

Coming Up

Sunday, September 3 at 10:00 am: Worship Service

Monday, September 4: Office Closed

Wednesday, September 6 at 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Coachman
at 7:00 pm: Youth at NPMC (field games)

Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 pm: Kids Club and Choir

Sunday, September 10 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 to 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 3, 2023 at 10:00 am**

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: James Friesen

Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg

Ushers: Hedio and Ross Borne

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn Spirit Working in Creation STJ #10

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prayer for Schools and Learning Communities VT #955

Hymn of Praise Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise VT #98

Time with the Children

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Exodus 3: 1-15

Romans 12: 9-21

Sermon Looking Back; Looking Forward Patrick Preheim

Hymn of Response Teach me Thy Truth VT #776

Spoken Benediction

Sending Hymn Go, My Friends, in Grace VT #810

Postlude

NPMC Announcements

Please note: On Sept 10, worship begins at 11:00 am.

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 begun doorstep visits with the couples that are tying the knot or welcoming a new babe into their family. It is a pleasure to honour these couples in this way and then share it with all of you. Photos will be posted on the private side of our website on the congregant's page under the title Church Life and the tab "Weddings & Babes 2023" on an ongoing basis over the next few weeks. Please continue to check for updates. If you would like to support the purchasing of gifts, please send a donation to the church with this designation.

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. 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!

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

September 3, today, Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm. Mark Bigland-Pritchard leads us in outdoor worship as we move into the fall season. All are welcome.

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.

Financial Summary January - July 2023

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Donations	\$212,454	\$255,383	-\$42,929
Expenses	\$255,241	\$255,383	-\$142
Surplus (shortfall)	-\$42,787	\$0	-\$42,787
Unfunded Roof Balance	\$8,856		