

Coming Up

Sunday, Feb 9 at 11:00 am: Worship Service, Don Klaassen speaking
at 12:00 pm: Special Meeting of the congregation called by the
Board of Deacons followed by coffeetime in the education wing
Tuesday, Feb 11 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Feb 12 at 7:00 pm: Men's Group
Thursday, Feb 13 at 7:00 pm: Kids Club and Choir
Sunday, Feb 16 at 11:00 am: Worship Service, Ed Olfert speaking



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
February 9, 2025 at 11:00 am**

In Person and Online Worship Service
Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanist: Susan Ens Funk
Ushers: Eric Neufeld and Evelyn Roden

Points of Progress

Germany: Frankfurt's new master plan takes wind patterns into account to combat excessive heat. A city climate atlas has mapped hot spots and air corridors to show areas that should be kept free of buildings, so that cooling air from three major wind systems can flow through.
Greece: Loggerhead sea turtle nests have reached record numbers. Conservationists have been tracking hatchlings, once on the verge of extinction 25 years ago. The success comes following 25 years of conservation measures, including preserving vital beach habitats from threats such as speedboats and tourism.

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| Welcome, Greetings, and Announcements | | |
| Hymn of Praise | We Praise, O God, Our Redeemer | VT #34 |
| Lighting the Peace Lamp | | |
| Offering and Offertory | | |
| Confession and Affirmation | | VT #921 |
| Hymn | How Many Times We Start Again | VT #553 |
| Joys and Concerns | | |
| Congregational Prayer | | |
| Hymn | Heart With Loving Heart United | VT #813 |
| Time with the Children | | |
| Children's Song | Love, Love, Love | Bonnie Dahl |
| Scripture Reading | Genesis 25: 29-34 | |
| | Hebrews 12: 1-2 | |
| Sermon | Anabaptism 500: Posthumous of Walter Klaassen | |
| | | Don Klaassen |
| Hymn | Faith Begins By Letting Go | VT #585 |
| Benediction | | |
| Sending Hymn | We Are People Of God's Peace | VT #797 |

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Nutana Park Mennonite Church Board of Deacons is calling a special meeting of the congregation for February 9th, **today**, immediately following worship to affirm or not affirm Board intentions of forming a pastoral search committee. There will be a coffeetime after in the education wing.

Charitable Tax Receipts: The charitable tax receipts for 2024 have been printed and placed in mailboxes. If you would like yours mailed to you, please contact Gwen in the office.

Calling all NPMC Singers: If you are interested in singing in a "Pop-up choir" to lead Sunday morning hymn singing, please join us on **February 9, today, and March 9 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary** to review the hymns for that morning. The "Pop-up choir" will lead the hymn singing on each of those Sundays.

Feb 20: There will be a Quilting Bee at Nutana Park Mennonite Church on Thursday, Feb 20 from 9:00 am to noon as part of MCC's Winter Warm Up promotion. This event is coordinated by the First Mennonite Church Comfort Making group. Come for the fellowship as well as the work. No quilting experience is needed. Both men and women are welcome. Coffee will be provided.

Sunday, February 23: Winter Fun Day at NPMC - Come out for an afternoon of winter fun! We will enjoy a wiener roast after church along with winter activities both inside and outside. Outdoor: Fire pit for roasting hot dogs and having s'mores, along with a parking lot shinny game and activities. Bring gear for cross-country skiing, tobogganing, snowshoeing and skating in Harold Tatler Park (just steps from church). Inside: Enjoy crokinole and other board games. You can participate in one OR all of these activities! Hot chocolate and hot apple cider and popcorn/goodies and condiments for hot dogs will be provided. Please bring hot dogs, buns, roasting sticks, and s'more ingredients for your family and indoor games to play with others.

Conference and Community Events

February 14 – Please join us for our Hearts for Refugees fundraising dinner at Eigenheim Mennonite Church (8 kms west of Rosthern on Hwy 312). Two seatings: 5:00 pm or 6:30 pm. RSVP by phone or text: (306) 232-7447. Admission by donation.

Feb 15 from 10 am – 12 pm: Wildlife Tracking @ Beaver Creek Conservation Area
Learn to help identify and track the health of our valley in the winter months - Tracking with us can do a lot of good, for both the well-being of the valley, and the knowledge within our community! We'll begin with getting some info from one of Meewasin's team members inside the theatre in the interpretive center before heading out on the trail to sample some data alongside Meewasin team members. We head back to the theatre

after our hike to add notes to our data. Click the link for more info: [February 15, 2025 - Wild Life Tracking - An Orientation @ Beaver Creek \(10:00 AM - 12:00 PM\)](#)

Feb 17, 1-4 pm: Family Day Skate at Cosmo Civic Centre (3130 Laurier Drive): Bring your skates and safety gear and enjoy an afternoon of fun with your family! Participants under the age of 6 must be always accompanied by a parent/ guardian while on the ice. Non-skating activities will be offered in the gym including martial arts, arts and crafts and face painting. Free hot chocolate will be available.

February 17, 11 am-4 pm: Shekinah Winter Family Fun Day: Tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating and broomball. Bring a lunch and join us in the chalet for hot chocolate!

March 5 at 6:00 pm: RJC Grade 9 Open House: Are you a Grade 8 student or parent transitioning to Grade 9? If so, this event is for you! Come to RJC's Grade 9 Open House to learn about our Grade 9 GROW program and the unique opportunities you can find at RJC! Register for the Grade 9 Open House at rjc.sk.ca.

March 9 at 2:00 pm: RJC Songs & Sweets: We invite supporters, alumni and friends to help us to celebrate the legacy of music and generosity with the RJC community at Songs & Sweets: A Fundraising Concert & Cake Auction. The afternoon will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery, and feature performances by RJC Singers, Nutana Park Church Kids' Club & Choir and North Sky Chorale. Please RSVP for the event at (306) 232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca. We hope you join us for this lively & fun-filled fundraising event!

MCC Connects: Join us for The Great Winter Warm-up as we send warmth and comfort in the form of blankets to people experiencing conflict and disaster around the world. You can donate towards the cost of comforter supplies or make your own comforter! Please visit this link for more details: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up>

Join the MC Canada Solar Panel Panel. [not a typo] Join the nationwide conversation between congregations with solar panels and those who are thinking about it via Zoom, April 26, 7:00-8:30 pm CST. Email Sandy Plett sandyplett@gmail.com to register and receive a Zoom link.

Financial Summary 2024

| | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Donations/other income | \$394,100 | \$363,600 | 30,500.29 |
| Expenses | \$343,844 | \$363,600 | (19,755.99) |
| Surplus (shortfall) | \$50,256 | - | 50,256.28 |

February Food Bank Collection focus: Formula and Baby Food

The following brands of **infant formula** are approved by Health Canada and can be found in your grocery stores and drug stores. Prices range from \$36.00 - \$50.00 for various brands of Infant Formula products. All of the Infant Formula products listed below come in a variety of formulations that address the many issues babies sometimes have such as allergies.

Similac - Comes in powder, ready to use, concentrated liquid formats

Kirkland - Purchased at Costco and usually in a package of two so a bit more money.

Good Start - powder, ready to use, concentrated liquid

Parent's Choice - powder formation only

Enfamil A+ - Comes in powder, ready to use, and concentrated liquid.

Baby food is much lower - \$5.00-\$15.00 depending on the product.

Baby Gourmet Organics - cereals, fruits, and vegetables

Gerber - cereals, various snack (for little fingers)

Parent's Choice Organic - many fruits and vegetable blends

President's Choice - cereals, fruits and vegetables