

**NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

**April 7, 2019
Lent 5**

Vol. LIV

11:00 a.m.

No. 14

Worship Leader: Ken Warkentin
Accompanist: Teresa Koop-Hunter
Greeters: Donna & Ernie Epp
Ushers: Betty Brown and Betty Epp

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| Welcome and Announcements   |                                          |                            |
| Call to Worship             |                                          |                            |
| Gathering Hymn              | <b>Jesus, Stand Among Us</b>             | HWB No. 25                 |
| Offering and Offertory      |                                          |                            |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp  |                                          |                            |
| Time of Silence             |                                          |                            |
| Service of Shadows (insert) |                                          | Edith & Armin Krahn        |
| Joys and Concerns           |                                          |                            |
| Congregational Prayer       |                                          |                            |
| Hymn                        | <b>What Wondrous Love Is This</b>        | HWB No. 530                |
| Children's Time             |                                          |                            |
| Hymn                        | <b>Wehrlos Und Verlassen</b> (English)   | StJ No. 93                 |
| Scripture                   |                                          | Psalm 90<br>Romans 8:35-39 |
| Sermon                      | <b>Naming Our Fears: Aging and Death</b> | Susanne<br>Guenther Loewen |
| Sending Hymn                | <b>Don't Be Afraid</b>                   | StJ No. 105                |
| Benediction                 |                                          |                            |

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*Lent 5
Naming Our Fears: Aging and Death*

Spotlight by Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)

Last Monday, we welcomed Rachele Friesen, Canada Coordinator of CPT, to lead us in a workshop on White Privilege and Holding Your Loved Ones Accountable. CPT builds partnerships to transform violence and oppression in Colombia, Iraqi Kurdistan, Palestine, Lesvos, and here, on Turtle Island (North America). In partnership with grassroots initiatives, CPT strives to transform structures of domination and oppression and embody creative non-violence and liberating love.

To donate to this transformative work, visit: <https://www.cpt.org/donate>.

This Week

- Today**
- 9:30 am **Choir rehearsal.**
 - 9:30 am **Adult Ed:** *Lent as preparation for entering the Paschal Mystery of Easter.* Our guest is Simon Lasair, CASC Certified Spiritual Care Practitioner.
 - 10:15 am **Children's Sunday School.**
 - 11:00 am **Lent 5 Worship;** Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
 - Noon **Service meeting.**
 - Noon **Care Group #2 lunch;** visitors are welcome to join us.
 - 2:30 pm **Saskatoon Men's Chorus Spring Concert;** Grace Westminster United Church.
 - 2:30 pm **Rosthern Junior College Spring Choir Concert;** gym. Performances by Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir.
- Monday**
- 2:00 pm **Ecumenical Bible Study;** lounge.
- Tuesday**
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study,** lounge.
 - 1:30 pm **Women's Coffee & Conversation;** lounge.
- Wed.**
- 7:30 am **Men's Breakfast;** Grainfield's Restaurant, 8th Street.
 - 8:15 am **Ecumenical Lenten Services** at St. Philip Neri RC church, followed by breakfast. Service by St. Martin's United.
- Friday**
- 7:00 pm **Men's Study:** Reimagining God the Jesus Way.
 - 7:30 pm **Station Singers Spring Concert.** Station Arts Centre, Rosthern.

Coming Up

- Next Sun.**
- 9:30 am **Choir rehearsal.**
 - 9:30 am **Adult Ed:** *Lent as a time of growth and new challenges.* Facilitator is Rachel Regier.
 - 10:15 am **Children's Sunday School.**
 - 11:00 am **Palm Sunday Worship;** our guest is Heather Driedger from Parkland Restorative Justice.
- Next Sun.**
- 7:30 pm **Station Singers Spring Concert** at NPMC. Purchase tickets from choir members or at the door.
- April 28**
- 2:30 pm **Saskatoon Choral Society spring concert;** Grace Westminster United Church.
 - 4:00 pm All **NPMC seniors** are warmly invited to the caring and visitation committee **Faspa** held at Bethany Manor.
- April 30**
- 7:30 pm **Canadian Mennonite University Choir and Sask Chamber Choir concert** at NPMC.

Easter Services at NPMC

Good Friday, April 19

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 21

9:30 am Brunch -- please bring Easter baking, cheese and fruit

11:00 am Easter Worship Service

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.

Romans 8:35-39

³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Service of Shadows

Open:

Lent is a time when we open ourselves to be transformed. During our service of shadows we extinguish one candle as we name our fears and follow in the dust of our rabbi.

