

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

**March 18, 2018  
Lent 5**

Vol. LIII **10:00 a.m.** No. 11

Worship Leader: Darryl Epp  
Musicians: Musica Tribus, Bob Dick, Pauline Roth, Sharryl Riekman  
Greeters: Vicky & Arnie Neufeld  
Ushers: Lorene & Arnie Nickel

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| Prelude                    |                                |                                 |
| Gathering Hymn             | <b>Thou True Vine</b>          | HWB No. 373                     |
| Welcome and Announcements  |                                |                                 |
| Service of Shadows         |                                |                                 |
|                            | <b>The Lord Is My Shepherd</b> | Musicians                       |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp |                                |                                 |
| Hymn                       | <b>O Breath of Life</b>        | StJ No. 35                      |
| Joys and Concerns          |                                |                                 |
| Congregational Prayer      |                                |                                 |
| Offering/Offertory         | <b>Precious Lord</b>           | Musica Tribus                   |
| Children's Time            |                                |                                 |
| Scripture                  |                                | Ezekiel 37:1-14<br>John 15:1-11 |
|                            | <b>Shepherd Me O God</b>       | Musicians                       |
| Sermon                     | <b>From Death To Life</b>      | Pauline Steinmann               |
| Hymn                       | <b>What Wondrous Love</b>      | HWB No. 530                     |
| Benediction                |                                |                                 |

Annual Meeting to follow

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We welcome Pauline Steinmann, Interim Pastor of Eigenheim Mennonite Church, Pauline Roth and Sharryl Riekman to our worship service this morning.

Everyone is invited to the potluck following our church meeting.



*Lent 5*

## Spotlight on Shekinah Retreat Centre

Spring Fundraising Banquet on **April 7 at 6:00 pm** at the Shekinah Timber Lodge. Everyone is invited to attend the banquet, tour the first Timber Frame Cabin site, and hear from the new Co-executive Directors, **Ron & Sue Schellenberg** and the new Program Director, **Craig Friesen**. Please RSVP by March 30.

### This Week

Today	10:00 am	<b>Lent 5 Worship</b> ; Pauline Steinman speaking.
	11:00 am	<b>Annual General Meeting of NPMC</b> . Potluck to follow: A-H, bring salad and dessert, help clean-up. I-Z, bring sandwiches, help set-up. <b>No Children's Sunday School, Choir Rehearsal or Adult Education this week.</b>
Monday	2:00 pm	<b>Ecumenical Bible Study</b> ; lounge.
	7:00 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> ; the agenda and January approved minutes are posted on the bulletin board.
Tuesday	10:00 am	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> ; lounge.
	5:00-7:00 pm	<b>Youth Farm Bible Camp Vereniki supper</b> ; Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation, all welcome.
Wed.	8:15 am	<b>Lenten Service and Breakfast at St. Stephen's Anglican Church</b> . Host church is Redeemer Lutheran.
Saturday	7:00 pm	<b>Men's Study</b> ; lounge.
	10:00 am	<b>March a Mile</b> fundraising walk to support The Lighthouse. See <a href="http://www.marchamileyxe.com">www.marchamileyxe.com</a> . <b>Easter Ham Supper</b> at St. Martin's United Church. See the poster for sitting times and cost. Phone 306-343-7101.

### Coming Up

Next Sun.	10:00 am	<b>Palm Sunday Worship</b> ; reading the Passion Text.
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee</b> -- visitors welcome.
	11:10 am	<b>Children's Sunday School</b> .
	11:10 am	<b>Choir rehearsal</b> for all ages.
	11:10 am	<b>Adult Ed: Wrap-up: what have we learned and what important questions remain</b> . Facilitator Edna Froese.
March 30	7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday Tenebrae Service in the sanctuary</b> .
April 1	9:00 am	<b>Easter Sunday Paska Breakfast</b> . Please bring paska, fruit and cheese.
April 13-15		<b>A Crafting Retreat</b> at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Register by April 5; see <a href="http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org">www.shekinahretreatcentre.org</a> for details.
April 15	7:00 pm	<b>Guys &amp; Pies Fundraiser, Dessert Auction</b> at Rosthern Junior College. Listen to A Buncha Guys and the RJC ManChoir; enjoy the dessert auction - bid individually, as a table, as a family, or form a consortium. Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Everyone is welcome!

