

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

January 7, 2018

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

**Epiphany: Yes! Let it be declared**

### **Gathering...**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship:

Leader: Yes! The light is here. We carry it within us.

**All: It is the star of the East; it is the morning sun.**

Leader: It is as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake. You have torn open the heavens, and your glory reaches the earth.

**All: May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you. May we offer our gifts in your presence, no matter where you are found.**

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Lighting of Advent candle

*God is here among us*

*HWB #16*

*You are salt for the earth*

*HWB #226*

Opening prayer

### **Praising...**

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

*HWB #216*

Offering

*Let the children come to me v.2 (while children leave)*

### **Hearing God's Word...**

Wisdom & Wonder Drama

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation: "What's Wisdom - Resume or Eulogy Values?"

### **Responding...**

*The first Noel, the angels did say*

*HWB #199*

Confession: (Unison)

**O God, your light has come, your glory risen, and your brightness dawned, illuminating not only the way of the magi, but all our paths. From your fullness we have received grace upon grace as your mystery has been revealed and your presence made known. Now we too are called to arise, shine, and return by another road. Yet we confess that instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,**

**instead of walking with boldness and confidence, instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence, we cling to what we have and know, and we continue on our old, familiar ways home. We are frightened by the unknown, and by the darkness that covers the earth. Forgive us.**

*(pause for silence)*

Words of assurance: (Worship Leader)

O God, Emmanuel, in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us. You have given us life, and we are restored.

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*O Lord, hear my prayer*

*HWB #348*

### **Sending...**

*Be thou my vision*

*HWB #545*

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Sound – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Edith Fransen, Emery Laskowski

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 58

Offering – \$7110.00 (5810.00 for budget)

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Teen Challenge

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

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

There will be a potluck lunch after worship next Sunday. Please bring a little extra for our guests. Menu: casseroles, buns, salads, squares.

Everyone welcome.

### **THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

Wednesday, January 10

2:00 p.m. – Cheerful Mission meets in the church basement. **\*Note date change\*.**

Thursday, January 11

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Nokomis. Everyone welcome.

### **COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

Thursday, January 18

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

Saturday, January 20-Sunday, January 21

Justin Neufeld from CMU will be here. He will be speaking Saturday evening, Sunday morning during the SS hour as well as during worship.

Tuesday, January 30

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting. Please have annual reports handed in or emailed to the office by **Sunday, January 14.**

## **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

### 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.

### 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](http://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](http://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:** Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park (Witness workers – South Korea) are encouraged by the small group meeting in Seoul every Sunday (of which Bock Ki is part). Group members enjoy reading, studying and sharing together their lives through the Gospel of John. The group hopes to serve as a seed bed for the formation of a worshipping community in the future. We pray along with Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung that this will indeed be so!

**MC Canada Connects:** Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) is a grassroots organization that seeks to transform situations of violence and oppression through partnerships rooted in creative non-violence. On behalf of our nationwide church, Indigenous-Settler Relations director, Steve Heinrichs, is a member of CPT's Steering Committee. Currently, the committee is working together to strengthen CPT's administrative organization. Please pray for the Steering Committee as they seek to nurture the ongoing sustainability of CPT's mission while remaining committed to the liberating gospel values and vision of the organization.

**MCC Connects:** MCC urgently needs relief and hygiene kits. Multiple situations of crisis around the world such as Syria, Iraq and Ukraine have depleted our warehouse inventory. Please help replenish our supply to continue responding to needs around the world. Donate online at [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits). Contact Graham MacDonald at 306-665-2555 for more information.

**CMU Connects:** Pray for CMU students as they anticipate a new semester of challenge in studies, relationships, and spiritual growth.