Poem: TO EVEN DRESS - St. Catherine of Siena

A great helplessness I felt at times
to even dress myself some days,

so I prayed with all my heart,
“Dear God, help me.”

It is not possible for Love
to not hear
us.

Close:

Join me in prayer. (unison reading)
Ever-present God. May the fears, heaviness, and darkness of the shadows dissipate as you take our hand in yours, accompanying us on this Lenten journey. AMEN

If anyone is having trouble hearing the sermon on Sunday mornings and would like a copy put into your mailbox, please contact the church office.

If you are interested in joining us on another **MDS assignment to Puerto Rico** on May 18, please speak to Garry Koop, 306-665-8011.

NPMC now has a **Facebook** page; search for our church name to find us.

Messages from Mennonite Disaster Service:

MDS has two opportunities to repair or build new homes after disasters in Canada.

Westport, Newfoundland: MDS is building a house for a family of 5 who lost their home in a house fire in Westport, Nfld. The project begins on June 2 and will run till July 27, 2019. Weekly volunteers are invited to serve in up to two week blocks. If serving for two weeks MDS will reimburse the cost of travel. For scheduling call Lucille Toews at 866-261-1274 or email ltoews@mds.mennonite.net.

Grand Forks, BC: On May 10, 2018 a major flood hit Grand Forks, BC with much of the town engulfed in water. Beginning May 5, 2019 MDS will repair houses and possibly build new houses for those that flooded. MDS is scheduling weekly volunteers to serve for 1-3 weeks. Schedule your week(s) [online](#) or call 800-241-8111.

MCC Connects: April 7-13 is National Volunteer Week. The staff and board of MCC Saskatchewan would like to thank our churches and volunteers for continuing to support the work of MCC. To the many people who volunteer in our Thrift shops and at our Relief Sale, support our local programs and help provide material aid – we thank you! If you are interested in learning more about MCC volunteer opportunities, contact our office at (306) 665-2555.

MC Sask--Praying For Each Other: The Joint Council of Mennonite Church Canada is gathering this weekend in Calgary, AB. Please pray for the Joint Council as they continue to discern the work of our Nationwide Community of Faith. MC Sask's representatives on the Joint Council are Terry Stefaniuk (Moderator of MC Sask, Osler Mennonite Church), and Henry Funk (Zoar Mennonite Church). Geraldine Balzer (Nutana Park Mennonite Church) is vice-moderator of MC Canada and Ryan Siemens (Executive Minister) attends as a member of the Executive Staff Group.

Anyone interested is invited to join a **beginner's knitting group** on Thursdays at 2:00 pm at the home of Ag Peters.

Request for billets: The CMU Choir from Winnipeg is bringing a concert to NPMC on April 30. If you are able to help with billeting, please contact Carolene Funk at 306-477-0775. Pick up is after the Tuesday evening concert, breakfast in the morning and drop off here at church with a bag lunch by 8:00 am.

NPMC has a Women's Mission Society **Youth Services bursary** and **Theological bursary** that accepts donations; they can be found on our website under Resources, Bursaries. Write on the memo line the name of the bursary you are donating to.

Please let the church office know if you do not want photos of yourself and/or your children posted on the monitor in the foyer.

A message from Shekinah Retreat Centre:

We're building two more cabins!! If you would like to be a part of raising Cabins #3 & #4 at Shekinah Retreat Centre, please consider coming out on April 22-27 (9:00am-5:00pm). Lunch and snacks will be provided. All skilled and non-skilled laborers are invited. Please call the Shekinah office at 306.945.4929 for information and to register.

Voices Together Worship Workshop, Saturday June 15, 1:30-4:30pm at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Join us for an afternoon introducing materials and resources from the new Voices Together hymnal project, and exploring the many facets of worship and how it shapes us into the people of God. Cost is \$25. Registration and details can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events/>

Rosthern Junior College Annual Golf Classic on May 25 at Valley Regional Park. Registration forms at development@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca or call 306-232-4222.

South Nutana Park Ecumenical Lenten Services at St. Philip Neri R.C. Church
April 10 -- St. Martin's United April 17-- Redeemer Lutheran

Care Group Lunches: April 28--Group 1
May 5--Group 3; May 12--Group 4; May 19--Group 5; May 26--Group 1



Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Pasta products, Canned meat/fish

Nutana Park Mennonite Church February 28, 2019			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
	Jan - Feb	Jan - Feb	Jan - Feb
Revenue	55,464.08	65,806.00	-10,341.92
Expenses	<u>67,188.60</u>	<u>65,806.00</u>	<u>1,382.60</u>
Surplus (loss)	<u>-11,724.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-11,724.52</u>