

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

July 9, 2017

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements

Santo (Holy) STJ #15

The Lord is my light STJ #97

Call to Worship

Prayer

Confessing...

Refresh, Refocus, Renew Litany

Listening...

Children's Time

Scripture: Amos 5:18-27; Matthew 7:13-23

Heal us, Immanuel, here we are HWB #375

Meditation: "Looking Religious / Being Spiritual"

Responding...

Let there be light, Lord God HWB #371

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Spirit of the living God HWB #349

Sending...

Take my hand and lead me, Father HWB #601

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Song Leader – Leona Ewert Pianist – Esther Laskowski

Sound – Steven Lehr Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 52 Offering – \$2840.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

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 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:

- Please consider spending some of your summer volunteering at the Community Gift & Thrift. This is one of the busiest time of year for donations and we need all the extra help we can get! Your support is essential to our mission.
- If you are interested in being a delegate to the MC Canada Special Delegate Assembly in Winnipeg Oct.13-15 please contact the office. We are allowed two delegates and registration must be in by **Sept. 15**.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, July 19

Foodgrains Bank (SK) Innovative Partnerships BBQ – You're Invited!! In conjunction with our presence at Ag in Motion (Outdoor Farm Expo), the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will be hosting a BBQ for supporters (and others who are interested) in Langham at the Langham and District Heritage Museum, 302 Railway Street. It'll be a time where we connect local and global stories of ag innovation, particularly in regards to protecting and building healthy soil, and the people behind this work. RSVP by **July 16** to saskatchewan@foodgrainsbank.ca. For more info contact Rick Block at 306-384-1366 or 306-222-9877.

Friday, July 21

4:30 p.m. – The MDS volunteers at the Hague project site are happy to say that after much hard work and the labour of many volunteers the houses being built at Hague are ready to be sent off to Fort McMurray. They have planned and organized and invite you to join them for a sending ceremony for the houses at the Zak's Building Group compound. They will lead a program sending the houses and praying for their safe arrival and for the 3 individuals who are waiting for the first glimpse of their new homes. If you are unable to attend we invite you to join with us by praying that these new homes will help restore hope to the three individuals who will be receiving them. If you have any questions you can contact the Hague site at 431-777-4820.

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.

Friday, September 15 & Saturday, September 16

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

Friday, October 13-Sunday, October 15

MC Canada Assembly in Winnipeg

Saturday, October 28

MC Sask Equipping Day at Zoar Menn., Waldheim

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Prayer Request: In June, Jeanette Hanson, MC Canada worker and Assistant Director of Mennonite Partners in China (MPC), helped facilitate a 4-day visit to Winnipeg from eastern China for Pastor Paul (pseudonym), his wife, and son. After visiting Mennonite congregations, a nursing home, CMU, and a Mennonite camp, he noted “It is so helpful to me to see how you Mennonites live out your faith. This experience is helpful for my ministry in China.” Pray that Pastor Paul’s experience will be a blessing upon his ministry in China.

MC Sask Connects: As summer begins, please remember to keep Camp Elim, Camp Shekinah, the Youth Farm Bible Camp, and all camp ministries in your prayers. Pray for patience and encouragement for staff, and that campers might have a meaningful experience and grow in their faith.

Season of Prayer: *Lord, open us to Your future.* We are told by the prophet Jeremiah that God has a plan, and we know that this plan is still at work today. May thy kingdom come, Lord; in our churches, in MC Sask, and around the world.

MC Canada Connects: MC Canada’s 2017 AGM will be streamed online July 12 from 6-7 p.m. CDT. Instructions on how to join are at home.mennonitechurch.ca/2017AGM/ Join the meeting early to allow a few minutes to auto-install the required meeting software to your browser.

MC Canada Special Assembly Registration is open! You are invited to register for the 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg: www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft

CMU Connects: CMU, in collaboration with Eastern Mennonite University (Virginia), Goshen College (Indiana) and Bluffton College (Ohio), is the Canadian partner in offering an MBA - a degree program focused on using business as a tool for creative and sustainable change. Wezi Ngwenya (Wesley) graduated from CMU with his MBA in April of 2017. His experiences on the streets of his native Zambia have been released as an Amazon e-book, part of his final project for his MBA from CMU. He says, “The people who take this MBA are drivers of social change. We need those people in business.” Wezi was recently appointed to a management position in a Manitoba credit union. To read more about Wesley’s story, visit cmu.ca/whycmu.