

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

**December 18, 2016
4 Advent**

Vol. LI **11:00 a.m.** No. 51

Worship Leader: Jared Regier
 Accompanist and Special Music: Sharon Klassen, Rhonda Krahn
 Children's Song Leaders: Rachel & Jared Regier
 Greeters: Joan Stephens & Duff Warkentin
 Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp

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Welcome and Announcements  
 Call to Worship  
 Hymn **Hark! The Glad Sound** HWB No. 184  
 Special Music Rhonda and Sharon  
 Joys and Concerns  
 Lighting of the Peace Lamp  
 Hymn **Come, Light Of The World** StS No. 3  
 Lighting the Advent Candle (insert) Ella Ens Funk and Rebecca Breen  
 Litany based on Sing the Story #134  
 Special Music Rhonda and Sharon  
 Hymn **Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee** HWB No. 182  
 Children's Time/Song **There Was A Little Baby**  
 Offering Our Gifts and Resources/Offertory  
 Hymns **Helpless and Hungry** StS No. 26  
**What Child Is This** HWB No. 215  
 Scripture Luke 11:27-28  
 Matthew 12:46-50  
 Sermon **Mothers Of God** Susanne Guenther Loewen  
 Hymn **Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming** HWB No. 211  
 Spoken Benediction

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Mothers Of God

Photo: Mary and Jesus with the Papel Picado (2009) by Janet McKenzie.

Spotlight on Saskatoon Interval House

Home is not always a safe place. Adelle House in Saskatoon is run by Saskatoon Interval House, and seeks to provide safe, temporary housing for women with or without children who have experienced "physical, emotional, psychological and sexual" abuse and violence. For over twenty-five years, their twelve low-cost apartments and supportive, community-building services have helped many women end cycles of abuse and family violence. To donate or for more information, contact Saskatoon Interval House at: info@saskatoonintervalhouse.org or 306-244-0185, or mail a donation to: 712 Victoria Avenue, Saskatoon SK, S7N 0Z2.

This Week

- Today** **8:55 am** **Contemplative Prayer** in the sanctuary.
9:45 am **Adult Ed:** *Doing Theology Through Poetry: The Human Condition*. Facilitator is Edna Froese.
11:00 am **4 Advent Worship;** Susanne speaking.
Creative church – Advent art.
2:30 pm **Rosthern Junior College Choir Christmas Concert** in the RJC gymnasium.
5:00 pm **Church Christmas Dinner Event.** An offering will be taken to replenish our church capital replacement fund.
- Monday** **7:00 pm** **Board meeting;** the agenda and October approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board.
7:00 pm Aden Bowman Collegiate Seed students present **Food Chains;** Broadway Theatre. Contact Rachel Regier for more information at 306-371-2855 or raeregier@gmail.com.
- Tuesday** **7:00 pm** **A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols;** St. John's Cathedral.
- Saturday** **7:00 pm** **Christmas Eve Worship.**

Coming Up

- Next Sun.** **11:00 am** **Christmas Day Worship;** Susanne speaking.
Jan. 13-14 **Rosthern Junior College Tournament of Memories;** Basketball and Hockey. Alumni, family and friends should register by January 6th by email deneldafast@hotmail.com. Basketball will include a friendly skills competition in addition to the usual fast paced court action! Hockey will consist of current students, young alumni and not so young alumni (figure out where you fit!) Reconnect with old classmates and friends and exercise your mind, body and spirit at the same time! Your alumni bulletin "RJC CONNECT" has details. Contact Denelda at 306-221-2846 for information.

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.

Litany – Lighting the Advent Candle

Reader: God of Gabriel, of birth and life,
Hear our prayer

As we prepare for Christ's coming:

**Congregation: Like Mary,
Make us bold enough
to question angels.** {light 1st candle}

Reader: Like Mary,
Help us pray:
Your word be done. {light 2nd candle}

**Congregation: Like Mary,
Let us magnify your name,
O God of Hope.** {light 3rd candle}

Reader: Like Mary,
Prepare us for
The birth of Christ.

**Congregation: We light this fourth candle
Open to your unexpected ways. Amen**

Luke 11:27-28

27 While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' 28But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

Matthew 12:46-50

46 While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. 47Someone told him, 'Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.' 48But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' 49And pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! 50For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'

Announcements

MCC Connects: As the New Year approaches, consider bringing a new friend into your life. MCCS supports volunteer-centered restorative justice organizations that model their programs on the power of friendship. Volunteer opportunities are available in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, and surrounding areas. Contact Heather Peters, Restorative Justice Coordinator at heatherpeters@mccsk.ca for more details.

Bethany Manor: There are two 710 sq. ft. suites available for Life Lease in Bethany Place Assisted Living. See the bulletin board for all the details.

Attention all theatre-lovers and actors! This Spring, from March 10-11, 2017, our congregation is co-hosting the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Annual Delegate Sessions with Pleasant Point Mennonite Church. We would like to put on a play on Friday evening called "The Gospel According to Food" with members of Pleasant Point and Nutana. We need actors of various ages and a director/coordinator for Nutana folks involved. Please let Susanne know if you're interested or for more information.

Youth Christmas party on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm at NPMC.