

*Coming Up*

Sunday, Dec 8 (Advent 2) at 9:40 am: Choir Rehearsal  
At 10:00 am: Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal  
at 11:00 am: Worship Service, Brent Guenther speaking  
Tuesday, Dec 10 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study  
Thursday, Dec 12 at 7:00 pm: Kids Club and Choir at Bethany Manor  
Sunday, Dec 15 (Advent 3) at 11:00 am: Worship Service, Luke Bushman speaking  
at 1:00 pm: Afternoon Dress Rehearsal  
at 5:00 pm: NPMC Christmas Banquet and Program



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory  
December 8, 2024 at 11:00 am**

**In Person and Online Worship Service**  
Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer  
Accompanist: Susan Ens Funk



**Advent 2**

**Do You Hear What I Hear**

**Said the night wind to the little lamb  
Do you see what I see?  
(Do you see what I see?)  
Way up in the sky, little lamb  
Do you see what I see?  
(Do you see what I see?)  
A star, a star, dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite  
With a tail as big as a kite**

**Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear?  
(Do you hear what I hear?)  
Ringin' through the sky, shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear?  
(Do you hear what I hear?)  
A song, a song high above the trees  
With a voice as big as the sea  
With a voice as big as the sea**

Prelude		
Welcome, Greetings, and Announcements		
Call to Worship	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	Choir
Lighting the Advent Candle		VT #916
Sung Response	Hope is a Candle	VT #211
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Hymn	Poor of the Earth	VT #213
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	Choir
With the Children		Brent Guenther
Children's Song	Do You Hear What I Hear	Jared Regier
Offering/ Offertory		
Scripture	Baruch 5: 1-9 Luke 3: 1-6	
Sermon		Brent Guenther
Hymn	People Look East	Choir
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Wisdom From on High is Dawning	VT #238

*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.*

## ***NPMC Announcements***

### **NPMC Financial Update**

<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$321,332	\$303,000	\$18,332
\$247,546	\$303,000	(\$55,454)
\$73,786	\$0	\$73,786

**These numbers are until the end of October.**

### **Dec 15: Please join family and friends at this years NPMC Christmas banquet!**

Doors open at 5:00pm Dinner at 5:30pm Christmas Program at 7:00pm.  
Please email Gwen at the church office if you would like to attend; or sign up in person at church. Sign up sheets are on the pillars in the front lobby. **Deadline to sign up is December 8<sup>th</sup>, today.** Bring a dessert to share with all your friends and family members. **Admission is FREE! Donations are WELCOME!**

### **We are looking for volunteers for the banquet including:**

- clean up - Dec. 15th from 7 - 9pm
- food packing and delivery - Dec. 15th 6:30 - 7:30

Please contact Tammy Forrester to assist: [tamaraforrester@icloud.com](mailto:tamaraforrester@icloud.com)

**If you are looking for a holiday outing,** Dean is Peter Pan at the Globe theatre in Regina. It's a fabulous show and it's held over till January 5! Lots of music and Dean brings much joy and fun to their role. If you have children in your life sphere, they would love it. If you decide to go, and you'd like to talk to Dean after the show, text them (or Fern) and they'll come out. Link for tickets here:

<https://tickets.globetheatrelive.com/TheatreManager/1/tmEvent/tmEvent1052.html>

**January 24th & 25th - CREATIVE COMMONS – NPMC** This retreat is for anyone and everyone and will take place in our education wing. It will run on Friday evening from 7:00PM to 9:30PM and Saturday from 9:00AM until 4:00PM. There is also a DROP IN option for those who would like to participate but are not available for the entire time. Register your name with Gwen or Anita and please pay your registration fee in cash at the event. There will be a fee of \$25.00 to cover Saturday lunch and snacks and any other costs incurred. REGISTRATION DEADLINE is January 22nd. If you have any questions, you can ask Fern, Denelda or Anita.

### **COLLECTION CORNER**

Young families and others are invited to bring a donation for EGADZ. Drop off box is in the foyer. Please bring your items by **mid January**. The Christmas wish list is: family size shampoo and lotion; body wash; travel size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash; hair brushes; deodorant; toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss; toques, gloves, mini mitts; socks. Thank-you!

## ***Community Announcements***

**Dec 8, today, at 2:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church: The Saskatoon Men's Chorus** is presenting its Christmas concert, "Winter Awakening". Tickets are available from Lynn Driedger or online. See poster in the Education Wing.

**Dec 8 at 7:00 pm: "All is well: Jesus is born!" Bethany chorus Christmas concert with Special Guests Michelle Busa & Crystal Dueck.** In the Bethany Manor Fellowship centre. Honorarium at the door.

**Dec 9 from 5-7 pm: RJC Dine & Donate in support of Good Neighbours Food Centre:** You're invited to a perogy & sausage supper prepared by the RJC kitchen staff in support of the Good Neighbours Food Centre in Rosthern. Admission is by donation and all proceeds raised will go directly to GNFC for Santa's toy shop and food aid for families in need during the Christmas season. The supper will take place in the RJC High School dining hall in our dormitory building. All are welcome!

**Dec 14 from 7-9 pm: The Youth Merry Mega Menno Christmas will be happening at Osler Mennonite Church.** Come out for a Christmas party with games, snacks, eggnog and prizes. Additional prizes will be awarded to whoever arrives in the most festive outfit for the evening. Email [oslermcpastor2@gmail.com](mailto:oslermcpastor2@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Dec 19 at 7:00 pm: RJC Christmas Concert:** You're invited to join us as we celebrate the Christmas season at RJC! Featuring performances by the RJC High School choirs and band, directed by Adelle Sawatzky. The concert will take place in the RJC Auditorium. Admission by donation. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Remember MC Sask in year-end giving** Through the fall, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Council and staff have met with most of our 21 congregations to learn about and discuss issues that are impacting our church today. These conversations have been valuable in deepening our connections with each other. As we work together to strengthen these bonds across our regional and nationwide churches, we invite you to support this important ministry. Please consider MC Sask in your year-end giving. Visit <http://mcsask.ca/donate/>. Thank you for being part of this journey!