

Coming Up

Sunday, February 18 at 11:00 am: **Worship Service**, speaker Patrick Preheim

Monday, February 19: Office will be closed in observance of Family Day stat

Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00 am: **Women's Bible Study Acts 15**

Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm: **Men's Group**
at 7:00 pm: **Youth at NPMC**

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 pm: **Kids Club and Choir**

Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 am: **Worship Service**, speaker Edna Froese



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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
February 18, 2024 at 11:00 am

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Patrick Preheim

Accompanist: Lynn Driedger

Ushers: Mitch and Bonnie Dahl

LENT 1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements, and Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship Psalm 63: 1-8

Hymn Comfort, Comfort, O My People VT #212

Service of Shadows

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn Between Darkness and Light VT #808

Children's Time The King who Banned the Dark

Children's Song Bonnie Dahl

Joys, Concerns and Congregational Prayer

Offering and Offertory

Scripture Mark 1: 9-13

Hymn The Glory of These Forty Days VT #305

Sermon Baptisms, Wilderness, Beasts, and Angels Patrick

Spoken Benediction

Sending Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk with Me VT #306

Postlude

KIDS CORNER

Sunday School Schedule- 10:00- 10:45 am

March 17 - Preparing for Palm Sunday Skit and Song

March 24 - Palm Sunday

April 21 - Preparing to help lead worship

April 28 - Practicing and leading our sections of the service

May 19 - Preparing to help lead worship

May 26 - Practicing and leading our sections of the service

June 23 - Preparing to help lead worship

June 30 - Practicing and leading our sections of the service

Feb 25: Winter Fun Day for all ages (see announcements)

Kids Club and Choir: Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Points of Progress

- 1) Ecuador returned a piece of the Amazon to the Siekopai people in a landmark court ruling. The November 2023 ruling marks the first time Ecuador has granted Indigenous ownership of conservation land, which may serve as a precedent of other Indigenous claims.
- 2) In Japan, to save an endangered butterfly, conservationists and a farming town are working to find balance between overuse and underuse of the environment. The Reverdin's blue butterfly, which had evolved to thrive amid human activity, declined as people left the countryside.
- 3) In the United States, scientists have figured out a way to break down the tough plastic in fishing nets. Dr. Ye and other chemists at Northwestern designed a lab reaction that breaks down nylon 6 to its basic, recyclable components, without leaving behind any toxic byproducts.

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

Lenten Resources: As we approach the Lenten season, there are some books on the back table in the foyer of *Daily Reflections for Lent*.

Tired of eating by yourself(selves)? Put "Fridays at the Froeses" on your calendar and call Don and Edna (306-374-2668 or ednafroese@gmail.com) by Thursday to claim your seat at the table. Door is open at 5:30 p.m., simple supper served at 6:00 p.m. Bring a contribution if you want to but it's not necessary. Yes, we are serious - EVERY Friday. Repeat visits are welcome; you might break bread with a new friend.

February 25: NPMC WINTER FUN DAY! Come out for an afternoon of winter fun! The festivities will begin immediately following worship. Bring your own lunch or bring hot dogs to roast over the parking lot fire. We will enjoy walking, cross-country skiing, tobogganing and skating in Harold Tatler Park (just steps from church), a parking lot shinny game and crokinole (or other board games) indoors. **There will also be horse drawn wagon rides from 1:00 to 2:00.** You can participate in one OR all of the activities! Hot chocolate, hot apple cider and popcorn/goodies will be provided (don't forget to bring your S'more ingredients if that's something you're craving!).

March 3: Patrick and Hyunjung are coordinating a **Korean BBQ lunch:** Those interested in going out to Jeju Korean BBQ (1527 Idylwyld Dr) following worship are welcome to register. We need to reserve tables. People pay their own. Please register through the office.

March 24: Please note that our Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place after our morning worship service. We are asking that congregants bring a bag lunch on that day so that we can enjoy a meal together and commence our meeting at 12:30 pm or as soon as we are all finished eating.

Community Announcements

February 19 - Mega Menno Winter Fun Day! Join us at Shekinah Retreat Centre for a day of fun in the snow. Come and go throughout the day, youth will meet around the picnic tables at lunch for a couple of special youth activities. Contact Kirsten, youthminister@mcsask.ca, for more details.

February 19: Shekinah Winter Family Fun Day, 11:00 a.m - 4:00: p.m. (See <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/events-archive/winter-family-fun-day> for details)

February 22: A quilt tying morning is happening at NPMC from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. This is in response to MCC's request for more quilts (comforters). We invite you to join us for this "Great Winter Warm-up" event. No experience is needed. Coffee and fellowship included.

February 29: CommonWord Virtual Launch. An evening with Sandy Plett, Jonathan Seiling, Matthew Braun, Carolyn Kolm, Leah Reesor Keller and friends **on Feb 29 at 7:30 pm hosted on Zoom.** Join several of the curators of a new collection designed to help the generations walk together in facing the climate crisis with hope. To Register, check out the poster for the QR code.

March 8 & 9: MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake, SK: A working copy of the report book is now available and Registration is open! Everyone is invited to the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions on March 8 & 9 at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake, SK. We will be exploring the theme of Rekindling Relationship. Go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/11596> for details and to register!

March 10: RJC Songs & Sweets at 7:00pm: Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at Songs & Sweets: A fundraising concert and cake auction at RJC High School. Featuring performances by RJC Singers & Bass Choir, RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, with special guests Elixir Ensemble: chamber music for piano & strings. The evening will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery. **YOU are invited to sing in the alumni & friends choir.** One rehearsal will take place at RJC the afternoon before the event on March 10. Email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca if you would like to participate in the choir. Rush table seating, no tickets required. More information available at rjc.sk.ca/sweets.

MCC Connects: Experience the joy of giving this winter! Join MCC in spreading warmth and comfort by contributing a handmade comforter. Our goal is to donate 7,000 blankets to countries including Iraq, Syria, and Ukraine by February 29. Be a part of the Great Winter Warm-Up and make a difference! Please visit this link for more details: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up>

MCC Connects: Join MCCS for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to learn peace practices for everyday life. This month, Training Active Bystanders (TAB) will be facilitated on Tuesday, February 27 from 7-9 pm at the Main Office. All are welcome to experience a training that helps participants interrupt harm-doing to help people in need. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/transformation-tuesdays>

*The visuals this morning are courtesy of the children of our congregation