

Coming Up

Sunday, August 20 at 10:00 am: Worship Service
Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 am: Worship Service
at 11:30 am: NPMC Parking Lot Party



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
August 20, 2023 at 10:00 am**

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Brent Guenther
Accompanist: Lynn Driedger
Ushers: Geraldine Balzer and Gordon Peters

Prelude

Welcome, and Announcements

Invocation

Hymn Summoneed by the God Who Made Us VT #1

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Hymn Calm Me, Lord VT #680

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn When Peace Like a River VT #617

Time with the Children Marlene Froese

Offertory Prayer

Scripture John 6: 16-21

Ezekial 47: 1-12

Sermon Water Patrick Preheim

Hymn of Response My Life Flows On VT #605

Spoken Benediction

Sending Hymn So nimm denn meine Hände VT #631

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: On Sept 10, worship begins at 11:00 am. Until then, Aug, 20, 27 and Sept 3, worship begins at 10:00 am.

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. – Susanne

You might notice some changes to the parking lot and kitchen. We thank Jeff Olfert on his diligent work with contractors and appliance workers. We have received a new fridge for the kitchen and the parking lot has a new slurred top surface and new lines painted.

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!)

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

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.

In addition to continuing the search for a full time permanent Executive Director, Shekinah is now hiring a permanent, full time Maintenance Manager. Duties include all kinds of tasks involved in maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, vehicles, and equipment; general facility maintenance; and snow removal in winter. We are looking for someone with the following: working knowledge in some combination in the areas of plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, mechanical or general construction; experience supervising staff and volunteers, a willingness to uphold Mennonite/Anabaptist practices. Preferred start date is Oct. 2. For more information contact director@shekinah.ca or submit resume to director@shekinah.ca

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: We are excited to announce that MCC has a new website! It is easier to use, story-driven, and includes more ways to engage with relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. Take a look around at [Homepage | Mennonite Central Committee \(mcc.org\)](#)