

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

March 3, 2019
Transfiguration Sunday

Vol. LIV

11:00 a.m.

No. 9

Worship Leaders: Nora Pederberg and Susanne Guenther Loewen
Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg
Greeter: Betty Epp

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Welcome and Announcements

Centering Thoughts

Hymn

Invocation

**What Is This Place**

StJ No. 137

HWB No. 1

Psalm 99

Robert Alter Translation

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Scripture

**Lord Of All Good**

StJ No. 60

Exodus 34:29-35

The Inclusive Bible

Reflection

Scripture

Luke 9:28-36

First Nations Version

Susanne Guenther Loewen

2 Corinthians 3:16-4:2

The Message

Joys and Concerns and Congregational Prayer

Hymn

Communion Liturgy

Sending Hymn

Benediction

**Christ Upon The Mountain Peak**

HWB No. 232

**Lord, let Us Now Depart In Peace**

HWB No. 428

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Transfiguration
by Ivanka Demchuk

Spotlight on MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions

The MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions are this Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9 at Zoar Mennonite Church in Waldheim. We pray for our MC Sask family as we gather for worship, learning, and fellowship. May this be a rich time as we explore the theme Anchored: Deepening Our Walk with Christ.

This Week

Today	9:30 am	Faith Exploration classes in Susanne's office.
	9:30 am	Adult Ed: <i>Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre</i> . Facilitator is Deborah Hamp.
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School.
	11:00 am	Worship; Communion; Nora and Susanne leading the service.
	Noon	Care Group #4 lunch; visitors are welcome to join us.
	Noon	Service meeting following worship.
Monday	2:00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study; lounge.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study, lounge.
Wed.	8:15 am	Ecumenical Lenten Services at St. Philip Neri R.C. Church, followed by breakfast. Service by St. Philip Neri.
	1:00 pm	NPMC Ash Wednesday service: All invited to an intimate and simple Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary.
	7:00 pm	Men's Study: <i>Prayer</i> . Facilitator is Wally Krause.
Friday, Saturday		MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions - Deepening our Walk with Christ at Zoar Mennonite Church (Waldheim). Sessions begin Friday at 7 pm until 4 pm on Saturday.
Saturday	7:00 pm	Hootenanny at NPMC. If you wish to contribute, speak with Fern Stockdale Winder. Guests: Saskatune Singers.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	9:30 am	Adult Ed: <i>Saskatoon Crisis Nursery</i> . Facilitator is Bob Neufeldt.
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School.
	11:00 am	Lent 1 Worship; Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
	7:00 pm	Rosthern Junior College Choir & Cakes fundraiser; RJC auditorium. Come and enjoy the desserts and auction.
March 12	1:30 pm	Women's Coffee & Conversation; lounge.
March 22, 23		Walking in Worship Women's Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Eileen Klaassen is the guest speaker. Registration forms are on the table below mailboxes.
March 24	Noon	Potluck and NPMC Annual General Meeting. A-H, bring salad and dessert, help with set-up; I-Z, bring sandwiches, help with clean-up.
March 26	5:00-7:00pm	Vereniki and Sausage Fund Raiser for Youth Farm Bible Camp at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Donation admission.
April 6	9:00-4:00 pm	Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Registration forms on mailbox table.
April 12	7:30 pm	Station Singers Spring Concert. Station Arts Centre, Rosthern. Tickets from Station Arts or choir members.
April 14	7:30 pm	Station Singers Spring Concert. Saskatoon (venue has not been finalized). Purchase tickets from choir members.

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

From MC Sask: Fast for 262 on March 6 *A Day of Prayer and Fasting for Bill C-262: The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Bill C-262 needs to get to the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples soon or there won't be enough time for it to achieve royal assent. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls Canada to adopt and implement the Declaration as "the framework for reconciliation" (Call to Action #43). We need your help. Would you join us in prayer and fasting as we ask the Creator to move hearts and minds?*

Please help yourself to the Lenten devotionals on the table in the church foyer.

NPMC Garage Sale on June 1. Start collecting your items at home but do not bring to church until the week prior to the sale.

MCC Connects: The Relief Sale Committee is in urgent need of volunteers. We are looking to fill the following positions: Friday night supper coordinator, pie booth coordinator, vereniki and sausage coordinator, and set-up/take-down coordinator(s). If you are interested in any of the following positions, or would like more information about volunteering, contact Denise Martens at 306.270.9648 or denisemartens@gmail.com.

