

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

October 9, 2016
Thanksgiving Sunday

Vol. LI

11:00 a.m.

No. 41

Worship Leader: Allan Klassen
Accompanists & Special Music: Fern Stockdale Winder,
Jamie Winder, Deanna Stockdale Winder, Lynn Driedger
Greeter: Ron Peters
Ushers: Joan & Bob Sawatzky

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Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Gathering Hymn **Our Father God, Thy Name We Praise** HWB No. 32

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Children's Time/Song **God Loves A Picnic** insert

**O Bless The Lord My Soul** HWB No. 80

A Psalm of Thanksgiving Psalm 100

Offering **As I Went Down To The River** Deanna

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

**I Go To The Rock** Deanna

Scripture John 6:1-15

Proverbs 9:1-6

**God, Whose Farm Is All Creation** HWB No. 391

Sermon **Communion as** Susanne Guenther Loewen

**Abundant Feast** Patrick Preheim

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness** HWB No. 327

Benediction

Sending Hymn **You Shall Go Out With Joy** HWB No. 427

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Enter ^{into} his ^{gates} ^{with} thanksgiving,
& ^{into} his ^{with} courts
psalm 100:4
PRAISE

Spotlight on Mennonite Central Committee Sask (MCCS)

Mennonite Central Committee Sask welcomes donations of money for its disaster response in Haiti, where people are suffering the effects of Hurricane Matthew which crossed the country on October 4. Matthew's high winds and extensive flooding caused significant damage and increased already heightened cholera concerns in the Artibonite Valley, where MCC's long-term reforestation program operates. To donate, visit mcc.org/hurricane-matthew, call 306-665-2555 or send a cheque to MCCS, 600 - 45th St W, Saskatoon, SK S7L 5W9.

This Week

Today	11:00 am	Worship ; Susanne and Patrick will be speaking. Children may use quiet bags during the service.
Monday		No Ecumenical Bible Study.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study.
	1:30 pm	Women's Coffee & Conversation time ; lounge.
Wed.	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast ; Jerry's Food Emporium, 8th Street.
Friday, Saturday		Women's Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre.
Friday-Sunday		The TRC Calls Churches to Action : hosted by Bartimaeus Institute at St Andrews College. See www.bcm-net.org/node/21 and poster in ed. wing.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	8:55 am	Contemplative Prayer in the sanctuary.
	9:25 am	Choir rehearsal for all ages.
	9:45 am	Adult Ed: Doing Theology Through Poetry. How does a poem mean? Facilitator is Edna Froese.
	11:00 am	Worship ; Elaine Enns speaking on the Calls to Action for churches from the TRC.
Oct. 21	7:00 pm	Bryan Moyer Suderman Sing Along ; Wildwood Mennonite Church, free admission.
	7:30 pm	Musical Jam Session ; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.
Oct. 22		Equipping Day at Mount Royal Mennonite. Bryan Moyer Suderman is our plenary speaker and workshops for everyone! Registration forms and details can be found on the mailbox table or at the MC Sask website www.mcsask.ca under the coming events tab.
Oct. 22	5:00 pm	Rosthern Junior College Annual Corporation Meeting in the chapel.
Oct. 22	6:00 pm	Rosthern Junior College Fundraising & Appreciation Dinner - "The German English Academy Awards". Guest speakers are alumni Eric Paetkau, Vickie Dyck and Elise Epp. Entertainment plus a live and silent auction; reception at 6:00pm and Dinner/Program at 6:30pm. Complimentary tickets reserved by October 14th at 306-232-4222 or by email at office@rjc.sk.ca .

Oct. 23	2:30 pm	Bryan Moyer Suderman Sing Along ; Eigenheim Mennonite Church, free admission.
Oct 27-29		Prairie Centre for Ecumenism Fall Ecumenical Conference at Lutheran Theological Seminary. To register admin@pceecumenism.ca or 306-653-1633. October 28-Oktoberfest at German Cultural Centre. See the bulletin boards for further information.
Oct. 28	6:30 pm	Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Saskatchewan Awareness Supper , held at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Come hear about MDS from Ross Penner, Director MDS Region V (Canada) Operations. Call 306-342-4344 for reservations.
Oct. 28, 29		Rosthern Junior College Alumni volleyball/soccer weekend! Soccer is Saturday only - meet in Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 and bring a white and dark t-shirt and \$5.00. Email Denelda at deneldafast@hotmail.com by October 24th to register for volleyball. A delicious lunch will be available in the Rehearsal Hall between 11-1:00. Alumni and friends, come join in the fun!
Oct. 29	10 – 3:00pm	Craft Sale at Bethany Manor . Door prize proceeds for Bethany Manor recreational activities.

