

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

**October 8, 2017**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**

Vol. LII

**11:00 a.m.**

No. 41

Worship Leader: Joel Driedger  
Accompanist: Joanne Ewert  
Greeters: Lydia & Peter Schroeder  
Ushers: Elva & Ernie Epp

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Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing between all people.  
Creator, open our hearts to provide and protect for all children of the earth.  
Creator, open our hearts to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.  
Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence and fear among all.  
Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day. Amen*

Hymn of Thanksgiving **For The Beauty Of The Earth** HWB No. 89

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Hymn **How Can We Be Silent** StJ No. 61

Scripture Acts 7:54-8:3; 1 John 5:6-12

Children's Time

Offering and Offertory

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn **Take My Life** HWB No. 389

Sermon **Remembering the Martyrs** Susanne

Guenther Loewen

Hymn of Response **My Life Flows On** HWB No. 580

Benediction

Sending Hymn **Now Thank We All Our God** HWB No. 86

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*Anneken Jans*

*from the Martyr's Mirror*

## *Spotlight on Mennonite Church Canada*

*The General Board of Mennonite Church Canada has issued an apology to LGBTQ members and their family and friends for the ways in which discernment around same-sex relationships, especially during the Being a Faithful Church process, has fallen short of loving dialogue and resulted in pain and exclusion. To read the full apology, see the church bulletin board or visit:*

<http://www.canadianmennonite.org/stories/general-board-confession>

### *This Week*

<b>Today</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>No Choir rehearsal or Adult Ed. Worship;</b> Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking. <b>No Sunday School for children.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Ecumenical Bible Study;</b> lounge.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study;</b> lounge.
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Women's Coffee &amp; Conversation time;</b> lounge.
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast;</b> Cora Restaurant, Preston Crossing.
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Men's Study.</b> A case study: Praying in Public?
<b>Friday, Saturday</b>		<b>RJC Alumni</b> volleyball, soccer weekend. Soccer is Sat. only - meet in the Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 and bring a white and dark t-shirt and \$5.00. Email <a href="mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com">deneldafast@hotmail.com</a> to register for volleyball by October 10. Lunch available in the Rehearsal Hall between 11:00 and 1:00.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>1:00-3:00 pm</b>	<b>Workshop at NPMC on Seeking Sustainability: Practices for Mindful Living</b> with Paul Hanley. Everyone welcome.

### *Coming Up*

<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>8:55 am</b>	<b>Contemplative Prayer</b> in the sanctuary.
	<b>9:25 am</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal</b> for all ages.
	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Adult Ed;</b> <i>The Context of Early Anabaptism: The Socio-Political Context of the Reformation.</i> Facilitated by Ron Peters.
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship;</b> Patrick Preheim speaking.
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> age 4-11 years; <b>childcare</b> age 1-3 years.
	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Care Group #2 lunch</b> – visitors are welcome to join us.
<b>October 18</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Theatre of the Beat</b> presents "Yellow Bellies," a drama about Mennonite conscientious objectors during World War II; Wildwood Mennonite Church. Attendance is by donation.
<b>October 20</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Musical Jam Session;</b> lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>1:00-4:00 pm</b>	<b>The Bridge Fellowship Centre</b> invites us to Family Fun Day; Bacon & Bannock, Pig roast, games for the family.
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>RJC Annual Corporation Meeting - RJC Chapel.</b> We invite all members of our constituency to attend.
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>RJC Homecoming Dinner;</b> reserve complimentary tickets by calling the RJC school office by October 13th at 306-232-4222 or by email at <a href="mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca">office@rjc.sk.ca</a> .

