

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

December 9, 2018

Advent 2 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### **Gathering...**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Come, now is the time to worship* STJ #9

*Set my spirit free*

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer of Intercession

### **Listening...**

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

Scripture: Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11

*On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry* HWB #183

Meditation

### **Responding...**

*Hail to the Lord's anointed* HWB #185

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** Beatrice Bergen, Katherine Funk, Felix Martens Bartel

### **Sending...**

*To us a Child of hope is born* HWB #189

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Accompanists – Worship Team

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Edith Fransen, Emery Laskowski

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 60

Offering – \$3820.00 (\$2800. budget)

### **NEXT SUNDAY (Third Advent)**

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel

**TODAY:** 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 \$10 online ([shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://shekinahretreatcentre.org)) or at the door. Donations gratefully accepted

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

Thursday, December 13

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Nokomis Health Centre. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, December 15

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

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

Thursday, December 20

7:00 p.m. – Drake School Christmas Concert. A silver collection will be taken at the door with all proceeds going to the Lanigan & District Food Bank. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **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 TODAY.**
- Please have reports for the upcoming Annual Meeting handed in or emailed to the office by **January 6**.
- Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser sponsored by the Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary **Nov. 17-Dec. 13**. Please see posters on bulletin boards for details.
- 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 19 & Friday, December 21

RJC Christmas concerts – Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. with Sonrisa at Knox United, Saskatoon and Dec. 21 at 7:00 at RJC. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome. See poster for more information.

## **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Prayer Request:** Pray for Erwin Mirabal, president of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of the East in Venezuela, as he leads the denomination in desperate times. May church members demonstrate God's love through the sharing of food, providing health care and following Jesus's way of peace.

**MC Sask Connects:** As another calendar year draws to a close, we look back in gratitude on all that we have been able to do as MC Sask. We are grateful to you, the congregations and individuals who make up MC Sask, for your gifts of time, talents, and funds which make it all possible. We ask that you keep MC Sask in mind for your year end giving, so that we can fulfill the commitments we have made and continue to fund our meaningful and impactful programs. Blessing on your Advent Season!

**MCC Connects:** This Christmas give a gift that gives back! The 2018 MCC Christmas catalogue has gifts of all sizes. Start a new family tradition, join with friends or colleagues and make a difference in the lives of people around the world! Visit [mcccanada.ca/Christmas](http://mcccanada.ca/Christmas) to find the perfect gift!

**CMU Connects:** Pray for CMU students as they write exams to complete their Fall Semester courses. CMU will be closed Dec. 24, 2018 to Jan. 1, 2019, re-opening Jan. 2, with Winter Semester classes beginning on Jan. 7.