

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

January 14, 2018

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer

I'm pressing on the upward way STJ #96

TEEN CHALLENGE WILL BRING OUR MORNING WORSHIP TODAY

Offering...

If you wish to donate to Teen Challenge please make cheques to North Star and designate 'Teen Challenge'.

Sending...

Benediction

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Pianist – Esther Laskowski

Sound – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

There will be a potluck lunch after worship today. Everyone welcome.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 64 Offering – \$2640.95

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Justin Neufeld (CMU) Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, January 16

7:30 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church.

Thursday, January 18

7:30 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting at church.

Saturday, January 20-Sunday, January 21

Justin Neufeld from CMU be speaking Saturday evening, Sunday morning during the SS hour as well as during worship. The topic is "Death, Dying and the Trinity". He will need billeting and someone to host him for Saturday supper and Sunday lunch. Please contact Carolyn Bartel if you are able to host.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, January 30

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting. Please have annual reports handed in or emailed to the office **TODAY**.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Vic and Chris will be in Honduras working at Brighter Horizons Ministries leaving Jan. 26 and coming back Feb. 18. We will be helping in the K to Gr 6 school as the new school year starts Feb. 5. The guys will work on various building projects. We will be part of a group of 11 that will travel there together and stay for 3 weeks. We appreciate your prayers as we work there and for Jeff Carlson who is staying here to continue chemo treatments.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, January 19-Saturday, 20

RJC Tournament of Memories. Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Reconnect with old classmates and friends and exercise your mind, body and spirit at the same time! Your alumni newsletter "RJC CONNECT" which you received via email or mail in early December has details as well or check out our Facebook page. If you have questions contact Denelda at 306-221-2846 or RJC office at 306-232-4222.

Saturday, January 20 & Sunday, January 21

RJC Theatre Arts Class will present "The Mad Tea Party" Sat., Jan. 20 at 7:00 p.m. and Sun., Jan. 21 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale January 4. This play is appropriate for all audiences!

Sunday, January 28

4:00 p.m. – Join us for a visit to China without leaving Saskatchewan! You are invited to an afternoon of fun, learning and inspiration with international ministry workers George and Tobia Veith at Mount Royal Menn., Saskatoon. Try your hand at Chinese brush calligraphy. Learn to skip rope the Chinese way. Hear updates from and interact with the Chinese pastors hosted in SK in 2014. Be inspired and challenged by stories of your brothers and sisters on the other side of the world and hear about the work of Menn. Partners in China. Bring cold or hot dishes, Chinese/Asian food if possible, for a pot luck supper.

Sunday, February 4

2:30 p.m. – You're invited to attend a Festival of Choirs at Grace Westminster United Church (505 10th St E) in Saskatoon. Join in this celebration of choral music offered by the CMU Men's Chorus, RJC Chorale, A Buncha Guys and the Sonrisa Women's Chorus. Admission is free and a free will offering will be taken in support of the work of both CMU and RJC.

Friday, February 9-Saturday, February 10, 2018

The MDS All-Unit Meeting is being hosted by Region 5 (Canada) in Winkler, MB for all who are interested. This event is a time of sharing and celebration of the work of MDS the past year. For more information or to register, see poster on bulletin board or our website mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting or call 1-866-261-1274.

Friday, March 9-Saturday, March 10

2018 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Zion Menn., Swift Current, co-hosted by Emmaus Menn. and Zion Menn. Registration is now open and you can register online at www.mcsask.ca or on paper forms available from your church office. The sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Prayer request: Dann and Joji Pantoja (Witness workers – Philippines) report recently: “We experienced a bad year in the Philippines due to increased human rights violation, increased poverty despite the so-called economic growth, and betrayal of trust by duty bearers. Observers and analysts are predicting that 2018 would be a more dangerous year. We need a kind of spiritually-energized patience to sustain us through these challenging times. My greatest human inspiration as far as patience is concerned are the people of the Cordilleras. Their rice terraces are the monuments of such patience. Their cultural and political perseverance to protect and defend their ancestral domains show a strong people’s deep awareness of their being. The Cordillera people encourage me to hope for genuine autonomy as they stay true to the peace building and reconciling aspects of their indigenous values and principles.”

MC Sask Connects: Over the last year, the Listening & Discernment has been pleased to offer a workshop on living together and love one another even when we disagree. If your congregation would still like us to bring the workshop to you, please schedule a date soon! February 18, 2018, will be the last available date for holding the workshop. contact Committee Chair Josh Wallace, pastorjoshwallace@gmail.com, or listen@mcsask.ca

MC Canada Connects: NAIITS is an Indigenous Learning Community that hosts annual theological gatherings intended for young and older, pastors and activists. Mennonite Church Canada’s Indigenous-Settler Relations would like to help sponsor a group of women and men from across our nationwide church to attend this year’s symposium on “White Supremacy and Indigeneity,” June 7-9, 2018 @ Acadia Divinity College (Nova Scotia). Sponsorships will help cover the cost of your registration and food. If you are interested in coming, please email Steve Heinrichs for details (sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca).

MCC Connects: Hosts are needed in Saskatoon for the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) Mid-year Conference, February 15 – 20, 2018. If you would like to host two or more IVEPers, contact Kaytee Edwards or Torrey Falconer at the MCCS office at 306-665-2555.

CMU Connects: Prospective students (and their parents) - explore CMU through two upcoming opportunities: Friday, Feb. 2 Campus Visit Day (a day to explore campus, learn about CMU programs, attend a class and interact with professors) and Friday, Feb. 9 Discover Outatown Visit Day (CMU’s unique, one or two-semester discipleship, travel, service and learning program). For information go to cmu.ca/campusvisit.