

## Coming Up This Week

**Sunday, Mar 26 at 9:30 am:** Choir in the sanctuary  
At 10:15 am: Children's Palm Sunday Skit Rehearsal  
at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream  
at 12:00 pm: Potluck lunch  
at 1:30 pm: Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, Mar 28 at 10:00 am:** Women's Bible Study, John 20

**Wednesday, Mar 29 at 7:00 pm:** Men's Group in lounge (Despair and Loneliness)

**Thursday, Mar 30: at 7:00 pm** Kids' Club and Choir Showcase

**Friday, Mar 31 at 7:00 pm:** Youth's Choice at NPMC

**Sunday, Apr 2 at 9:30 am:** Choir in the sanctuary  
at 10:15 am: Children's Palm Sunday Skit Rehearsal  
at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream

My (Lori Weiler-Thiessen's) friend Khatoun and I are working to bring her sister Somaya and her family to Canada. Somaya, her husband and their six children were forced to flee the war in Syria, and have been in a refugee camp in Beirut Lebanon for many years. They face harsh conditions, racism, inadequate food, no education for the children, no employment for the parents and inadequate medical care.

They have been approved by MCC and their application is progressing through the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada process.

There is a great need for contributions toward their support. If you are able to help please go to: [donate.mcccanada.ca/registry/team-somaya](https://donate.mcccanada.ca/registry/team-somaya) to donate.

Please contact Lori: 306-933-0285 or [loriwt60@gmail.com](mailto:loriwt60@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

Thank you very much, Lori and Khatoun

**March 26 (today) AGM potluck:** There will be a quick potluck after the church service and before the AGM. Please keep things simple by bringing finger foods.

- A-H Raw Veggies and Dessert (help with clean-up)
- I-Z Sandwiches (help with set-up)

*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.*



### PASTORAL STAFF

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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory  
March 26, 2023 at 11:00 am**

**In Person and Live Stream Worship Service**  
Worship Leader: Denelda Fast  
Accompanist: Musica Tribus  
Ushers: Geraldine Balzer and Gordon Peters

### Lent 5

Prelude		
Gathering Hymn	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	VT #606
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Service of Shadows		
Childrens Time		Luke Bushman
Song	Gott ist die Liebe (V1 in German)	VT #158
Joys and Concerns		
Peace Lamp Lighting		
Prayer		
Hymn	There is a Balm in Gilead	VT #647
Scripture	Numbers 21: 4-9 John 3: 14-17	
Sermon	Of Snakes and Saviours	Patrick Preheim
Hymn of Response	In your Sickness	VT #607
Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Move in Our Midst	VT #827

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### *NPMC Announcements*

**Annual General Meeting will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup> (today) at 1:30 PM.** If you have any questions about this planned meeting, you are invited to contact Bob Neufeldt (Chair) or any member of the Board of Deacons.

**Come sing with us!** Tristan Brenneman is directing a church choir to sing on Easter Sunday. All levels of experience are welcome. Rehearsals are 9:30am Sunday mornings. Come with your voices warmed up and ready to sing. If you come a few minutes early, we might even be able to do a few warm ups together.

**DIRECTORY UPATE!** The second round of printing has now been completed. If you requested a hard copy, please stop by the office and pick one up. At the same time, we updated most of the pages that have had changes since our first printing in the fall. If you received a directory from the initial round of printing, please pick up one "package" of changes to be inserted into your current hard copy. These packages are on the table below the mailboxes. Also on the table is a paper with the heading DIRECTORY UPDATES. Please add your name to this list when you pick up your inserts. The updated digital directory will be sent out next week. It has been decided to just email it to everyone. If you do not want to deal with it, please delete it.

The Sunday School children will be performing a song and skit for Palm Sunday worship (April 2). **Please note two rehearsals: March 26 (today) at 9:45 am and April 2 at 10:15 am.**

**March 26, (today) at 3:30 pm:** Lorene Nickel and Kathy Peters will be playing at the Mennonite Concerto on two pianos at the Friendship Centre at Bethany Manor. Duff will be leading audience singing. All are welcome to attend.

**March 30 at 7 p.m. at NPMC** - All are welcome to the Kids' Club & Choir Showcase! The kids are excited to show what they've learned this year in Kids' Club & Choir as we wrap up. The choir will sing for us, several of the kids will share about their experiences, and we will end with some refreshments prepared by the kids and others.

**Men's Breakfast: On April 5th (Wednesday) at 8:00 am** the men's breakfast will give the Coachman in Market Mall a try as a venue for their gathering. Hopefully this will alleviate some of the transportation issues which have arisen since work began on the 42nd street bridge.

**Sunday, April 9 at 9:30 am** -- Easter Brunch: Please bring Easter baking, cheese and fruit. Volunteers are invited to help clean up afterwards.

### *Community Announcements*

**March 26 (today) at 7-9 pm** at Lakeview Free Methodist Church (19 Glazier RD). Join MCCSK, Lakeview Free Methodist Church and other who are involved with refugees or interested in increasing their understanding and empathy for a **forced to flee**

**simulation exercise.** This simulation is meant to help participants begin to understand what people go through when fleeing persecution (but carefully done so as not to cause trauma...).

**April 1, 5-7 pm: Camp Elim Perogy Supper Fundraiser** at Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current. Adults \$20, Children 7 & under \$10. Proceeds toward Tabernacle Flooring Project.

**April 1: Bridging Us: A Learning Party is being co-hosted by MCC-SK and New Leaf Network on Saturday, April 1 from 9 am - 3 pm.** Join us as we explore how we move toward more "us" in our life in a world where there is always a "them". We'll hear from several speakers, including Randy Klassen from MCC-SK and Lloyd Letkeman from MB Multiply, about how they are working to build connections in communities and churches. In person \$35 (lunch included) and online \$20. Please visit this link to register: <https://www.newleafnetwork.ca/events/bridgingus>

**April 2 - Forest church outdoor worship at Shekinah 3:00 pm.** Zac Schellenberg will take the lead as we embrace the coming spring! All are welcome.

**April 14-15, 8:30 am-4:30 pm** - Have you encountered someone experiencing a mental health crisis? What did you do? Did you feel confused, uncomfortable or ill-prepared? With mental health first aid training, you can have the knowledge and tools to help. Lorraine Harder, an educator and mental health nurse, is offering a two-day training session in Mental Health First Aid and has several spots still available. It will take place at Wildwood Mennonite Church, and the cost is \$200 per person. Bring your own lunch. Please contact Joe Heikman at Wildwood to register (306-373-2126).

**Save the date!** MCC-SK's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 17 at Forest Grove Community Church.**

**For this year's Relief Sale Festival, we are currently accepting items to be donated for the online auction, which runs from June 7-17.** These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, and gardening equipment. To donate, please contact us at 306-665-2555 or visit [www.mccskreliefsale.com](http://www.mccskreliefsale.com) for more details.

**Spring is almost here! Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for seasonal workers:** spring school group programmers, spring/summer maintenance workers, and summer camp counsellors. Please visit [shekinah.ca/jobs](http://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information.

**MDS was in Cape Breton last fall doing clean-up following the storm.** Working with its partner, the United Way of Cape Breton, MDS has gone back in 2023 to repair homes damaged by the hurricane. Over 200 people have already signed up to volunteer from March to October. More are needed! Those who want to serve can contact Clara Flores at [cflores@mds.org](mailto:cflores@mds.org) or visit [www.mds.org](http://www.mds.org). Travel subsidies are available.