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. 2 He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' 4 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I 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. 8 I 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. 9 Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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.' 10 I 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." 12 Therefore prophecy, 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. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I 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.'

## John 15:1-11

1 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a

branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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**Shekinah is looking for volunteers! Saturday, March 24** we are looking for 7-8 people to help get things ready for our NEW Co-Executive Directors.

**April 3-7** we are looking for 10-12 people to help raise our very first **Timber Frame Cabin!** Strong backs are especially needed on April 3, but volunteers of all strengths and sizes are welcome throughout the week. Call the office for details; 306-945-4929, [director@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:director@shekinahretreatcentre.org).

## *Announcements*

**MCC Connects:** Save the date! **MCC Relief Sale & Auction** will be held on June 8 & 9 at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, SK.

**Zoar Mennonite Church (Langham) Waffle Supper, April 11 from 5-7 pm.** See poster on bulletin board for details.

**Mennonite Church Sask** invites you to a **ReLearning Community Taster Day on Saturday, April 21** at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon at 9:30am. Norm Dyck, Mission Engagement Minister of MCEC will be leading the workshop. Cost will be \$10 (to cover lunch). Please register at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) or call Ryan at 306.249.4844.

**April 22 at 2:00 pm: Zoar Mennonite Church (Langham) Closing Service of the 1910 Building** in preparation for move to New Building, followed by lunch.

**Camp Elim** is currently looking for Cabin Leaders, CIT's, Lifeguard's and Kitchen help for Elim's Summer Camp program this year. If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining us out on Lac Pelletier for a couple of weeks, you can go to [www.campelim.ca](http://www.campelim.ca) for more information about Camp Elim and on how to apply.

NPMC has a **Youth Services Bursary** which is made available to our youth (age 15-20) engaged in service projects (working without financial gain in order to benefit someone in need). If you wish to donate to this bursary, please write in the memo line that the donation is for the Women's Mission Society Youth Services bursary.

**NPMC Students:** Post-secondary bursaries are available. To see a list of bursaries and an application form, check the website at [nPMC.net](http://nPMC.net) under the "Resources" tab or contact the church office. Deadline is May 31.

Applications are now being accepted for a **Youth and Pastoral support person at Nutana Park Mennonite Church**. This is an 11 month term position to fill a number of maternity leaves within the leadership of the church. It includes opportunities in both Youth and Family Ministry. We invite interested applicants to find out more about the position requirements by visiting [www.nPMC.net](http://www.nPMC.net) and reviewing the full job description. Please contact Tammy Forrester, Board Chair for further information or submit your resume directly to Nutana Park Mennonite Church, Attn: Tammy Forrester  
Email: [nPMC@nPMC.net](mailto:nPMC@nPMC.net)  
Mail: 1701 Ruth St. E., Saskatoon, SK, S7J 0L7  
Application Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Billets Needed:** The **Westgate Choir and Band** from Winnipeg will be on tour in April. They are looking for billets for students and staff for Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8. The host will provide 2 breakfasts and would be responsible for drop off and pick up. Please contact Carolene Funk at [cfunk67@sasktel.net](mailto:cfunk67@sasktel.net) if you are interested.

## Care Group/Potluck Dates

March 25: Group 1

April 1: Easter Sunday Paska breakfast

April 8: Potluck; April 15: Group 2; April 22: Group 1; April 29: Group 3

May 13: Group 4; May 20: Group 5; May 27: Group 1

**Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Fruit Juice, Peanut Butter**  
**(The big blue bin in the Education Wing)**