

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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November 15, 2015
Child Dedication

Vol. L **11:00 a.m.** No. 44

Worship Leaders: Anita Retzlaff and Patrick Preheim
Accompanists: Susan Ens Funk, Charlene Sorensen
Song Leader: Lynn Driedger
Greeters: Lydia & Peter Schroeder
Ushers: Hedio & Ross Borne

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Prelude  
Greetings and Announcements  
Call to Worship **Sing to God** Choir  
Invocation  
Hymn **Let's Sing Unto the Lord** HWB No. 55  
Lighting of the Peace Lamp  
**Let the Children Come to Me** Choir  
Scripture Mark 10: 13-16  
Children's Time/Song **I've Got Peace Like a River**  
*Child care is provided for young children*  
Offering  
Joys and Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
**Children of the Heavenly Father** Choir  
Child Blessing/Parents' Sharing  
Congregational Response  
Hymn **Lord, We Bring to You Our Children** StJ No. 90  
Benediction  
Sending Hymn **Go, My Children** HWB No. 433

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Spotlight on Community Life

When we think about living at peace we ask how we can make a difference in making peace? Peace is a verb and a noun. We can live at peace and we can also make it happen. Let us use love as the transport in ourselves and to those around as we strive to be at peace with all and make peace happen. Just look for the miracle and be a part of it.

Spotlight on Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

The MCSask Ad hoc Committee on Same-Sex Marriage has begun its work of listening and guiding MCSask congregations in their discernment around same-sex marriage. The committee will be helping our congregations listen and talk to one another, seeking greater understanding of one another and a richer communion. Please talk and share with the committee members made up of Josh Wallace, Cheryl Woelk, Curtis Wiens, Andrew Waithe, Terry Stefaniuk, Frieda Rempel, Armin Krahn, Bruce Jantzen, Craig Friesen.

This Week

- Today** **8:55 am** Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
9:45 am Adult Ed: *What and how shall I tell my family and friends?*
11:00 am Worship; Child Dedication.
 No Creative church activity today – everyone is participating in worship. Check children’s activity bag for a special take-home sheet.
Noon Care Group 4 -- visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
2:00 pm Classical Music Concert at NPMC featuring a variety of musical instruments and vocalists/artists performing. Please bring a plate of dainties for refreshments following the concert; an offering to be taken for RJC.
- Monday** **2:00 pm** Ecumenical Bible Study.
7:30 pm Board meeting -- the agenda and September approved minutes are posted on “Our Church” bulletin board.
- Tuesday** **10:00 am** Women’s Bible Study.
- Sat. 10:00 am-3:00 pm** Youth will be babysitting young children at the church. Please pack a bag lunch for your child as well as clothing suitable for outdoor activities.
7:00 pm Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Relief Sale Fund raising concert at NPMC. Enjoy the musical stylings of the Saskatune Singers and Sparky & the Plugs. Admission is free. Donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt.

Coming Up

- Next Sun.** **8:55 am** Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
9:45 am Adult Ed: *What should I do to put my house in order?*
11:00 am Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking; In Memoriam Sunday; Communion.

Nov. 24 **Rosthern Junior College fundraiser** at Bethany Manor; Kielke & Sausage dinner. First seating is **4:30pm** for residents & guests; Second seating is **6:30pm** for everyone else. Donations over \$10/person will be receipted.

Nov. 27, 28, 29 7:00pm **Theatre of the Beat presents** *This Will Lead to Dancing* - A play about wholeness, belonging, and LGBTQ inclusion; Wildwood Mennonite Church. Doors open at 6:30. Admission is by donation (\$15/person suggested). For more info visit www.theatreofthebeat.ca.

Nov. 28 10am-3:00pm You are invited to a free Come and Go **Nativity Display Open House** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1405-31st St. W. View dozens of nativity scenes, hear Christmas music and eat some goodies. There will be cookie decorating for the youth and young at heart. Everyone is welcome.

Dec. 2 7:30 pm **Candle Light Service** at **Knox United Church**; light a “Memorial Candle” and place a ribbon on the “Tree of Remembrance” in memory of your loved ones.

Dec. 4, 12 7:30 pm **A Buncha Guys** Christmas Concerts with the Friesen Family Band – **Fri. Dec. 4 7:30 pm** at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. **Sat. Dec. 12 7:30 pm** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 each—from McNally Robinson Book Sellers, any of the Guys, or at the door. An offering will be taken for Shekinah Retreat Centre.

