

Coming Up

Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 am: **Worship Service**, speaker Edna Froese
 At 1:00 pm: **Family Winter Fun Day**
 Monday, February 26 at 7:00 pm: **Board Meeting**
 Tuesday, February 27 at 10:00 am: **Women's Bible Study**
 Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm: **Men's Group** (A Lenten study by Richard Rohr)
 at 7:00 pm: **Youth at NPMC**
 Thursday, February 29 at 7:00 pm: **Kids Club and Choir**
 Sunday, March 3 at 11:00 am: **Worship Service**, speaker Charlie Clark



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
 February 25, 2024 at 11:00 am**

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service
 Worship Leader: Brent Guenther
 Accompanist: Fern Stockdale
 Ushers: Anita Retzlaff and Ken Warkentin

LENT 2

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Invocation		
Hymn	We Sing to You, O God	VT #80
Service of Shadows		Brent and Anna
Hymn of Response	Between Darkness and Light	VT #808
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Children's Time		Brent
Children's Song		see insert
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	VT #156
Offering and Offertory		
Scripture	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Romans 4: 13-25	
Sermon	A Story and... an Argument	Edna Froese
Hymn of Response	Lead On, O Cloud of Presence	VT #194
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	You Shall Go Out with Joy	VT #847
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

Kids Club and Choir: Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Points of Progress

- Canada:** A Vancouver neighbourhood is harnessing heat from wastewater to sustainably warm buildings. The False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility was the first in North America to recover heat from untreated sewage. The heated water is channeled back through a thermal grid of pipes, providing heat for buildings and 6,210 apartments, including the former Olympic Village.
- World:** Teaching positive psychology in schools may boost student well being. Positive psychology took shape when researchers began to study happiness instead of sadness in the 1990's.
- United States:** The University of Arizona is training more Indigenous teachers to expand their representation in elementary classrooms. Educators and students say that the 19th and 20th century history of Indigenous students' indoctrination in boarding schools is a source of apprehension over higher education, and many potential students have social and familial responsibilities in their home communities.

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 journey through the Lenten season, there are resources on the back table in the foyer of *Daily Reflections for Lent*.

Charitable Tax Receipts: The charitable tax receipts have now been printed and placed in the mailboxes. Please contact Gwen in the office if you would like it mailed to you.

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.

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 27, 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room in basement of Frances Morrison Library: Forests- The Understory is the Story. This is part of the Sustainability Speakers Series. Doug Racine, a resident of northern Saskatchewan, challenges the forest industry perspectives on clear cutting in the boreal forest. Doug is a Metis lawyer, and he has experienced the consultations associated with logging.

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 1 at 2:00 pm: World Day of Prayer 2024. Please join us for World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience of experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine. For more information, please see the poster in the education wing.

March 3: 3pm Forest church at Shekinah explores themes of Lent in outdoor worship with guidance from Ric Driediger. All are welcome!

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!

Mar 8-9: SMYO @ ADS: Are you in grades 10-12, and interested in getting more involved in the church, developing your leadership skills, and having an all-around pretty great time while you're at it?? Then this weekend is for you! Join us at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake for all or part of the weekend, rides provided. Registration deadline: March 1. Visit www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry, or contact youthminister@mcsask.ca for more information.

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: Are you curious about how MCC helps refugees with our refugee sponsorship program? Listen to our podcast *How Do I Sponsor a Refugee?* You can tune in on either Spotify or Apple Podcasts to hear about the experience of bringing people to Canada and how they are supported and empowered in their first year here.

The Shekinah board is pleased to announce that Sharon Murugiah will be starting as permanent full time Executive Director on March 4. Sharon worked for many years in Sri Lanka with World Vision's child sponsorship program. He has an MBA, a Project Management certificate and a diploma in IT networking. His skills will be well used at Shekinah. We are grateful for this answer to prayer. Please join the board in welcoming and supporting Sharon to this important role in our church community.

Magic Penny

(New verses added last Sunday)

Smiles are something if you give them away,
give them away, give them away. Smiles are
something if you give them away, you end up
having more.

Hugs are something....

Handshakes are something...

Love is something... (to chorus)

Chorus:

It's just like a magic penny.

Hold it tight and you won't have any.

Lend it spend it and you'll have so many, they'll
roll all over the floor.