

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

July 30, 2017

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah HWB #50

All things bright and beautiful HWB #156

Call to Worship

Prayer

Confessing...

Refresh, Refocus, Renew Litany

Listening...

Children's Time – Lisa Martens Bartel

Scripture: Mark 7:1-23

Open our eyes, Lord

Meditation: "Good Values Stayed Good"

Responding...

Holy, holy, holy HWB #120

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Spirit of the living God HWB #349

Sending...

Be still and know

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Pianist – Josie Braun

Sound – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 63 Offering – \$1830.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Audrey Mierau Bechtel

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

There will be a potluck lunch following the service next Sunday.

(sandwiches, veggies, squares, etc.)

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, August 2

There will be NO Wed. evening pricing in Aug. It will resume Sept. 6.

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. Everybody is welcome. This is a potluck event so feel free to bring a dish that you can share with the group. Also, bring picnic chairs or mats if you prefer to sit on the grass. There will be no service at North Star that morning.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, August 14-Thursday, August 17

6:30-8:45 p.m. – Kingdom of the Son VBS is coming up quickly. I still 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 or the deacons.
- Our sympathy is extended to Terry & Hilda Dyck and family on the passing of their son, Chris, on Saturday, July 22. The funeral was held in Lethbridge on Saturday, July 29.
- Our congratulations to Jeannesta & CJ McLean who were married on Friday, July 21. We wish you God's blessing as you begin your life together.
- Our congratulations to Steve & Kaylyn Bartel on the birth of their son, Daxton Anthony, on July 21, a brother to Jayden & Samantha and grandson of Ivan & Irene Bartel and Ken & Marge Schmidt.
- At the end of August, MC Sask will be moving to the MCC SK Center, in Saskatoon and we are selling a number of slightly-used pieces of office furniture including: 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.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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: We invite your prayers for all affected by the wildfires raging on in BC: the people who have been displaced and those who are at risk of being displaced, including First Nations communities; the firefighters, policemen, military and health professionals who are battling the fires and the aftermath; those who are welcoming displaced people into their homes and communities—particularly MCBC congregations who may be affected and/or called upon to help; leaders who are orchestrating responses and planning for recovery; and those who are affected by smoke. Pray that God's grace will be abundant and overflowing in the midst of this disaster. May needs be met and sufficient energy for the work at hand be found.

MC Canada Connects: Dan Jack, Moderator of MC Alberta, passed away on July 17. Funeral was held on July 28 at First Mennonite Church in Calgary. Please keep his family, and MC Alberta, in your prayers.

Chew on This! Plans are underway for the 5th annual Chew on This! event, organized by Citizens for Public Justice and the Dignity for All campaign. Each year, volunteers go out to their communities on October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, to hand out Chew on This! lunch bags, containing a food item, a magnet, and a postcard directed to the federal government. This year, Chew on This! will focus on making sure the federal government has heard the voices of people calling for a comprehensive national strategy following on consultations for the Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy. To organize a Chew on This! event or for more information, go to <https://dignityforall.ca/chew-on-this/> or contact Darlene O'Leary at darlene@cpj.ca.

Assembly Registration is open! You are invited to register for the October 13-15 special 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg: <http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft>