

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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March 18, 2018  
Lent 5 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### **Gathering...**

Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship

**Leader:** I see you, familiar faces, visitors, and guests. What brings you here?

**People: We want to see Jesus.**

**Leader:** I see you, all who are here for the first time, and all who have returned. What brings you here?

**People: We want to see Jesus.**

**Leader:** I see you and know that each one of you has been invited by God to this house of worship. Thank you for coming. Open your eyes and your hearts, for together we are here with Jesus. Praise the Lord.

*Jesus calls us here to meet Him* STJ #3

Responsive reading: Psalm 51:1-17, 19

*Take my life* HWB #389

Opening Prayer

Confession (Purple sheet)

Words of Assurance

### **Listening...**

*For me for you (Green sheet)*

Children's story

*For me for you*

Scripture: Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

*Go to dark Gethsemane* HWB #240

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Meditation: "God leads from Failure to Life"

### **Responding...**

*Man of sorrows* HWB #258

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

### **Sending...**

Closing words

*Between me and you*

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber  
Song Leader – Leona Ewert  
Sound – Ivan Bartel

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson  
Pianist – Esther Laskowski  
Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 76 Offering – \$5207.35 (\$4927.35 budget)

### **NEXT SUNDAY (Lent 6 Palm Sunday)**

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

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

Tuesday, March 20

7:30 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church.

### **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.

Friday, March 30

11:00 a.m. – Ministerial Good Friday service, 'Walk with the Cross'. As in years past we will have one group meeting at the Hall, going through readings and songs. The other group will meet at the Heritage Centre and walk to the Hall, stopping periodically to read the story of Jesus' journey to the cross.

Sunday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 21

9:30 a.m. – ReLearning Community Taster Day at First Menn., Saskatoon. Norm Dyck, Mission Engagement Minister of MCEC will be leading the workshop. Cost will be \$10 (to cover lunch). Please register at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) or call Ryan at 306.249.4844. *Everyone please consider attending.* This is something we need to explore and possibly participate in as a congregation.

The more of us who attend this event - the better - to get some first hand information about a program that may benefit our congregational life. If you have any questions - ask those members who attended MC Sask Conference.

Monday, August 13-Thursday, August 16

VBS at North Star.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Camp Elim is currently looking for Cabin Leaders, CIT's, Lifeguard's and Kitchen help. Go to [www.campelim.ca](http://www.campelim.ca) for more information.
- Shekinah is looking for volunteers! Saturday, March 24 we are looking for 7-8 people to help get things ready for our NEW Co-Executive Directors. April 3-7 we are looking for 10-12 people to help raise our very first Timber Frame Cabin! Strong backs are especially needed on April 3, but volunteers of all strengths and sizes are welcome throughout the week. Call the office for details; 306-945-4929, [director@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:director@shekinahretreatcentre.org)

## **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

### Tuesday, March 20

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

### Saturday, April 7

6:00 p.m. – Shekinah Spring Fundraising Banquet at the Timber Lodge. Come early and tour the first Timber Frame Cabin site, enjoy a fantastic meal, and hear from our NEW Co-Executive Directors, Ron & Sue Schellenberg. See poster for more info. RSVP by **March 30**.

### Friday, April 13-Sunday, April 15

Crafting Retreat at Shekinah. See poster for more information. Registration deadline: **April 5**.

### 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:** Tom & Christine Poovong (Witness workers – Thailand) would covet your prayers as they apply for visas for their upcoming Canadian Ministry itineration this spring. Pray especially that they might find favour among the Thai government authorities to bring with them Christine's niece Phimchanok who has been living with the family since she was 2 years old. Phimchanok is now a sweet 7 year old girl who is really considered a daughter to Tom and Christine and as a sister to younger brother Joseph. Please pray for a smooth visa process.

**MC Sask Connects:** MC Sask would like to thank Zion Mennonite Church and Emmaus Mennonite Church for hosting the 2018 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions. Those gathered were blessed with great hospitality, beautiful singing, warm fellowship and the Communion of the Spirit. In total, 138 people registered, including 74 delegates and 2 youth delegates and were given lovely MC Sask green tote bags which were supplies by Emmaus and Zion; 26 of 28 MC Sask congregations were represented. Betty Pries' slides and presentations will be made available online this coming week, as well as other highlights from the weekend.

**MCC Connects:** Save the date! the MCC Relief Sale & Auction will be held on June 8 & 9 at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, SK.

Service Opportunity – MCC Representative for Honduras: The representative is responsible for providing team leadership and support for all MCC workers in Honduras. The five-year position begins November 26, 2018. For more information contact Erica at 306.665.2555 or [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-representative-honduras](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-representative-honduras)