Children's Song: "God Loves a Picnic" by Bryan Moyer Suderman

Refrain: God loves a picnic, yes, God does,
God loves a picnic, yes, God does,
God loves a picnic, yes, God does.
Let's all go to the picnic.

Verse one
The people fled from Egypt, yes they did
The people fled from Egypt, yes they did
They wandered in the desert, yes they did
And God gave them a picnic.

Verse two
The people followed Jesus, yes they did
The people followed Jesus, yes they did
Crowds and crowds of people, yes they did
And Jesus gave them a picnic.

Verse three
We follow Jesus, yes we do
We follow Jesus, yes we do
And tell all our friends to come on, too
And join us for God's picnic!

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.

John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a

great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Proverbs 9:1-6

1 Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
2 She has slaughtered her animals,
she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
3 She has sent out her servant-girls,
she calls from the highest places in

the town,
4 'You that are simple, turn in here!'
To those without sense she says,
5 'Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
6 Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.'

Youth Announcements

Discussion group-Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm for youth in Grades 7-12.
October 9 (tonight): Tim & The Glory Boys concert, Elim Church, doors open-6:30pm, concert at 7:00pm, tickets \$10 pre-ordered <http://www.timmytour.com/> or \$15 at the door. Please let Jenae know if you are coming ahead of time.
October 28: Mega-Menno Halloween Event hosted by Wildwood Church. 7pm-9pm and \$2/person.

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

Care Group Noon Lunches at NPMC

October 16	Group 2	November 13	Group 4
October 23	Group 1	November 27	Group 1
November 6	Group 3	December 4	Group 5

Friendship Inn is asking for **donations** for personal care items and clothing. See the bulletin board for what is needed or go to friendshipinn.ca. Drop off at 619-20th St. W or phone 306-242-5122.

This fall, Patrick and Susanne invite any youth and adults who are interested to gather with us for "**Faith Conversations**" in the church library during the Sunday morning adult education hour 9:45-10:45, beginning October 16. This will be a time for informal conversation and questions about God, faith, the church, peace and justice, and so on, which we will explore together. Bring your enthusiasm, skepticism, and everything in between! Childcare will be provided.

Updated Care Group Lists are now posted in the education wing. Care Groups were formed nearly two decades ago to encourage and enhance intergenerational relationships and essentially "care" for each other. It was up to each group at the time (we started with everyone in the congregation assigned into 10 large groups) to discern what they thought would be valuable in addition to this mandate, be it welcoming newcomers, book studies, mission projects, clean-up projects around the church, etc. Care Groups have evolved over time and currently there are five groups of varying sizes. Each one functions as they see fit for those in the group. If you are not part of a Care Group and you would like to be, please add your name to one of the groups.

MCC Connects: Remember to register for the upcoming **MCCS Encounter & AGM**. This year's meeting will be held at Rosthern Junior College on Saturday, November 5, 8:30am - 4:30 pm. See the poster on your church bulletin board for details. Registration Forms are on the mailbox table or visit mccsk.ca. For more information call the MCC Saskatchewan office at 306-665-2555.

If you are not receiving the **Canadian Mennonite** and would like to be on the mailing list, let Helen know (306-374-2144) as soon as possible. If you wish to receive it by email, send your e-mail address to office@canadianmennonite.org to subscribe to the digital version.

This is the last Sunday the telephone directory update will be posted in the church foyer.

MCC Saskatchewan is in urgent need of two more host families to host young women who are part of MCC's **International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP)**. The young women coming to Saskatchewan this year are from the countries of Zambia, Lesotho, and Malawi in Africa, and will be arriving in Saskatchewan on October 18th. We would need families from the Osler, Rosthern, and Saskatoon areas. Host families are provided a monthly financial allowance for their participation. So if you have a desire to welcome the stranger, expand your world, and provide the gift of hospitality for IVEP participants, please contact the MCC Saskatchewan office at: 306-665-2555 or Kaytee Edwards Buhler at KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca.

Bethany Manor is looking for caring people who are willing and able to volunteer for serving meals in our Dining Room. This is your chance to get some light exercise while helping our Bethany Manor Community. Enjoy a free meal each time you serve plus you don't have to do the dishes! Please contact Jennifer Bulka at 306-380-7920 or jbulka@b55.ca if you would like to hear more about this opportunity to get involved.