

Mache mich Selig – translation

In the blue morning light, in midday's dazzling shine, in the dreamfilled falling night,
I stretch out my hand, until all is fulfilled: Make me blessed, O Jesus.

Over the green sprouting spring, over the summery roses bloom, over the stubble fields
of fall, I stretch out my hand and only ask: Make me blessed, O Jesus.

Over the cradle of my children, over the slumbering departed, over the splendor of the
wealth of the world, I reach out my hand till all falls away: Make me blessed, O Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

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Church Life Events

Care Groups:

January 22 - Group 1, February 5 - Group 2, February 12 - Group 3,
March 5 - Group 4, March 12 - Group 5

Sherbrooke Community Centre service: February 5

Young Families/Adults/Career Age Group: Potluck and Sledding: February 12

Bethany Manor Service: March 12.

Garage Sale: May 27

Brides & Babies Shower: June 4

Youth Announcements

Tuesdays: 7:00-8:30pm - discussion night for junior and senior youth.

January 27-29: MC Sask Sr. High Retreat for grades 9-12 at Camp Kadesh. Speaker Amy Peters, an expert on the subject of The Road Less Travelled.

Announcements

Patrick will be away from January 26 – 29.

2016 Church Donation Income Tax Receipts are in your mailboxes.

Spotlight on Prairie Centre for Ecumenism

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism has been in operation since 1984. They are sponsored by seven denominations and work in close partnership with other ecumenical ministries. Through its presence, ministry, resources, and programs, its purpose is to call the churches to visible unity in one faith and in one Eucharistic fellowship expressed in worship and in common life in Christ, through witness and service to the world, and to advance towards that unity in order that the world may believe. A full week of services and events have been planned -- see the bulletin insert.

This Week

Today	8:55 am Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages.
	9:45 am Adult Ed: <i>Simone Weil – Attention</i> .
Monday	11:00 am Worship; Patrick speaking. Creative Church – please use the quiet bags today.
	Noon Care Group #1 – Visitors are welcome to join us.
	2:00 pm Ecumenical Bible Study; lounge.
Tuesday	10:00 am Women's Bible Study; lounge.
Friday	The Academy of Discipleship Course; register at www.academyofdiscipleship.org .

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am Adult Ed: <i>Dorothee Soelle – Mystical Activism</i> .
	11:00 am Worship; Susanne speaking.
March 10, 11	Noon Potluck following worship; A-H, bring salad and dessert, help set-up; I-Z, bring casserole, help clean-up.
	5:30 pm Movie Night; bring finger food snacks. 6:30 is show time, popcorn provided.
	MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at NPMC; we are hosting with Pleasant Point Church. Registration forms will be available soon.

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.

Announcements (continued)

Please Help: Service at Sherbrooke Community Centre, Sunday, February 5 at 2:30 pm. Phone Denelda Fast at 306-221-2846 if you can help with music and worship.

MCC Connects: MCC provides after-school programming for children and youth to the 120 new Syrian families who arrived in Saskatoon. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – this is a great way to make a difference! For more information, contact Kaytee, MCCS Community Engagement Coordinator, at KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca.

Are you called to serve? The MC Sask Nominations Committee is seeking persons for the Ministries Commission, Shekinah Retreat Centre Board, and Camp Elim Board. These are all important parts of our programming, and we ask that you consider saying yes to this call. Please contact Leona Ewert if you are interested; b.ewert@sasktel.net 306-363-4804.

InterChurch Health Ministries is presenting a Parish Nurse Information Night at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Ave on Wed, Feb. 15th. Registration is 6:30 PM; program is at 7:00 PM. Refreshments provided. Questions and RSVP to Laura at 306-931-6790 or email p.nursing@sasktel.net.

Susanne had an article published in the December 2016 issue of Anabaptist Witness. The article, "Can the Cross Be "Good News" for Women?" can be viewed online at: http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/journal_entry/can-the-cross-be-good-news-for-women/

Nutana Park Mennonite Church December 31, 2016			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec
Revenue	385,482.94	407,250.00	-21,767.06
Expenses	<u>380,173.27</u>	<u>407,250.00</u>	<u>-27,076.73</u>
Surplus (loss)	<u>5,309.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,309.67</u>

Church Renovations - Property Improvements December 31/16:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue		
General Donations		9,620.00
Expenses		
Sewer Project	12,000.00	12,576.84
Flooring	66,574.00	67,612.51
Painting	4,426.00	2,326.84
Miscellaneous		<u>1,199.76</u>
Total Expenses	83,000.00	83,715.95
Capital Reserve	<u>58,446.09</u>	<u>58,446.09</u>
Net Capital Reserve	<u>-24,553.91</u>	<u>-15,649.86</u>

Week of Prayer 2017: Reconciliation: The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Cor. 5:14-20)

The 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity draws its theme from the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The prayer materials were prepared by an ecumenical committee from Germany and distributed around the world for use throughout 2017.

- Sunday Jan. 22 at 3 pm - Opening Service at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Ave.
- Monday, Jan. 23 at 7 am at Grosvenor Park United Church, 407 Cumberland Ave. S.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 am at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1636 Acadia Drive
- Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 pm - Singing Into Unity at Christ Church Anglican, 515-28th Street West
- Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 419 Ave E. N.
- Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 am at First Mennonite Church 418 Queen Street
- Thursday, Jan. 26 at 12:00 noon (liturgy) with lunch to follow at 12:30 pm at Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street West
- Friday, Jan. 27 at 7 am at the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Dormition, 120-105 Street West.
- Closing Service - Sunday, Jan. 29 at 3 pm at St. Anne Roman Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive.

Lecture and Workshops:

January 26 at 7:30 pm: De Margerie Lecture with Dr. Dirk G. Lange - Reformation Today: From Conflict to Communion, Together in Hope at St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive. All are welcome.

January 27 at 9:30 am Workshop: "Re-membering a story". Held at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, featuring Dr. Dirk G. Lange. We will explore the document *From Conflict to Communion* as well other key ecumenical statements connecting to the Joint Commemoration of the Reformation in Lund, Sweden on October 31, 2016.

January 28 at 9:30 am Workshop: "Spiritual Ecumenism". Held at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, featuring Dr. Dirk G. Lange. A brief overview of *From Conflict to Communion* will be followed by a look at the Common Prayer and what spiritual ecumenism means for us as individuals and as parishes today.