of Community	When We Must Bear Persistent Pain	VT #735
Scripture	Romans 14: 1-10 Acts 15: 12-21	
Sermon	To Mask or Not to Mask- that is the Question	Patrick
Hymn of Response	All who love and serve your city	HWB #417
Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Bless'd be the tie that binds	HWB #421

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## Announcements

As NPMC cautiously eases into reopening this summer, "**Parking Lot Picnics**" are being planned for July 25, August 8 & 22. Congregants who have registered for these Sunday worship services will be invited to bring their own bag lunch, beverage and lawn chair. A portion of the parking lot will be roped off in order to leave space for lawn chairs. Households are asked to socially distance from each other. We look forward to this first step towards sharing food together!

**MCC Connects:** The second season of MCC Saskatchewan's podcast "Reconcile. Everyday Conversations" now has a study guide to go along with your listening! This guide is for further reflection and discussion around reconciliation. Use it with a group of friends, a church group, a book club, or individually to dig deeper into your own perspective of reconciliation. Learn more: <https://mcccanada.ca/reconcile-everyday-conversations>

**Mega Menno Camp Day at Shekinah, Sunday, July 25, 3-8:30pm** – missing camp and friends?? Join us for a day of fun and food and hanging out with people **in person** at Shekinah! After much time apart, we're so excited to spend some time together in a camp setting, enjoying nature, playing games, and experiencing God's presence. Open to all youth going into grades 6-12 (grads also welcome!). Please RSVP to Kirsten, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca), so we can make sure to have enough food on hand and help coordinate rides if needed.

**August 1 Forest church at Shekinah 3:00pm.** The first Sunday of every month: outdoor worship with music, scripture, community, and the opportunity to encounter God in the beauty of creation. All are welcome.

**MC Sask Songfest of Thanks, Oct. 15-16, 2021, Rosthern Mennonite Church.** We continue to plan in hope and faith that we will be able to come together to give thanks and sing this fall, and are excited to announce **Duff Warkentin** as our Songfest Conductor and **Glenn Sawatzky** as accompanist. All Covid-19 regulations will be followed. Stay tuned to [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) for registration and further information in the fall. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca), with any questions.

**\*\*Shekinah is excited to announce that our Cabins-By-The-Pond have been renovated and are ready to be rented!** Enjoy a mixture of double beds, day beds, and bunk beds. Use our brand new countertop convection ovens, coffee makers, fridges, hotplates, etc. Get access to 287 acres of beauty. Relax on our Edison-light-lit decks to wind down for the night. Perhaps best of all, enjoy in-cabin composting toilets. No more late night jaunts to the outhouse! Call or email the office for availability and pricing.

**\*\*Save the Date: Shekinah Move-A-Thon, September 18<sup>th</sup>.** Follow us on: **Facebook** @Shekinah Summer Camp, **Instagram** @Shekinah\_Camps, and our website [www.shekinah.ca](http://www.shekinah.ca) for more fun and exciting information to come! Poster available at <https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/Events/final-move-a-thon-poster.pdf>

**NPMC Students:** The deadline for Post Secondary Bursaries will be extended to July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For a list of bursaries and the application form please check the website under Resources/Bursaries. Once completed, you can forward the application form to [npmc@npmc.net](mailto:npmc@npmc.net).

**Wildwood Mennonite Church invites applications for a half-time pastor!** The successful candidate will work closely with our current pastors and will focus their attention on the younger generations in our congregation - young adults, youth and young families! Learn more about us at <https://wildwoodmennonite.org/engage/hiring> and check out the job description here! We are very excited for this position and if you are too, please apply by the end of July. Ideal start date is fall 2021. Please email applications to Denise Martens [searchchair@wildwoodmennonite.org](mailto:searchchair@wildwoodmennonite.org) or to Ryan Siemens, MCSask Executive Minister [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca).

Rod Suderman, pastor at First Mennonite Church, is looking for a house-sitting opportunity (for himself) in Saskatoon from mid-August through to end of December, at which time he will move to join his spouse in BC. Would also welcome shorter periods of time within that time frame. If you have a possibility in mind, please contact Rod at [rodsuderman@gmail.com](mailto:rodsuderman@gmail.com) or at 306 514 2523.

### FINANCE UPDATE

After the first 6 months the total revenue is \$180,000, \$16,000 short of budget. Expenses are \$183,000, \$17,000 below budget, leaving a positive balance of about \$1,000. Also, the roof repairs have not started and we do not know the exact amount needed but we know it will be a lot. Thanks so much for all your giving to date.

### NPMC Staff Office Hours:

Susanne is away from the office on Thursdays.  
Patrick is away from the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
Gwen is in the office Monday – Friday from 1pm – 5 pm.

Susanne will be on holidays from July 12-25.