

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

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11:00 a.m.

No. 5

Worship Leader: Kelly Winder
Accompanists & Special Music: Susan Ens Funk, Musica Tribus
Children's Song Leader: Joel Driedger
Greeters: Helen & John Siemens
Ushers: Elva & Ernie Epp

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| Welcome, Greetings and Announcements |                                    |                            |
| Call to Worship                      | <b>For The Beauty Of The Earth</b> | HWB No. 89                 |
| Invocation Hymn                      | <b>You Are Holy</b>                | StS No. 34                 |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp           |                                    |                            |
| Special Music                        |                                    | Musica Tribus              |
| Children's Time/Song                 | <b>Father God, You Are Holy</b>    | HWB No. 78                 |
| Offering/Offertory                   |                                    |                            |
| Joys and Concerns                    |                                    |                            |
| Congregational Prayer                |                                    |                            |
| Psalm Reading                        |                                    | Psalm 65                   |
| Hymn                                 | <b>God, Who Stretched</b>          | HWB No. 414                |
| Scripture                            |                                    | Ezekiel 37:1-14            |
|                                      |                                    | Revelation 21:1-5          |
| Sermon                               | <b>Standing on Holy Ground</b>     | Susanne Guenther<br>Loewen |
| Sung Response                        |                                    | Musica Tribus              |
| Sung Benediction                     | <b>The Peace Of The Earth</b>      | StJ No. 77                 |
| Spoken Benediction                   |                                    |                            |

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Standing on Holy Ground

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Spotlight on Thrift Shops

Volunteering, donating used goods, or shopping at thrift shops is one way we can recycle and reduce waste as part of our care of God's Creation. Two important examples are the Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Shops (such as Village Green) which support MCC's local and international relief and peace work and Salvation Army Thrift Shops, which provide employment and support the community services they offer. Both also provide affordable clothing, furniture, and household items to low-income people. MCC explains why its thrift shops are "eco-friendly": "Buying second-hand items means you are taking an environmental stand and stretching your hard earned dollars, all while having those dollars go to work for people at home and around the world." For more information, see thrift.mcc.org and thriftstore.ca/saskatchewan.

This Week

Today	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. Creative Church in the education wing.
	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.
Monday	10:00 am Caregivers Group; lounge.
	2:00 pm Ecumenical Bible Study; lounge.
Tuesday	10:00 am Women's Bible Study; lounge.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:45 am Adult Ed: <i>Living More With Less: Do Justice.</i> Patrick Preheim and Gordon Enns facilitating.
	11:00 am Worship; Alan Reece and Patrick speaking.
Feb. 12	Noon Young Families/Adults/Career Age Group: Come join us for a potluck after church followed by sledding/skating at Harold Tatler park near the church.
March 10, 11	MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at NPMC; we are hosting with Pleasant Point Church. Registration forms will be available shortly.

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.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

1 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' 4Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9Then he

said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' 10I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." 12Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Revelation 21:1-5

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God

himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

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**Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Canned Vegetables; Flour, Rice
(The big blue bin in the Education Wing)**

Youth Announcements

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

Church Life Events

Care Groups:

February 5 - Group 2; February 12 - Group 3; February 19 – Group 1;
March 5 - Group 4; March 12 - Group 5; March 19 – Group 1

Sherbrooke Community Centre service: February 5. Phone Denelda Fast at 306-221-2846 if you can help with music and worship.

Bethany Manor Service: March 12.

Garage Sale: May 27

Brides & Babies Shower: June 4

Announcements

Care Group #1 has initiated a small fund-raising endeavor for a family near Hanley who lost their home and a family member in a fire. Garry and Glenis have connections to the family as well as the experience of losing a home to fire. If you wish to help out in donating to this relief fund, talk to Garry Koop or contact the Red Cross. Our church is unable to receipt the donations.

MCC Connects: MCC Canada is currently recruiting for several international service worker positions! Learn more at mcccanada.ca/get-involved. Positions like Advocacy & Communications Coordinator in Haiti and Conservation Agriculture Coordinator in Rwanda are posted and currently accepting applications. Contact Erica Baerwald at 306.665.2555 or saskhr@mccsk.ca for more information.

Bethany Manor is accepting applications for the position of **Executive Director**.

Responsible for the day-to-day operation of Bethany Manor, the successful candidate will report to the Saskatoon Mennonite Care Services Inc. board of directors.

Qualifications: Strong leadership, proven management skills, strong communication skills, experience working with government agencies, post-secondary education, supportive of the Anabaptist faith. Please submit cover letter, resume and salary expectations to Bethany Manor, Attn: Selection Committee, 110 LaRonge Road, Saskatoon SK S7K 7H8. Closing date is February 28, 2017.

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.