

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastor's office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

July 23, 2017

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements

Jesus calls us here to meet him STJ #3

O sing to the Lord STJ #12

Call to Worship

Prayer

Confessing...

Refresh, Refocus, Renew Litany

Listening...

Children's Time

Scripture: Mark 7:1-23

Be thou my vision HWB #545

Meditation: "Principles, Particulars and Preferences"

Responding...

As tranquil streams STJ #51

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Spirit of the living God HWB #349

Sending...

You walk along our shoreline STJ #99

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – John Bartel

Accompanists – Wes Epp & Phil Chamberlin

Sound – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Ken Friesen, Bill Ewert

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 113 Offering – \$1427.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, July 27

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Nokomis Health Centre. Everyone welcome.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, August 6

10:30 a.m. – Audrey Mierau Bechtel will be our guest speaker. There will be a potluck lunch following the service – sandwiches, veggies, squares, etc.

Sunday, August 13

10:30 a.m. – We are invited to join Prairie Light Christian Fellowship for worship and a picnic lunch at the Lanigan Rest Area. There will be no service at North Star that morning.

Monday, August 14-Thursday, August 17

6:30-8:45 p.m. – Kingdom of the Son VBS is coming up in just over a month. I am still in need of some help. I need some classroom leaders, there's not much prep for this. I need someone to serve snack to the kids. And I need someone to lead crafts for 2 evenings. I am trying to prepare and plan the crafts, so if you are interested in that rather than helping out during the week of VBS, I would really appreciate it. I have some ideas for crafts. There is always the opportunity to bake some cookies for VBS. If you would like to do that, please have the cookies there by Monday August 14. Thanks! Please keep VBS in your prayers! - Gayle

Saturday, October 28-Sunday, October 29

Sheila Klassen-Wiebe will present CMU Portable "Practical Faith: Discipleship and the letter of James".

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Dan will be traveling for most of Aug. except the week of Aug. 15-22. He is taking vacation, visiting family, as well as a week of Continuing Education in the USA. He can be contacted by email and through the deacons.
- Our sympathy is extended to the family of Elizabeth Friesen who passed away on Saturday, July 15. Funeral service will be held on Monday, July 24 at 11:00 a.m. at Mount Royal Menn., Saskatoon.
- At the end of August, MC Sask will be moving to the MCC SK Center, in Saskatoon. In light of our move, we are selling a number of slightly-used pieces of office furniture. Items include: filing cabinets, chairs, microwave, mini-fridge, and more! Go to <http://mcsask.ca/contact-us/> to find a link to pictures online, check out our Facebook page, or see the printed pages on bulletin boards! Questions? Call 306-249-4844.
- MDS is receiving financial donations for forest fires in BC. People have already lost houses and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at 1-866-261-1274.

- Shekinah is looking for a new Program Director! See bulletin board for details or apply online at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org. Applications close **July 31**.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Monday, July 24-Friday, July 28

2:30-4:30 p.m. – 5 day VBS at Christian Fellowship, Lanigan. All kids 5-13 invited and bring a friend too. Story time bible lessons, games and snacks/ crafts. We are also inviting Moms and Dads and any adults interested who are able to come and Volunteer for a day or two or all five. No experience necessary. Everything set up you can help us keep everything running smoothly. No registration necessary. If you wish to phone ahead and let us know who is coming, that would help us have an idea of numbers.

Saturday, August 12

10:00 a.m. – 8th Annual Spruce River Folk Festival, Spruce River Farm (20 km north of PA on Highway 2). Pipe ceremony and stories, and music from 1-6 p.m. Performers include Sparky and the Plugs, Joseph Naytowhow, and Well Sister. Food available. For info or to volunteer, contact Heather Driedger 306.763.6224, email parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com. See poster.

Sunday, August 20

3:00 p.m. – Shared Land/Shared Song: Music under the Arbor at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Come enjoy an afternoon of music and dance, featuring a Mennonite Choir and Muskeg Lake musicians and dancers. See posters. For more information contact Valerie Wiebe /dvwiebe@yourlink.ca

Friday, September 15 & Saturday, September 16

Refresh, Refocus, Renew Fall Mini Retreat at Wildwood Menn., Saskatoon

Friday, October 13-Sunday, October 15

MC Canada Special Assembly in Wpg. If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact the office. We are allowed two delegates and registration must be in by **Sept. 15**. This is an important event for our Church family, and all are encouraged to participate & learn more. See poster or MC Canada website (home.mennonitechurch.ca) <http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft>

Saturday, October 28

MC Sask Equipping Day at Zoar Menn., Waldheim.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Prayer Request: Dann and Joji Pantoja are MC Canada workers who serve through PeaceBuilders Community Inc. in Philippines, where violence is on the rise. Pray for the Pantojas and their ministry as they bring Christians, Muslims, and Indigenous peoples together for peace and reconciliation work. May God grace these diverse teams of peacebuilders with compassion and cultural sensitivity. Pray that the necessary funding will be provided – not only to meet expenses, but as a show of support from the global community.

MC Canada Connects: Future Directions Update: Working Group Reports on various proposed re-organized ministries of MC Canada and Area Churches are now available at <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/documents/>

In response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to adopt and comply with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Mennonite Church Canada has recently created a beautiful book of poetry and prayer reflecting on each article of the Declaration. Borrow or purchase from CommonWord -

www.commonword.ca/go/1211

*Give thanks
to the Lord
for He is
good.
His love
endures
forever.*