

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, August 13 at 10:00 am: Worship Service

Sunday, August 20 at 10:00 am: Worship Service



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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

August 13, 2023 at 10:00 am

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer

Accompanist: Kathy Peters

Ushers: Hedio and Ross Borne

Prelude

Gathering Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth VT #120

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise All Creatures Worship God Most High VT #81

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Offering VT #1024

Hymn See the Birds that Fly VT #289

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer VT #864

Time with the Children

Hymn The Garden Needs our Tending Now VT #788

Scripture Job 12: 7-10

Matthew 6: 25-33

Sermon Learning from Creation Susanne Guenther Loewen

Benediction

Sending Hymn Creation is a Song VT #181

Postlude

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.

NPMC Announcements

Please note: Until September 3 NPMC worship services will start at **10:00 a.m.** We will return to the 11:00 a.m. start time on September 10.

You might notice some changes to our church playroom off the Education Wing!

It's been updated and organized so the kids and their caregivers can continue to enjoy that space. Many thanks to Marie Guenther, Lori Weiler-Thiessen, Sarah Unrau, and Don Froese for their contributions to this project.

Care Groups were initiated by Elsie Neufeldt over two decades ago to encourage and enhance intergenerational relationships and essentially "care" for each other. Although COVID abruptly halted the active component of Care Groups, some members still kept in touch. Well, it is time to regroup and reactivate Care Groups! There is a sign-up sheet on the CHURCH LIFE bulletin board if you would like to be part of a Care Group. Care Groups will continue to be intergenerational and self-led. **The sign-up sheet will be left up until August 27th.** (If you can't make it to church to add your name you can also call Gwen and ask her to sign you up!) After the 27th of August, the lists will be taken down, Care Groups will be formed, a leader/co-leaders for each group solidified and then lists of each group posted on the bulletin board.

NPMC PARKING LOT PARTY! Sunday, August 27th - This event will begin with a hot dog lunch (following the worship service and set up) and will include activities for the young, the young at heart and everyone in between. We will create community while enjoying music, playing outdoor games, bouncing in a bouncy castle, having your face painted and visiting. Watermelon and rollkuchen will be served throughout the afternoon. Bring your own lawn chair if you prefer that over sitting at a table.

WEDDING & BABE SHOWER - Marlene and Denelda have begun the process to once again honour couples that are tying the knot and babes being born that are connected to our congregation. The shower will be celebrated in the same format as the last couple of years. It will take place beginning August 20th and will run over a couple of weeks. Photos will be posted on the private side of our website following the "virtual" event. If you would like to support the purchasing of gifts, please offer a donation to the church with this designation. Thank you!

NPMC is once again excited to offer **Kids' Club and Choir** on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. beginning September 7, 2023. Children who are entering Grade 2 - Grade 6 will be eligible to participate. We will run the program each Thursday (excluding school holidays) from September to March. Each Thursday will begin will include a devotional, a half hour choir practice, and activities including crafts, baking, and woodworking! If you are interested, please follow the link below to register your child. There will be a \$50 registration fee which will cover the cost of materials and other expenses. We are also looking for volunteers to help lead some of the programming. Contact us if you are willing to help!

<https://forms.office.com/r/AXVawUixfe>

Saturday, September 23rd - SAVE THE DATE for our OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

Bring your lawn chair and a blanket and be ready to eat popcorn and enjoy a movie on the big screen in the NPMC parking lot. The movie which will be kid friendly will begin playing at 7:00. This event is for all ages!

Community Announcements

August 14-18: A Summer Reading camp in 18 Saskatoon Public School locations from 9:00-3:00 daily. If you would be interested in helping with this volunteer activity, please contact the SPS Foundation by using this link: <https://spsfoundation.ca/who-we-are/get-involved/> There are also opportunities to sign up to deliver donations of food for nutrition programs during the school year.

The board of Shekinah is happy to announce that Curtis Wiens, Vic Pankratz and Phyllis Goertz will share the full time Executive Director position on an interim basis until the end of October. Please continue to pray that Shekinah will find a full time permanent person to take the Executive Director position. The Board also wishes to thank Ron and Sue Schellenberg for their leadership over the past 5 ½ years, especially through the exceedingly difficult active covid years. We wish them well in their future ventures.

Note: The Shekinah Move-a-Thon has been cancelled for 2023. We are sorry not to host the event this year, and look forward to coming back bigger and better next year. Stay tuned!

Theatre of the Beat will be in Saskatchewan with their new production in October. I Love You and it Hurts is a powerful new show that delves into the complex and often subtle issue of abuse in our communities through three emotionally charged short plays that explore the lived experiences of elder abuse, healthy masculinity, and intimate partner violence in young relationships. If your congregation is interested in hosting a show, go to <https://theatreofthebeat.ca/> for details and watch for a performance near you in October.

From MCC: Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. **Interested in donating a school kit? Join us for the School Kit Challenge!** Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Whether you donate one or 100 school kits, every donation helps! Get details of what is in a kit or sponsor a kit (\$8.50) at <https://mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge>

MCC Connects: Thursday, August 17 marks National Thrift Shop Day, a day to celebrate the importance of thrift shops for people here at home and around the world! Visit your local MCC Thrift shop for some special sales and discounts throughout the day.