

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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December 23, 2018  
Advent 4 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### **Gathering...**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: I stand at the door

Leader: When the lights are on and the house is full, and the laughter is easy, and all is well -

**ALL: Behold, I stand at the door and knock.**

Leader: When the lights are low, and the house is still, and the talk is intense, and the air is full of wondering -

**ALL: Behold, I stand at the door and knock.**

Leader: When the lights are out and the house is sad, and the voice is troubled, and nothing seems right -

**ALL: Behold, I stand at the door and knock.**

Leader: And tonight, always tonight, as if there were no other people, no other house, no other door -

**ALL: Behold, I stand at the door and knock.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, stay with us for day is ending.

Bring to our house your poverty

ALL: For then we shall be rich.

Leader: Bring to our house your pain

**ALL: That sharing it, we may also share your joy.**

Leader: Bring to our house your understanding of us

**ALL: That we may be freed to learn more of you.**

Leader: Bring to our house all those who hurry or hobble behind you

**ALL: That we may meet you as the Saviour of all.**

Leader: Bring to our house your Holy Spirit

**ALL: That this may be a cradle of your love.**

Leader: With friend, with stranger, with neighbour and the well-known ones, be among us tonight.

**ALL: For the doors of our house we open, and the doors of our hearts we leave ajar. Amen.**

*O little town of Bethlehem* HWB #191

*Let all together praise our God* HWB #213

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer of Intercession

### **Listening...**

*Let the children come to me (v.1 while children leave)*

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56 (the Magnificat); Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-7

*My soul is filled with joy* STJ #13

Meditation: "A Thing called Love"

### **Responding...**

*He came down*

STJ #31

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** Sue Driediger, Wes Epp, Myrna Ewert

### **Sending...**

*Oh, how shall I receive thee*

HWB #182

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – John Bartel

Sound – Peter Nicholson

Worship Leader – Joanne K. Bergen

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Ushers – Ken Friesen, Dan Laskowski

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 57

Offering – \$10580.00 (\$7280.00 budget)

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

**TODAY:** 3:00 p.m. - Prairie Light Christian Fellowship has invited us to join their Christmas worship service in the sanctuary followed by a potluck fellowship meal in the basement. Everyone welcome.

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

Monday, December 24

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve program. The offering for the evening will be split between the local refugee projects and an MCC project.

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

Tuesday, January 8

7:30 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting.

Monday, January 21

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting. Please have reports for the upcoming Annual Meeting handed in or emailed to the office by **January 6.**

Sunday, January 27

Inspiration Sunday at North Star with the MC Sask Spiritual Resource Team. There will be coffee and muffins from 9:15-9:45 followed by a session during the Sunday School hour and another session during the worship hour. There will be a potluck lunch following worship.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our sympathy is extended to family and friends of Josie Braun who passed away on Saturday, December 15. Funeral service was held at North Star on Saturday, Dec. 22.

- Pastor Dan will be on holidays with his children from December 23 in the afternoon till the afternoon of January 6. He can still be reached via email.
- If you have suggestions for sermon themes for the coming year please speak to Pastor Dan.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

#### Saturday, January 26

7:00 p.m. – Sing, Sip & Socialize. Come join us for an evening of hymn singing (led by Sparky & the Plugs), coffee, and fellowship with the MC Canada Joint Council at the MCC Centre, Saskatoon. The Joint Council will also be available to give updates and answer questions about MC Canada.

#### Friday, March 8 & Saturday, March 9, 2019

MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Zoar Menn., Waldheim, co-hosted by Eigenheim Mennonite and Zoar Mennonite.

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Prayer Requests:** Pray for our International Witness workers who will celebrate this Christmas season apart from their families (including adult children and grandchildren) during the holiday season: Bock Ki Kim & Sook Kyoung Park; Mike & Cheryl Nimz; Dann & Joji Pantoja; Tom & Christine Poovong and George & Tobia Veith. Pray that each worker couple/family will experience Emmanuel – God with us, this year.

Bock Ki invites prayer for his participation as keynote speaker in the upcoming, Anabaptist Conference scheduled for Jan. 19th. Pray for inspired study and preparation for Bock Ki and boldness as he speaks on the theme of Anabaptist community.

**MC Sask Connects:** Merry Christmas from MC Sask! May your hearts and homes be merry and bright as you celebrate the coming of Emmanuel, God With Us. Hallelujah!

**MCC Connects:** Christmas Blessings to you from the Board and Staff of MCC Saskatchewan! May our celebrations of the birth of the Christ child nurture and strengthen our living and serving in the name of Christ throughout the coming year.