

Coming Up

Sunday, September 10 at 11:00 am: Worship Service
Tuesday, September 12 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study
at 7:00 pm: Youth at NPMC
Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 pm: Kids Club and Choir
Sunday, September 17 at 11:00 am: Worship Service

Service Group;

A number of years back, a service group at Nutana Park Mennonite took shape. We were involved with a number of community initiatives like serving school lunches, Friendship Inn, Salvation Army bell ringing, and spring time park cleaning. COVID concerns led to a suspension of the group's activities. We are actively discerning if to resume coordination of congregational service in the community. A couple of questions which would aid in that discernment:

Is community service with others of Nutana Park Mennonite something which might be of interest you?

Are there other service opportunities which would be of interest to you?
Gwen will be collecting names of people interested in collective service. A smaller group will discern next steps based upon responses to this announcement. Call or email Patrick with any questions Patrick Preheim

Sustainability Speakers Series

The Sustainability Speakers Series is hosted by the Saskatoon Public Library in partnership with the Saskatchewan Environmental Society. These free events are in the Meeting Room in the basement of Frances Morrison Central Library (311 23rd Street E). The events start at 7:00 p.m. and end at about 8:30 p.m. These are in-person events. Recordings of some of the presentations are posted on the internet several days after the event.

September 19 (Tuesday)

Xeriscape: Low Water, Low-maintenance Gardening

The principles of xeriscape (design ideas that conserve water, soil improvement, efficient irrigation, reducing conventional lawn areas, and mulching) and the best of the hundreds of hardy and drought tolerant plants for prairie gardens will be described by Sara Williams.

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.



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

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Audrey Kampen
Accompanist: Lynn Driedger
Ushers: Edith and Armin Krahn

Back to School Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn Here in this place VT #10

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Time with the Children

Children's Song This Little Light of Mine VT #762

Hymn of Praise Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom VT #196

Scripture Proverbs 4: 5-9

Luke 2: 41-52

Sermon Lifelong Learning Susanne Guenther Loewen

Hymn of Response O Christ Impart Your Teaching True VT #583

Spoken Benediction

Sending Hymn As You Go Out From Here VT #841

Postlude

NPMC Announcements

All NPMC women are welcome to our Women's Bible Study group, whether you've been attending for years or would like to join! We will resume our weekly gatherings on Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 10 am in the lounge. We will be looking at the book of Acts this year.

Men's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm. A copy of *What do we do with the Bible?* will be sent to regular attenders and those who are interested in attending the group gatherings.

WEDDING & BABE SHOWER - Marlene and Denelda (and Susanne and Patrick) have completed the doorstep visits with the couples that chose to acknowledge the invitation to participate. It is a pleasure to honour these couples in this way and then share it with all of you. Photos are posted on the private side of our website on the congregant's page under the title Church Life and the tab "Weddings & Babes 2023". We are still looking for support for the Gift Cards given to the couples. Please send a donation to the church with this designation if you so choose. Thank you!

Saturday, September 23rd - 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! AND now you can have a say in which movie is played. Please find slips of paper and a box on a table below the Church Life bulletin board ... Vote for "SHREK" or "ZOOTOPIA" by September 22nd and we'll play the winning movie!

Sunday, Sept 24 Noon Potluck after the service:

- A-H Casseroles, help with Set-Up
- I-Z Salads & Dessert, help with Clean-Up

Community Announcements

Sept 12 at 7:00 pm: RJC Opening Program: Join us in the RJC auditorium as we celebrate the start of the new school year. Featuring music and reflections by RJC students, staff and community members. Admission by donation. A live-stream link will be made available on our [website](#).

Sept 12, 7:00 pm: The MC Sask Walking the Path group invites you to the inaugural episode of The PBA Cultural Café at the Nutrien Wonderhub, 950 Spadina Cres E in Saskatoon. This Episode will cast a spotlight on Indigenous cultures and feature esteemed guests, including Dr Sharon Acoose, Lyndon Linklater and Lararr Okesikewiyin, who will share insights into their traditions, history and unique identities. Details and free registration can be found at <https://www.saskculture.ca/events/2036>

Oct 19 & 20: Called to Be a Worship Leader workshop: When you are asked to worship lead, what are you called to do? How do we decide who plans worship, and how do we do that? What are the joys of this role, and why is it so essential to Christian formation? This interactive seminar will explore these questions and leave you with practical tips and resources. Details and registration at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11422>. This event will be held at NPMC.

In addition to continuing the search for a full time permanent Executive Director, Shekinah is now hiring a permanent, full time Maintenance Manager. 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. 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: Please save the date for the MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 26 from 6:30-9:00pm. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to saskoffice@mccsk.ca.

MCC Connects: Join MCCS for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to learn peace practices for everyday life. This month, the Kairos Blanket Exercise will be facilitated on **Tuesday, September 19** from 6:30-9 pm at the Main Office. All are welcome and snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please contact Erika or Heather at 306-665-2555.

MCC Connects: MCC's annual online Quilt Sale is coming up in November, and we are looking for donations of new and handmade quilts. If you or someone you know would like to donate a quilt, please contact the office at 306-665-2555 or email Karla at karlakoehn@mccsk.ca for more information.

First Mennonite Church has received notice that our administrative secretary is retiring effective September 28, 2023. This is a part-time position. If you are interested, please contact Ethel Classen by e-mail at: classen@sasktel.net or call 306-292-7886 for more information.