

July 2013

Sunday	Notable Days
7 10 AM SERVICE Speaker: Janet Peters Scripture: Genesis 2:4-19 Topic: A Garden in Eden Worship Leader: Eric Peters Music: Jaelyn & Raya Peters Trudy Voth-piano	1 OFFICE CLOSED FOR CANADA DAY WEEKEND 2 1:30 – 3:00 pm – Community Kitchen Summer BBQ
14 9:00 am – Worship Committee meets 10 AM SERVICE Speaker: Pastor Harold Peters-Fransen Scripture: Psalm 139:1-18 Topic: God know us Worship Leader: Lisa Friesen Music: Rudy Sawatzky / Tracy Zapp - piano	12 & 26 1:00 pm – Food Bank
21 10 AM SERVICE Speaker: Pastor Harold Peters-Fransen Scripture: Psalm 148 Topic: All creation praises God Worship Leader: James White Music: Congregational Singing – Trudy Voth - piano	
28 10 AM – CATHY TIESSEN & MISSION CHOIR SERVES AT BETHANIA- 10 AM SERVICE Speaker: Pastor Harold Peters-Fransen Scripture: Psalm 1, Psalm 23, Psalm 42:1-5 Topic: We are like... W.L.: Jeff Zacharias Music: Praise & Worship / Tracy Zapp - piano	 

August 2013

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4 10 AM SERVICE Speaker: Pastor Harold Peters-Fransen Scripture: Leviticus 23:22, Ruth 2 Topic: Sharing the harvest Worship Leader: Janet Peters Music: Congregational Singing / Trudy Voth - Piano	5 OFFICE CLOSED FOR CIVIC HOLIDAY 9 1:00 pm – Food Bank
11 10 AM SERVICE Speaker: Pastor Harold Peters-Fransen Scripture: Joshua 24:1-28 Topic: We mark our faithfulness to God Worship Leader: Pastor Harold Music: Rudy Sawatzky / Trudy Voth - piano	13 7:15 PM – COUNCIL MEETS 14 7:00 pm – Caregivers meet
18 10 AM SERVICE Speaker: Pastor Harold Peters-Fransen Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-18 Topic: A 2nd Letter to the North Kildonanites Worship Leader: John Wiens Music: Praise & Worship / Liana Klapecki / Tracy Zapp – piano / FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR PASTOR HAROLD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE	23 1:00 pm – Food Bank
25 10 AM SERVICE Speaker: Brian Dyck Scripture: Psalm 121 Topic: A song for pilgrims Worship Leader: Leni Lousier Music: Mission Choir / Erika Krahn - piano	29 1:00 pm – Music Committee Meets



Pastor Harold will be away on holidays from June 27th to July 11th. His last Sunday with NKMC will be August 18th. He will be in the office until the 23rd, and will be taking some holidays after that until the end of his term. Please contact the Care Team with any pastoral care concerns.

Liana will be taking her vacation from July 8th until the 19th, returning on the 22nd of July, and also August 5th to 12th, and returning back to work on August 13th. Janet Peters will be in the office for several hours on Tues-Fri. Office Hours will be posted in the bulletin the week before.



Dear Congregation,

Summer is upon us. It seemed to have a slow start with the cooler than normal spring, but now we have had some wonderful and sometimes violent weather. I hope that everyone in the congregation will find ways to experience the wonders of a Manitoba summer that God has given us. We are renting a cottage a few kilometers north of Gimli for a week, and our Winnipeg children, my mother-in-law, and my son and grandson from Chicago will join us. Later in the summer Ingrid and I will drive to Chicago to be with our children, who are anticipating the birth of a third child late in July. Exciting times!

Summer gives us an opportunity to experience God in many ways. Certainly the coming alive of the earth in all its splendour is reason for worship. We have begun a series related to various portions of scripture related to God's creation and our response to it. And the material is very child friendly, so I would encourage you to bring children and grandchildren when you can!

It is ok to take a break from worship here. I will be doing it is well! But I would encourage many of you to consider worshipping at least once in a church other than our own. I have listened to many of you tell stories about your experiences of worship in a great variety of other churches. It is good to worship with other Christians. In my view, as we understand that all Christians are a minority in the world, we see more and more what we have to learn from other Christians in our daily lives. And, I believe, that we can bring experiences we have in other churches of this and other denominations into discussion in terms of how our worship can become more faithful as we grow with interaction with one another.

From the beginning, Anabaptist Mennonite worship has been influenced and shaped by other Christians worship. It is right to learn from and adapt our worship, as others are influenced by ours. For example, our hymnody has been 95% borrowed from other traditions. In fact, there is probably more Mennonite hymnody now than there has been for most of the last 400 years.

Traditionally we have been most influenced by Lutheran, Catholic and reformed hymnody, then from the early part of the 20th century by Gospel/Evangeliums lieder. More recently we have borrowed from the Praise and Worship tradition, Iona, and Taize communities. Other denominations now contain hymns from such Mennonite authors as Zercher, Loewen, and Houser Hamm, to name a few.

On another note, as I enter my last summer of pastoring here, I would welcome discussions of issues that I have raised in regards to our faith. Call me and invite out or over for coffee! Include others if you would like! I will be in the office and around Sundays from July 14 to August 23.

May God bless us during this summertime.

Yours in Christ,

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