Dec. 6 2:30 pm The **Saskatoon Men’s Chorus** will be presenting its Advent Concert, *Carols Everywhere* at Grace Westminster United Church. General admission is \$20, seniors and students \$15, and free for children under 12. Guest musicians are Louella Friesen and Audrey Falk Janzen. See Lynn Driedger for tickets.

Dec. 19 7:30 pm **Station Singers** presents *Sing We Now of Christmas* at Station Arts Centre, Rosthern. Tickets (\$20 adults, \$10 students, \$5--12 & under) from Station Arts.

Dec. 20 4:30 pm **Christmas Banquet** at **NPMC** - Social at 4:30 pm, supper at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$20-18 yrs & up; \$10-ages 10-17; Free-10 & under. Sign up in foyer by Dec. 10.



Barbara and Jake Ens are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a come and go tea on Saturday, November 28th from 2:00-5:00 pm here at NPMC. There will be a short program at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome.

“Creative Church” is an intergenerational, multisensory, participatory worship alternative to the formal sermon during the second half of our worship service. Anyone, ages 4 to 94 is invited to participate.

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.

Mark 10:13-16

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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Intergenerational Activity Nights

December Theme – Christmas . Sign-up sheet in the Education Wing. Possible nights are Wednesday or Thursday. The event will be on the same night each week. Registration deadline is November 20 for the entire series. Indicate if you need to miss a week. No cost, no take homes.

- Week 1 Create decorations for church Christmas banquet on Dec. 20.
- Week 2 Create a Christmas production to include in the choir Christmas program on Dec. 13. Young Families – sign up and be part of this program.
- Week 3 Baking treats to share at the Christmas banquet on Dec. 20.

Care Groups: November 22 -- Group 1, November 29 -- Group 5

I’ve Got Peace Like a River

I’ve got peace like a river . . .
I’ve got love like an ocean . . .
I’ve got joy like a fountain . . .

Saskatoon Food Bank: Fruit juice; peanut butter

Congregation - You have offered your children to the strong and tender care of God, our Shepherd and Friend. We have heard your promises. We, too, promise to share in their nurture and wellbeing. We promise to pray for their needs and for your needs as families. We earnestly pray that the life and witness of each of us will make your task both joyful and fruitful.

Announcements

Christmas Collection for the Lighthouse:

In addition to collecting items for EGADZ we will also collect items for the Lighthouse. They need **socks, underwear, mitts, toques** and **jackets** for both men and women. They also appreciate **cash donations** to give Christmas presents to everyone at the Lighthouse. Our final day of collection will be our Church Christmas Banquet on December 20.

EGADZ Christmas Wish List: EGADZ is hosting a Christmas party and giving every child/youth a stocking filled with gifts. They ask for help with the gift list: **toques, gloves, mini mitts, deodorant, razors, toothbrush/toothpaste, dental floss, boxers, socks, etc.** Please help if you can - poster in ed. wing.

We have a request for empty toilet paper rolls (at least 100) for a Christmas craft that is happening in December; a collection box is under the mailboxes.



From Earthkeepers: The Saskatoon CarShare Cooperative makes it possible for residents of Saskatoon to book and access a car when needed, and avoid the environmental cost of vehicle ownership. Find out more by searching "carshare" at the EcoFriendly Sask Website.

MCC Connects: November 15 - 22 is National Restorative Justice Week. You are invited to an open house hosted by the Saskatchewan Restorative Justice Network (an MCC partner) at the Saskatoon Police Station on Tuesday, November 17, from 1:00-5:30 pm. Presentations will showcase agencies who work primarily with offenders and ex-offenders. For more information, please contact Randy Klassen at RandyKlassen@mccsk.ca or 306-665-2555.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church is looking to hire an interim **Youth Leader** to cover a maternity leave starting February 16, 2016. This half time position would include work with youth in grades 7-12. Interested individuals can email resumes to Helen at npmc@npmc.net by December 1st, 2015. Those invited for interviews will be contacted by December 7th, 2015.

Ronald McDonald House Gift Wrap Program needs volunteers to help wrap gifts at Midtown Plaza from November 27 to December 24. Sign up by contacting Marlene Froese at 306-668-4793 or dmfroese@sasktel.net.

Stories of Peace: You are invited to Bethany Manor today at 2:30 pm to hear 4 stories of peace by Walter Klaassen, Mae Poppoff, Leonard Doell, and Lyle Stucky. Sponsored by Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan.

The Bridge invites us to a seminar called “Evangelicals Understanding Catholicism” by Pastor Harry Strauss. Nov. 20, 7-9pm; Nov. 21, 9-Noon. Held at The Bridge interim Location -- 919 20th Street W.