

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

August 6, 2017

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

### Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements

Worship Songs *My soul is filled with joy* STJ # 13  
*O breathe on me, O breath of God* STJ # 46

Call to Worship

Prayer

### Confessing...

Refresh, Refocus, Renew Litany

### Listening...

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Hymn *A mighty fortress is our God* HWB # 165

Meditation: "Waging Peace; Standing Firm"

### Responding...

Hymn *Lead us, O Father* HWB # 359

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*Spirit of the living God* HWB #349

### Sending...

Sending Song *The love of God* STJ # 44

Benediction

Meditation – Audrey Mierau Bechtel Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Song Leader – Leona Ewert Pianist – Josie Braun

Sound – Ivan Bartel Ushers – Ken Friesen, Bill Ewert

**All are welcome for potluck lunch following the service**

### LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 58 Offering – \$1358.50

### NEXT 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 **next Sunday**. 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 next Sunday.**

## THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

### COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, August 14-Thursday, August 17

6:30-8:45 p.m. – Kingdom of the Son VBS is only 1 week away. Things are coming together, but I could still use a little help. If you have 1,2,3 or 4 evenings you could spare and love to hang out with kids, it would be great to have you join us. I still need someone who willing to lead crafts for 2 evenings. The crafts are all planned I just need someone to help for those evenings. 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. Everyone is welcome to join us for our openings or closings each evening and join us for the closing program on Thursday, August 17 at 8:00 p.m. Please pray for the kids that will attend, for all the leaders and helpers and for a really great time together as we learn more about the Lord's Prayer - 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.
- 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.

### 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](mailto: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 Mennonite, Waldheim.

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Prayer Request:** Mile and Cheryl Nimz are Mennonite Church Canada partners in the United Kingdom. Working through Mennonite Trust (Mike) and as a volunteer (Cheryl), the Nimzes are helping to grow the Anabaptist Network in the U.K. with dedication and exuberance. Pray that their ministry will strengthen relationships across the Anabaptist Network.

**MC Sask:** The office will be closed August 7-11

**MC Canada Connects:** Assembly Registration is now open! Register for the October 13-15 special 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg

<http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft>

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/>

New from CMU Press: Approaching the Divine: Signs and Symbols of the Christian Faith by Margaret Loewen Reimer. The meaning behind church liturgical practices and art forms, written from a Mennonite perspective.

Borrow or purchase [www.commonword.ca/go/1282](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1282)

**MCC Connects:** Looking for ways to serve locally with MCC? Host an IVEP participant! Hosts are needed in Saskatoon for the International Volunteer Exchange Program beginning September 2017 - July 2018. By hosting an IVEP you contribute to sustainable development internationally while sharing stories and culture with a passionate Christian young adult! For more information please contact IVEP Sask Coordinator Kaytee Edwards Buhler at [KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca](mailto:KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca) or 306-665-2555.