

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 25, 2018
Lent 6 Palm Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

People: Open the gates of righteousness so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: The gates are open, come on in. Give thanks, for God is good!

This is the day the Lord has made HWB #642

Responsive reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Christ is our cornerstone HWB #43

Opening Prayer
Confession (Purple sheet)
Words of Assurance

Listening...

For me for you (Green sheet)

Children's story

For me for you

Scripture: John 12:12-16

Hosanna, loud hosanna HWB #238

Meditation

Responding...

Ride on, ride on in majesty HWB #239

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Sending...

Closing words

Between me and you

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel
Song Leader – John Bartel
Sound – Ivan Bartel

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel
Accompanists – Worship Team
Ushers – Ken Friesen, Bill Ewert

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 70 Offering – \$985.00

NEXT SUNDAY (Easter Sunday)

**6:30 a.m. – Sunrise service at Ed & Joanne's with
potluck breakfast to follow at church.**

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

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, March 29

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

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.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

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 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:

- Our congratulations to Craig and Mel Virostek on the birth of their son, Zane Lawrence, on Thursday, March 15. Proud grandparents are Glen and Sheri Gibney.
- New addresses:
Stu & Colleen Jantz, 2 – 100 Brooklyn Lane, Warman SK S0K 0A1 (306) 365-7180 (effective immediately)
Reg & Collene Gerbrandt, 2 – 209 Francis St., Drake SK S0K 1H0 (306) 227-5721 (effective April 16)
- At the same time we agreed to sponsor the Hassoo's, the committee representing CFC and North Star churches agreed to sponsor a family that are the relatives of a Drake resident. At the time, we were told that this case would take around 5-6 years to process before they would arrive so we filed paperwork at the same time as the Hassoo's. However, due to decisions made much higher up than us it turns out they may be arriving within the year. This has put us in a bit of a difficult spot as our churches and the members of the committee are stretched pretty thin as it is with our work with the Hassoo's. So we are asking if other churches and people would like to be more directly involved in the process of this family.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, April 3-Saturday, April 7

We are looking for 20-25 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. Work from 9-5 every day, lunch and coffee breaks are provided, overnight accommodations possible. Bring a hammer and cordless screw gun if you have one! Call the office for more details; 306-945-4929, director@shekinahretreatcentre.org

Saturday, April 7

6:00 p.m. – Shekinah Spring Fundraising Banquet at the Timber Lodge. 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 info. RSVP by **March 30**.

Monday, April 9

7:00 p.m. – RJC & Westgate Menn. Collegiate concert at RJC. See poster.

Friday, April 13-Sunday, April 15

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

Sunday, April 15

7:00 p.m. – RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction at RJC with A Buncha Guys and the RJC ManChoir. The evening will include a dessert auction. Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, April 22

Saskatoon Men's Chorus presents their spring concert. "The Road Home: Leaving, Longing and Return" at Grace Westminster United Church, Saskatoon. See poster for details and Willis for tickets.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Prayer Request: Please pray for **Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park** (Witness workers – South Korea) who have both gone through a very difficult period recently.

Sook Kyoung's father at age 89 has been suffering from acute back pain. After an MRI the doctor recommended surgery, but also warned of the high risk given her father's age. The family decided on surgery after much deliberation and prayer. Sook Kyoung's father thankfully made it through surgery and is now recovering. Bock Ki was able to visit with his father-in-law in Jeju Island and then participate as one of the keynote speakers at the Good Church Academy also in Jeju. Bock Ki reports that he was "glad that there were many questions about Anabaptism, Mennonite peace position, and practical ways of peacemaking." Upon returning home from his very positive speaking engagement, Bock Ki was shocked to hear of the sudden passing of his sister-in-law (his brother's wife) from a stroke. At 57 years of age, she leaves behind two children and six grandchildren. Please remember Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung in prayer as they continue to be a support to Sook Kyoung's father recovering from surgery, and as they grieve the loss of Bock Ki's sister-in-law.

MCC Connects: 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. <https://www.citytv.com/saskatchewan/shows/bridging-borders/> (note updated link)