<b>October 22</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Career &amp; Young Families Group</b> meet for lunch at NPMC.
<b>October 27</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Mennonite Disaster Service</b> Saskatchewan Unit awareness event at Neuanlage Grace Mennonite Church; everyone invited. Call 306-342-4344 to reserve plates for supper. The evening will consist of sharing about some of the recent MDS projects and hearing from speaker Jerry Klassen. Contact Ike Epp at 306-342-4344 for information.
<b>October 28</b>		<b>Equipping Ourselves to Refresh, Refocus, Renew</b> is the theme for our Equipping Day at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim. Registration forms on our mailbox table.
<b>October 29</b>	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Classical Music Afternoon</b> at NPMC. Please bring dainties for the fellowship coffee following the program.
<b>November 3</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Bethany Manor's Dinner &amp; Variety Show;</b> to reserve tickets, call Bethany Manor Office (306) 242-9019 or email <a href="mailto:jan@b55.ca">jan@b55.ca</a> . See announcements for more details.
<b>November 3, 4</b>		<b>A Women's Retreat: Embrace Your Calling.</b> Shekinah Retreat Centre; see poster for cost details. Register at <a href="http://www.mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events">www.mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events</a> or call 306-249-4844.
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>8:45am-4:00pm</b>	The MCC Saskatchewan Encounter & AGM will be held at Cornerstone Church. Join us for worship, listen to stories and reporting, and attend workshops. Guest Speaker: Bruce Guenther, MCC Canada Disaster Response Director. Registration forms are in church mailboxes.

#### **Two Important Requests – Please help if you can.**

\*\*\*\***Shekinah Retreat Centre** volunteers in the areas of housekeeping and hosting are needed in the immediate future. Kindly contact Shekinah at 1-306-945-4929. In addition, financial giving at this time would be gratefully accepted. We have been met with a drop in annual donations which means monetary contributions will go a long way in helping Shekinah continue its mission. Thank you for your continued support of Shekinah Retreat Centre; we have felt the love from the community and are grateful to you.

\*\*\*\***Volunteer(s) needed to help Frank & Irma Gerbrandt** on Sunday mornings--meet them in the parking lot at 10:45 to assist with entering the church and then departure. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

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.

### Call to Prayer for MC Canada Special Assembly

Mennonite Church Canada, MC Sask and Area Church leaders across Canada are requesting that all congregations in MC Canada set aside time to pray for the Future Directions: Covenant New nationwide restructuring process on the Sundays of October 1, 8 & 15. We invite your prayers for Calvin Quan as he moderates the Special Assembly, for others who are providing Assembly leadership or support and for delegates who participate. The special Assembly is an important juncture in our life together as a denomination. It will shape how we engage together in our common mission. Pray for the Assembly participants as they discern the wisdom of the Spirit, as we seek to align our church structures with how God is at work among us and in the wider world.

**Cheshire Homes of Saskatoon** is a nonprofit organization that operates four group homes for adults with physical disabilities. We are looking for individuals to participate on our Board of Directors. If you are interested please contact Don Klaassen for more information at [dklaassen@shaw.ca](mailto:dklaassen@shaw.ca) or 306-477-0521.

**Bethany Manor's Dinner & Variety Show:** Friday, November 3 at 6 pm. What does a magic wand have in common with banjos and duct tape? They will all make an appearance at the show. Buffet dinner includes Roast Chicken & Bubbat, Farmer Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetables and Salads, and Cream Puffs. Proceeds to Personal Care Upgrades. Tickets \$100 each, of which \$75 is tax receiptable. Please call the Bethany Manor Office (306) 242-9019 or email [jan@b55.ca](mailto:jan@b55.ca) to reserve your tickets.

**Calling all alumni to join us at the AIRJC Homecoming Banquet,** October 21st to perform a few numbers in an Alumni Choir under the direction of Duff Warkentin. Music will be chosen and available ahead of time and there will be one practice leading up to the performance. If you are interested, please contact Tammy Forrester at [tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca](mailto:tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca)

**Art in the Lounge:** There has been a variety of art with many different mediums displayed in the lounge at NPMC during the past years including paintings, drawings, pottery, fabric art, photography, needlework, woodcarvings, stained glass, card making and jewellery. If you are into art and are interested in showing your art work in the lounge please contact Hedie Borne at 306-371-9604 or email [hedieborne@icloud.com](mailto:hedieborne@icloud.com).

## Acts 7:54-8:3

54 When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. <sup>55</sup>But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord

Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. <sup>8</sup>And Saul approved of their killing him. That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup>Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup>But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

## 1 John 5:6-12

6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>There are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. <sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

<sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**Care Group Lunches:** October 15--Gr. 2; October 22--Gr. 1; October 29--Gr. 3; November 19--Gr. 4; November 26--Gr. 1  
December 3--Gr. 5

**Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Breakfast cereals, Baked beans**