

Coming Up This Week

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

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Eric Neufeld

Accompanist: Joanne Ewert

Ushers: Dorothy and Merv Sorensen

Prelude

Welcome, and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Holy Holy Holy VT #76

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise Holy Spirit Come with Power VT #57

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Time with the Children The Grumpy Gardener Eric Neufeld

Hymn to Creation Wind Who Makes All Winds VT #372

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Malachi 3: 1-4

Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-4

Sermon Fires Patrick Preheim

Benediction

Sending Hymn Move in our Midst VT #827

Postlude For the Beauty of the Earth VT #120

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.

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 6, today, Singing in the Arbor at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation sponsored by Walking the Path, MC Sask and Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Come, have fun, meet your neighbors and share food. Various choirs, singers and dancers from 3-5 pm. Supper at 5pm, Bannock and farmer's sausage provided, bring a dessert or salad.

August 6, today, Forest Church gathers at Shekinah 3pm. If you have been curious but never made it out, this would be a great opportunity to see what forest church is like. Zachary Stefaniuk leads us in outdoor worship. All are welcome!

August 12 The Spruce River Folk Festival is back for 2023 at Spruce River Farm, Spruce Home. Great entertainment, education and food. See <https://www.spruceriverfolkfestival.com/> for details. Volunteers still needed for set up Aug. 10, help with parking, gate, silent auction, children's activities, running a coffee and drinks stand and grounds management on Aug. 12 and clean up on Sunday Aug. 13. If you can help please contact Ray Funk at rayfunk8@gmail.com or 306-961-7964

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.

MCC Connects: Join **The School Kit Challenge** in August! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many children can't get the education they need. To learn more about this challenge and to download a fun activity for Sunday School and VBS, please visit: mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge.