

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

February 4, 2018

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### **Gathering...**

Welcome and Announcements

*Come, we that love the Lord* HWB #14

*Jesus, stand among us* HWB #25

Confession HWB #699

Call to Worship

Prayer

### **Listening...**

*Let the children come to me (v.3 while children leave)*

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4; Luke 4:1-13

*Open my eyes, that I may see* HWB #517

Meditation: "Wilderness Discernment"

### **Responding...**

*When we walk with the Lord* HWB #544

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*O Lord, hear my prayer* HWB #348

### **Sending...**

*Take thou my hand, O Father* HWB #581

Benediction

Meditation – Ryan Siemens (MC Sask) Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leader – Rosella Eby Pianist – Josie Braun

Sound – Peter Nicholson Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

**There will be a potluck lunch following the worship service this morning.**

**Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch.**

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 63 Offering – \$1450.00

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

**TODAY:** 2:30 p.m. – Festival of Choirs at Grace Westminster United Church, Saskatoon. A celebration of choral music by the CMU Men's Chorus, RJC Chorale, A Buncha Guys and the Sonrisa Women's Chorus. Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken in support of the work of both CMU and RJC.

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

### Wednesday, February 7

2:00 p.m. – Cheerful Mission will meet in the Villa. Program will be Lesson 3 (**\*note change from booklet**)

### Thursday, February 8

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

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

### Friday, March 2

World Day of Prayer at LifePoint church, Lanigan.

## **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Vic and Chris are in Honduras working at Brighter Horizons Ministries and coming back Feb. 18. Please pray for them their work there and for Jeff Carlson who is staying here to continue chemo treatments.
- Thanks to all the members who let their names stand for elections at the annual meeting and also to those who have been appointed to positions for the coming year.
- In reply to question at the annual meeting on what is still owing on the loans for thrift store: Original loan from Menn. Foundation taken out in 2015 was \$440,000.00. Remaining at the end of Nov. 2017 was \$229,203.03 (This is on a 24 year loan). We also have an interest free loan from MCC SK for \$100,000.00.

## **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

### Friday, February 9-Saturday, February 10, 2018

The MDS All-Unit Meeting is being hosted by Region 5 (Canada) in Winkler, MB for all interested. For more information or to register, see poster or our website [mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting](http://mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting) or call 1-866-261-1274.

### Sunday, February 11

5:00 p.m. – Youth in grades 5-11 are invited to RJC for Sunday Night Fever. Supper and coffee house, entertainment by RJC students and some special guests. RSVP [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306.232.4222 by **Mon. Feb. 5.**

### Monday, February 19

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Shekinah Winter Fun Day! Come join us for sledding/tubing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing (snow permitting!), skating, curling, a hot dog roast and a lot more! Free for all ages. Donations welcome.

### Friday, February 23

7:00 p.m. – An evening of Classical Music at Osler Menn. Nathaniel Froese and Nicola Davies invite you to an evening of beautiful cello and piano music. Join friends, old and new, in an exploration of the many sounds of the cello, from old masterpieces, through the broad twentieth century, and into new expressions. Nate & Nina are a passionate young duo based in Winnipeg, both busy collaborators in chamber music. Nicola, a BC pianist, also works as a vocal coach and opera and musical theatre pianist. Nathaniel teaches cello and has a special interest in vocal chamber music.

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:** Darnell & Christina Barkman (Witness workers – Philippines) share in a recent blog post; “In 3 months, we’re moving back to Canada. After 6 years in Manila, we are very excited to live near family again and we look forward to the familiarities we’ve missed. But the closer we get to this move “home” the harder it’s becoming to leave our “home” here. Manila, in all its hot, busy and dirty glory, has grown on me over the years and its beautiful people are our family. My heart hurts knowing I have to say good-bye to so many dear friends. But what hurts the most is knowing that we are taking our kids away from the only life they’ve known.” Please hold Darnell, Christina, Cody, Makai, Teyah and Jericho Tyler in your prayers as they already begin this significant transition in their lives. \*To read the Barkman’s full blog post please follow this link: <http://darnellandchristina.blogspot.com/2018/01/loss-of-their-world.html>

**MC Canada Connects: Praise item:** MC Canada, in partnership with Menn. Mission Network and Africa Inter Menn. provide financial support to the **Benin Bible Institute** for church leadership training and capacity building (Agro-pastoral project). The partnership with Benin Bible Institute (BBI) is fostered by the ongoing and long term commitment of St. Jacobs Menn. through the engagement of the BBI Networking Group (SJMC, Poole MC and Wanner MC). We give thanks for the many students from various denominations who receive sound biblical training at BBI.

MC Canada invites applications for the position of Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Details can be found at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/node/1588>

MC Canada continues to strongly affirm and be engaged in international ministry with its witness partners. Joint Council is pleased to announce the approval of a three-year transition plan during which Witness Workers will be enabled to achieve the necessary relational funding. This plan anticipates that most current workers will return pending normal term reviews.

On Feb. 7, Bill C-262 - the Indigenous Human Rights Act - will be voted on. If passed, the Bill will move on to a Parliamentary Committee for further discussion. We must keep the pressure on and make sure the Government of Canada votes in support of Bill C-262. Individuals and congregations can support by emailing your respective Member of Parliament to encourage them to stand up for justice by championing Bill C-262. Please cc Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould as she is responsible for this file.

**MC Sask Connects:** Shekinah is looking to hire a Program Director. The position is full-time, year-round, and salaried. Job will oversee school programming and summer camp, working closely with the Executive Director to fulfill the mandate and vision for Shekinah. Visit [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org) for more info, or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp at 306-945-4929, or [director@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:director@shekinahretreatcentre.org).

**MCC Connects:** April 28-May 13, 2018 - Uprooted is a learning tour to Mexico for young adults (ages 18-30) focused on migration and peacebuilding. Cost is approximately \$2,000.00. Visit [mcccanada.ca/uprooted](http://mcccanada.ca/uprooted) or Myriam at 306-665-2555.