

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

March 11, 2018

Lent 4 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Who comes in the name of God? Step into the light and be known.

People: We are coming, through darkness and fear. We come into the light by the power of God.

Leader: People of God, God has heard your cries and is opening a way for you.

People: We are here, through darkness and fear. We come into the light of this day by the power of God.

Leader: You are here, and God is here. What will you do?

People: Together we will worship our God.

Wonderful grace of Jesus HWB #150

Responsive reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

God is here among us HWB #16

Opening Prayer

Confession (Purple sheet)

Words of Assurance

Listening...

For me for you (Green sheet)

Children's story

For me for you

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Longing for light HWB #54

Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9

Meditation: "Look to the Snake"

Responding...

O God, in restless living HWB #557

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending...

Closing words

Between me and you

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Song Leader – Rosella Eby

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Worship Leader – Joanne K. Bergen

Pianist – Esther Laskowski

Ushers – Edith Fransen, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 62

Offering – \$925.00 (\$625.00 budget)

NEXT SUNDAY (Lent 5)

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. – Bridal Shower for Erica Bartel at Silver Sages.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, March 29

6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Supper & Communion. If you are able to bring sandwiches, there are sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards.

Sunday, April 1

10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday worship service. There will be no Sunday School for adults or children. Coffee time before Sunday School will take place on Sunday, April 8.

Monday, August 13-Thursday, August 16

VBS at North Star.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- We are looking for options for the cemetery grass cutting for this summer. If anyone knows of someone interested in taking on the job or you have ideas of how to tackle this, please contact Joel, Vic or Quinton as soon as possible – The Trustees.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, March 14

6:00 p.m. – Dallas Valley Ranch Camp Banquet at Strasbourg Alliance Church. Go to the website (dallasvalley.com/gala), call the office at (306) 731-3348, or talk to Riley Wiens (639) 999-0307 to reserve your tickets.

Thursday, March 15

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Warman Mennonite Church invites everyone to a Kielke supper fundraiser. Admission is by donation, and proceeds go to the Warman Mennonite Church kitchen repair fund. See posters.

Saturday, March 17

11:00 a.m. – You are invited to a Ladies Brunch at LifePoint Church with guest speaker Rhonda Rowe sharing her love and passion for Africa. Free will offering will be taken. See posters.

Tuesday, March 20

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Youth Farm Bible Camp Vereniki Supper at Rosthern Menn. Church. Admission by donation.

Sunday, April 15

7:00 p.m. – RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction at RJC. Join us for an evening of music and desserts. Listen to A Buncha Guys and the RJC ManChoir while enjoying delicious pies. The evening will include a dessert auction - bid individually, as a table, as a family, or form a consortium. Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Prayer Request: Joji Pantoja (Witness worker – Philippines) is already in Canada to begin her Canadian Itineration of sharing faith stories with supporting congregations in British Columbia, Manitoba and in Ontario. Joji is traveling alone on this occasion, as Dann her husband and ministry partner is remaining in Mindanao due to the ongoing conflict in the region. Joji is looking forward to re-connecting with her 5 granddaughters and their families, and thanking congregations for their support in the peace building work that she and Dann have been involved in since 2006. Please remember Joji (and Dann) in prayer as the stories of God's shalom are shared in congregations and our Mennonite Church Canada family is inspired to join in partnership. (MC Canada Witness)

MC Sask Connects: We pray for blessings for Lois Bukar and the congregation of Zion Mennonite Church as she is ordained this morning.

MCC Connects: Travel opportunity with MCC! April 28-May 13, 2018. Cost is approximately \$2,000.00. Uprooted is a learning tour to Mexico for young adults (ages 18-30ish) focused on migration and peacebuilding. Learn about global migration trends/issues and how to advocate for policy reform. Explore cultural sites and MCC partner projects. See from a new perspective as you encounter people in a different context. Visit mcccanada.ca/uprooted for more info or contact Carol at the MCC Alberta office: 403.275.6935 |

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For a number of months, MCC Saskatchewan has been working on an exciting documentary project with Wavelength Entertainment. Bridging Borders is an inspirational documentary series that goes beyond the international headlines to showcase the incredible stories of everyday Canadians who band together to sponsor Newcomer families fleeing persecution. You can view the first episode at

<https://www.citytv.com/saskatchewan/shows/bridging-borders/>

CMU Connects: Prospective students and their parents are invited to CMU Open House on Mar. 27. Meet faculty, student council, athletics staff, student life staff, and current students. Attend a class or chapel, enjoy free gelato, and learn about the printing press with students from Spy Tower Press. For more information see cmu.ca/campusvisit.