

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



**December 23, 2018
Advent 4**

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11:00 a.m.

No. 51

Worship Leader: Lorraine Harder
Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg
Song Leader: Matt Pederberg
Greeter: Rosemary Slater
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp

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| Hymn                                                                             | <b>God Is Here Among Us</b>            | HWB No. 16              |
| Welcome and Announcements                                                        |                                        |                         |
| Invocation                                                                       |                                        |                         |
| Hymn                                                                             | <b>The Angel Gabriel</b>               | HWB No. 180             |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp and Advent Litany Lorraine Harder and Jamie MacIntosh |                                        |                         |
| Scripture Reading                                                                |                                        | HWB No. 715             |
| Joys and Concerns                                                                |                                        |                         |
| Congregational Prayer                                                            |                                        |                         |
| Offering and Offertory                                                           |                                        |                         |
| With the Children                                                                |                                        |                         |
| Hymn                                                                             | <b>'Twas In The Moon of Wintertime</b> | HWB No. 190             |
| Scripture Reading                                                                |                                        | Luke 1:24-28; 39-45; 56 |
| Sermon                                                                           | <b>The Visitation</b>                  | Patrick Preheim         |
| Hymn                                                                             | <b>Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming</b>    | HWB No. 211             |
| Benediction                                                                      |                                        |                         |
| Sending Hymn                                                                     | <b>My Soul Cries Out</b>               | StS No. 124             |

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"The Visitation" by James B Janknegt (2008)

Spotlight on Saskatoon Mother's Centre

The Saskatoon Mother's Centre is hoping to find 100 households that would volunteer to give \$20/month to help make a difference in the lives of women and children. There is a poster on the "Mission & Service" bulletin board outlining their tax-receiptable fundraising campaign.

This Week

Today **9:30 am** **Adult Ed:** *Experiencing Advent Through Art: The Birth.*
Discussion led by Edna Froese.
10:15 am **Children's Sunday School.**
11:00 am **4 Advent Worship;** Patrick Preheim speaking.

Monday **7:00 pm** **Christmas Eve Service at NPMC.**

Thursday **1:30 pm** **Care & Share group;** meet in East Sunday School room.

Coming Up

Next Sun. **11:00 am** **Worship;** Reflections on 2018 -- Pat Fleury and Barbara & Jake Ens.
Noon **Care Group #1 potluck.**

Dec. 31 **5:30 pm** **Movie Night** in the lounge; bring finger food snacks.
6:30 is show time.

A Message from our Bookkeeper and Treasurer:

Would you like to donate but do not have cheques? NPMC accepts E-transfers. Email finance@npsc.net and in the E-transfer put "Donation" in the message.

Please send a separate email to the same email address with the password and contact information (Name, address and phone number) so we can complete the transfer to NPMC.

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.

Advent 4: Mary and Elizabeth

Incarnate God,
holding tenderly all things human,
you became one of us.
Lighten our hearts
with Mary's song of your just mercy.
Give us confidence to accept your blessing.
Give us trust to abide in your promises.
Give us vision and voice to proclaim your saving acts. May we be
gentled into joining you
in the hard and holy work
of birthing peace on earth.

Luke 1:24-28; 39-45; 56

²⁴After those days his wife Elizabeth and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her in seclusion. She said, ²⁵"This is what the Lord womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, me and took away the disgrace I have "Blessed are you among women, and blessed endured among my people." ²⁶In the sixth is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to happened to me, that the mother of my Lord a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, sound of your greeting, the child in my womb of the house of David. The virgin's name was leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, believed that there would be a fulfillment of "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." what was spoken to her by the Lord." ⁵⁶And ³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with Mary remained with her about three months and haste to a Judean town in the hill country, and then returned to her home. ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah

Announcements

For those wishing to join the MDS group working in **Puerto Rico**, please contact Garry Koop by January 6.

MCC Connects: Christmas Blessings to you from the Board and Staff of MCC Saskatchewan! May our celebrations of the birth of the Christ child nurture and strengthen our living and serving in the name of Christ throughout the coming year.

The lovely pumpkins that decorated our worship space have been processed and there are small packages in the freezer in the music room. Please help yourself.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church November 30, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference
	Jan - Nov	Jan - Nov	Jan - Nov
Revenue	333,346.88	365,926.00	-32,579.12
Expenses	322,772.33	365,926.00	-43,153.67
Surplus (loss)	<u>10,574.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,574.55</u>