Calling alumni, A Buncha Guys alumni, fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, grandfathers, and friends of RJC: Come join the RJC ManChoir for one song at Choirs and Cakes on March 10. A short rehearsal at 6:30 pm in the RJC Chapel will prepare you for the event that starts at 7:00 pm.

Big Sky Artists Show and Sale: March 29, 30, 31 at Grace Westminster Church. Participating artist is Norma Rempel. See posters for times of the show.

South Nutana Park Ecumenical Lenten Services at St. Philip Neri R.C. Church

Participating Churches:	March 6	St. Philip RC
	March 13	Our Lady of Lourdes RC
	March 20	Nutana Park Mennonite
	March 27	Calvin Goforth Presbyterian
	April 3	St. Stephen's Anglican
	April 10	St. Martin's United
	April 17	Redeemer Lutheran

Care Group Lunches

March 10--Group 5; March 17--Group 6; March 31--Group 1

Psalm 99 (Robert Alter translation)

The Lord reigns – peoples tremble,
enthroned upon cherubim – the earth shakes.
The Lord is great in Zion
and exalted over all the peoples.
They acclaim your name:
“Great and fearful,
He is holy.
And with a king’s strength He loves justice.”
You firmly founded righteousness,
judgment and justice in Jacob You made.
Exalt the Lord our God
and bow down to His footstool.
He is holy.
Moses and Aaron among His priests
and Samuel among those who call on his name
called the Lord and He answered them.
In a pillar of cloud did He speak to them.
They kept His precepts and the statute He gave them.
Lord our God, it was You Who answered them,
a forbearing God You were to them,
yet an avenger of their misdeeds.
Exalt the Lord our God
and bow to His holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Exodus 34:29-35 (The Inclusive Bible)

As Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two tablets of the Covenant, he was not aware that the skin on his face was radiant from speaking with God. When Aaron and the other Israelites saw Moses, they were afraid to approach him because of the radiance of the skin of his face. Only when Moses called to them did Aaron and the leaders of the community draw near, and then Moses spoke to them.

Later, all the Israelites gathered around, and Moses gave them the instructions he had received from YHWH on Mount Sinai. When he had finished speaking to them, Moses put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses entered the presence of YHWH, he would remove the veil until he came out again, and when he would come out and tell the Israelites what had been commanded, they would see that the skin on his face was radiant. Then he would put the veil over his face again until he went in to speak with God.

Luke 9:28-36 (First Nations Version)

The Mountain Where He Shined

About eight days later Creator Sets Free (Jesus) took Stands On The Rock (Peter), He Takes Over (James), and He Shows Goodwill (John) up on a mountain to be alone and pray. As he was sending his voice to the Great Spirit, the appearance of his face began to change and his clothes turned white as snow.

Two men appeared and began to talk with him. One was the prophet of old, Great Spirit Is Creator (Elijah), and the other, the ancient lawgiver Drawn From The Water (Moses). They were shining like the sun and were talking to him about his crossing over from this life to the next, that would take place in Village of Peace (Jerusalem).

Stands On The Rock (Peter) and the others were deep asleep, but they woke up and shook the sleep from their eyes. They saw Creator Sets Free (Jesus) with his face and clothes shining. They also saw the two men standing with him. As the men with him turned to go, Stands On The Rock (Peter) spoke *without thinking*, “Wisdomkeeper!” he said. “This is a good place to stay. Let’s make three tipis – one for you, one for Drawn From The Water (Moses) and one for Great Spirit Is Creator (Elijah).”

While he was saying this, a bright cloud from above began to fall on them. Their knees shook as the cloud surrounded them. A voice spoke from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, the one I have chosen – listen to him!”

When the voice finished speaking, they saw Creator Sets Free (Jesus) standing there alone in front of them. After this they kept silent and told no one at that time what they had seen.

2 Corinthians 3:16-4:2 (The Message)

Whenever, though, they turn and face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are – face-to-face! They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We’re free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of [God’s] face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like [God].

Since God has so generously let us in on what [God] is doing, we’re not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job just because we run into occasional hard times. We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don’t maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don’t twist God’s Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church
January 31, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference
	January	January	January
Revenue	29,595.11	32,903.00	-3,307.89
Expenses	<u>34,085.18</u>	<u>32,903.00</u>	<u>1,182.18</u>
Surplus (loss)	<u>-4,490.07</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-4,490.07</u>