

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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December 2, 2018  
Advent 1 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### **Gathering...**

Welcome and Announcements

*Blessed Jesus, at your word* HWB #13

*Bless'd be the God of Israel* HWB #174

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer of Intercession

### **Listening...**

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

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

*The God of Abraham praise* HWB #162

Meditation: "Hope: the earth is our shelter"

### **Responding...**

*Praise with joy the world's Creator* STJ #16

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*Come, bring your burdens to God*

Each week we will pray for 3 members of our congregation. This week

**we pray for** Maria Driediger, Joel Ewert, Ken Friesen

### **Sending...**

*One is the body* STJ #72

Benediction

One: May God bless us with strength to travel the long path to justice.

All: AMEN.

One: May God bless us with wisdom to care for the Earth.

All: AMEN.

One: May God bless us with love to bring forth new life.

All: AMEN.

One: In the name of God, Maker of the whole world, of Jesus, our covenant,  
And of the Holy Spirit, who opens eyes and hearts.

All: AMEN.

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel  
Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert  
Sound – Ivan Bartel

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel  
Pianist – Chris Bergen  
Ushers – Ken Friesen, Dan Laskowski

## **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 58 Offering – \$910.00

## **NEXT SUNDAY (Second Advent)**

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

**TODAY:** 2:30 p.m. – "Lest We Forget" St. Peter's Chorus presents "A Concert of Remembrance" at St. Augustine Church, Humboldt.

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

*Pastor Dan will be away from this afternoon until Thursday morning due to eye surgery. For pastoral care please email him or contact the deacons.*

Monday, December 3 (\*note date change)

7:30 p.m. – Deepening your Walk with Christ: A 4-part study series to add depth to our spiritual life. Discussion around where, how or where-not Christ has worked in our lives and how we nurture that. Lead by Lisa in the youth room.

Wednesday, December 5

12:00 Noon Lunch – Cheerful Mission meets at the Villa, followed by meeting and volunteer program of your choice – story, poem, Bible verses, songs, special Christmas event, etc.

Saturday, December 8

6:00 p.m. – North Star Christmas Banquet. Tickets \$25.00 for adults, \$8.00 for Age 4-10, and FREE for under 4 and must be purchased **TODAY**. Please contact the deacons if you have door prizes, or leave them in the office.

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

Saturday, December 15

7:00 p.m. – Piano recital for students of Amy Ewert. Everyone welcome.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- **This year North Star has been asked to supply cake mixes and cans of frosting for the Food Bank Christmas hampers. Please leave your contributions in the bins in either foyer by Dec. 9.**
- Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser sponsored by the Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary Nov. 17-Dec. 13. Please see posters on bulletin boards for details.
- Canadian Mennonite is hiring an Online Media Manager, a full-time position that can be worked remotely. Multi-media journalists with a passion for the Mennonite church are welcome to apply. Go to [canadianmennonite.org/employment](http://canadianmennonite.org/employment).
- The three-and-a-half-year war in Yemen is getting worse every day. Homes have been destroyed. Families are forced to find shelter under bridges, in tents, and in abandoned schools. Last week CBC news reported that: Approximately 85,000 children may have already died of starvation. Another eight million people are at risk of starvation today.

Two thirds of people in Yemen – that is over 21 million people – need assistance to survive right now. Members of the Foodgrains Bank are working together to provide lifesaving food. With your support, partners in Yemen can quickly reach vulnerable women, men, girls and boys with food. For every \$100 given through the Foodgrains Bank, \$500 in food assistance will reach families in Yemen, thanks to a matching grant from the Government of Canada. Join us by making a generous gift. Together we can help end hunger for a family in Yemen.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

#### Wednesday, December 5

7:30 p.m. – Sonrisa Women's Choir & A Buncha Guys Christmas Concert at Nutana Park Menn. Tickets \$10.00 at the door

#### Sunday, December 9

2:00–5:30 p.m. – “A very Shekinah Christmas”. Join us in the Timber Lodge for an afternoon of musical entertainment. Peppernuts and apple cider served 2:00-3:00. Sing-a-long at 2:30. Photo booth open at 2:00. Sonrisa and A Buncha Guys to perform at 3:00. Faspa to follow. Tickets are \$10 – available online (shekinahretreatcentre.org) or at the door. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

#### Wednesday, December 19 & Friday, December 21

RJC Christmas concerts – Dec. 19 with Sonrisa at Knox United, Saskatoon and Dec. 21 at RJC. See poster for more information.

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Prayer Request:** Pray for the Benin Bible Institute (BBI) as it will experience significant transitions in the next few years as several professors and the current administrator plan to retire. Pray that capable professors and the right person to fulfill the role of administrator will be found to continue the vibrant and impactful ministry in Benin.

**MCC Connects:** MCC is now accepting applications for the Ottawa Student Seminar. Students in post-secondary interested in the theme of “People on the Move: Human Rights and Global Migration” can view information online at <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/ottawa-office-student-seminar-february-14-16-2019> or contact Erica Baerwald at the MCCS office (306) 665-2555 before December 19th.

**CMU Connects:** Pray for CMU students as they write exams to complete their Fall Semester courses.