

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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May 14, 2017
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements

There are many gifts HWB #304

For we are strangers no more HWB #322

Call to Worship - STJ #120

Prayer

Confessing...

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, we're afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves.

Yet you see us as we really are.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Even when we won't listen to you, you hear us when we call your name.

Open our ears, Lord.

We keep the light of your Word hidden to ourselves,
though you gave it to share with the world.

Open our mouths, Lord.

May we know and follow the One who calls us to see, hear, and speak.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Listening...

We will walk with God STJ #78 (while children leave)

Scripture: Ephesians 4

Open my eyes, that I may see HWB #517

Meditation: "Namwayut: We Are All One"

Responding...

Jesus, help us live in peace STJ #52

(Children return to Sanctuary)

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Spirit of the living God HWB #349

Sending...

Bless'd be the tie that binds HWB #421

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Pianist – Josie Braun

Ushers – Ken Friesen, Bill Ewert

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 69

Offering – \$3437.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Donna Friesen

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, May 15

6:30 p.m. – Village Cemetery Spring cleanup CANCELLED. The work has already been completed.

Tuesday, May 16

7:30 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, June 4

Outdoor service at Wes & Loraine Epps.

Monday, August 14-Thursday, August 17

6:30-8:45 p.m. – Kingdom of the Son VBS. There will be music, drama, crafts, games, snack and awesome bible stories based on the Lord's Prayer. We could also use some help in planning and setting up the decorating. If you would like to volunteer to help out any or all evenings that would be great. Please pray for VBS 2017. Pray that we will get enough volunteers, pray for the kids that will be coming, and pray for me as I am in full swing planning and preparing for another awesome week.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our congratulations to Chai & Nini Boupaphanh on the birth of their son, Galex, in Regina on April 22.
- If you are on the church email list you should have received a copy of the first article concerning looking at our future church life mentioned by Dan on Sunday. If you are not on the list, there should be a copy in your mailbox. If you would rather have it by email, please let Mary Jean know. Please read and cogitate.
- This is your invitation to participate in the Annual MCC Relief Sale June 9-10 by donating baking. Buns, breads, cookies, cakes, pies are always desired items, but traditional goods (like zweiback, portzelky, peppernuts, platz, etc.) are a real hit. Baking can be brought to the bake table Friday by 4:00 p.m. or Saturday morning. Thanks. Questions: call Bev or Ted Janzen at 232-5619.
- Scholarships for youth and young adults are currently being offered from MC Sask and Mennonite Trust Ltd. For more information, visit www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry, or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, youthminister@mcsask.ca. Deadline is **July 31, 2017**.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, May 19

7:00 p.m. – Watoto Children's Choir concert at Lanigan Town Hall. See posters.

Friday, May 26-Sunday, May 28

Jr. High Retreat at Shekinah for youth grades 6-9. Theme is Life's an Adventure, and will feature local 'adventurers' Ron Schellenberg, Hamilton Fast, and Stephanie Siemens. With all your favourite activities, and some new ones, the weekend is sure to be an adventure! Cost is \$140 for youth, \$120 for sponsors, deadline is **May 19th**. Visit www.mcsask.ca or the MC Sask Facebook page for more information.

Saturday, May 27

7:00 p.m. - Osler Menn. will host a concert of music and spoken word as a fundraiser for sponsorship of a soon-to-be-arriving Syrian Refugee family. See posters.

RJC Annual Golf Classic at the Rosthern Valley Regional Golf Course. Please register by email, mail or phone by **May 15**. Registration forms can be found online at rosthernjuniorcollege.ca, by phoning 306-232-4222, or by emailing rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca

Sunday, May 28

2:30 p.m. – RJC Spring Concert in the RJC Gymnasium.

Friday, June 2

7:30 p.m. – At MCC SK (Saskatoon) Lucy Romanenkova, director of the Florence Centre in Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine, and partner of MCC will be providing a dynamic view of the work of their Centre and will be open to questions regarding how the lives of the area are being affected by the tensions in Eastern Ukraine. The services they provide are for Children with disabilities, workshops with teens in schools, seminars for senior women who are looking for meaning in life after their retirement, and seminars for persons in government agencies who are looking for more positive ways to provide services to seniors, and other vulnerable persons. Following the presentation, there will be time for informal visiting with her and opportunity to donate to the Florence Centre programs. For more information call Florence Driedger 306-539-1334.

Friday, June 9 & Saturday, June 10

MCC Relief Sale & Auction, Saskatoon. Pies are needed for the Pie Booth. Pies can be dropped off at Prairieland Park on the afternoon of June 9.

Friday, June 23 & Saturday, June 24

RJC Spring Musical presents "Sister Act". Tickets \$20 for adults, \$10 for 16 & under go on sale May 23 and must be reserved and paid in advance by calling the RJC office at 306-232-4222 or emailing office@rjc.sk.ca (Visa and MasterCard accepted).

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Prayer Request: Pray for the thousands of Mennonites in Democratic Republic of Congo who have gone into hiding to escape the violence that has claimed hundreds of lives. Pray that God would provide life's necessities for those who have fled their homes, for stable national leadership, and for an end to the fighting.

MC Canada Connects: This Sunday, the Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights will have its official Closing Ceremony at Ottawa Menn. To see where they have been and what they have done, check out Facebook at www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Citizens for Public Justice is an organization inspired by faith to act for public justice. CPJ is inviting churches to contribute to the government of Canada's consultations on its Poverty Reduction Strategy via an easy-to-use online form via cpj.ca/cprs.

MCC Connects: MCC is responding to the urgent needs of people living in the Unity State of South Sudan. The United Nations has warned that the world is facing the largest food crisis since the Second World War. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. To read more about MCC's work in the South Sudan or to make a donation please visit: mcccanada.ca/stories/mcc-providing-food-south-sudan-famine-zone

CMU Connects: Consider enrolling in spring courses through CMU's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry or Canadian School of Peacebuilding.