

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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October 29, 2017
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements

God is here among us HWB #16

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Worship (HWB #681)

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...

Let the children come to me (verse 2) (while children leave)

Scripture

God, whose purpose is to kindle HWB #135

Meditation: "When Patience is Scarce"

Responding...

I have decided to follow Jesus Insert

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer HWB #348

Sending...

Be strong in the Lord Insert

Benediction

Meditation – Sheila Klassen-Wiebe

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Steven Lehr

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Ushers – Ken Friesen, Bill Ewert

There will be a potluck lunch served immediately following the service.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 63

Offering – \$3634.00 (3434.00 for budget)

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

There will be coffee and snacks before Sunday School next Sunday.

Everyone welcome.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, November 1

2:00 p.m. – Cheerful Mission meets in the church basement.

7:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets at the Thrift Store. If you need a ride, meet at the church at 6:45.

Saturday, November 4

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – MCCS Encounter & AGM "Beyond Disaster, Embracing Hope" at Cornerstone Church, Saskatoon. Our delegates are Ben Martens Bartel and Jim Ewert. Register by **October 27**.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, November 26

11:00 a.m. – We will celebrate Memorial Sunday where we will remember those in our community who have passed away this year – Dorothy Wolter, Roger Schmidt, Linda Bartel, Tina Schellenberg and Mary Bergen. Please let Pastor Dan know if there are others you wish to be remembered.

Saturday, December 2

North Star Christmas Banquet. Details to follow.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to Ernie Hall & family of Wynyard. His wife, Janet, passed away this past week. The funeral was held yesterday.
- Please read the letter on bulletin boards from MC Sask welcoming feedback from the Refresh, Refocus, Renew retreat Sept. 15-16.
- Do you have this missing book from the church library – 'Where He leads me I will follow' by Anna Dyck? If so, please return it ASAP.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, November 1

5:30 p.m. – Shekinah Chili Supper at Osler Menn. Come join us for a night of food and fellowship, and grandma's chili! An update will be given on Shekinah and the new Timber Frame Cabin Project, with entertainment by Zac Schellenberg. Entrance by donation, we hope to see you there! See poster.

Friday, November 3-Saturday, November 4

MC Sask Women's Retreat "Embracing your Calling" at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Join us for good food, rambles in nature, music, creative scripture art-making, community-building, a little early holiday shopping among handmade goods, and teachings from our speaker, Claire Ewert Fisher. Registration Friday 5:30 p.m., supper 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$120 for both days (Fri. evening-Sat. afternoon) or \$70 for one day. Register at MC SK website or call the office 306-249-4844. See poster for more info.

Friday, November 10 & Monday, November 13

6:00 p.m. – Foodgrains Bank Fall Banquets in Moose Jaw and Melfort. RSVP
Deadline is **Friday, November 3**. See poster for more information.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Prayer Request: Abel and Sonya Zabaleta and their three sons (of Hope Mennonite Fellowship, North Battleford, Sk) have travelled to Burkina Faso to assist Norm and Lillian Nicolson in their ministry as MC Canada Witness Workers. They will provide tutoring for the Nicolson children (and their own!) and will serve elsewhere as they are able. Please pray that these two families will find energy and joy in their new relationship and be inspired with new visions for service.

MC Canada Connects: UPDATE – The MC Canada Special Assembly, Oct. 13-15, marked a historic turning point for MC Canada, Regional Churches, and our congregations across the country. Delegates charted a new course for MC Canada with a 94% approval of the Covenant New restructuring proposal. The new structure revisions MC Canada as the covenant partnership created by the five nationwide Regional Churches. Working together, Regional Churches have been mandated to foster the health and vitality of local congregations, who are engaged in mission in their immediate neighbourhoods and around the world. While delegates celebrated a structure that has served them well in the past and grieved its passing, they also embraced the vision of a vibrant, nationwide Mennonite Church that is actively engaging our world. To learn more, visit www.futuredirectionsmc.ca.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has called Canada to adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Bill C-262 is a private member's bill supported by hundreds of Indigenous communities, faith groups, and social justice organizations that can help make that happen. Bill C-262 will be up for debate in late November and we need your help! We are encouraging everyone to write a postcard to the Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould alongside your local MP in support of Bill C-262. You can pick up a free batch of 75 postcards here along with suggested messages and tips for pulling off a postcard 'party':

www.commonword.ca/go/1374

Spiritual Guidance Seminar: Jan. 9–July 20. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Spiritual Guidance Seminar is a supervised program for people who want to become spiritual directors. It will be offered in a low-residency, hybrid format (both online and on campus), led by Dan Schrock, D.Min. Graduates of this training have used their skills not only in spiritual direction, but also to strengthen their work in pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, pastoral counseling, denominational leadership, neighborhood development, and local and international mission. On-campus dates are Feb. 5–10 and June 4–9. Sign up by **Dec. 15**. www.ambc.ca/lifelong-learning/spiritual-guidance-seminar

CMU Connects: Registration is now open for CMU's Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 11-15 and 18-22, 2018. Go to csop.cmu.ca or e-mail csop@cmu.ca for more information and to apply for your choice of five-day courses on topics such as ecumenical peacebuilding, violent extremism, peace skills, financial empowerment in development, peacebuilding in Indigenous communities, ethics in a bordered world, trauma healing, and arts-based peacebuilding.