

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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March 24, 2019  
Lent 3 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
***God pours out life-giving drink***

### ***Gathering in the Spirit...***

Welcome and Announcements

*Wonderful grace of Jesus* HWB #150

*Listen, God is calling* STJ #42

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63)

**Leader:** O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People:** Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Leader:** We have seen you in the sanctuary, and know your power and glory.

**People:** We will praise you and bless you as long as we live

**All:** O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast. In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.

Prayer

Placement of elements – Out of dry earth and stone, hope and new life emerge: a flower can grow. God forgives us even when it seems there is no hope.

### ***Sharing the Good News...***

*Let the children come to me (while children leave)*

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8

*Take my life* HWB #389

Meditation: "Bearing Fruit?"

### ***Responding with our Whole Hearts...***

*Come, thou fount* HWB #521

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*Come, bring your burdens to God*

### ***Confession and Reconciliation...***

**Leader:** "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."

Who will listen to the Lord today?

**Response of person from congregation**

**Leader:** We are all invited to listen to the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

*(Worship leader leads in prayer)*

**All:** God of life, we listen to you, for you alone have the words of life. When we realize that we have paid too much attention to the voices in our world, we listen to you.

**Leader:** When we sense the poverty of our souls, we listen to you. When our souls hunger for abundant life, we listen to you.

**All:** In the morning and in the evening, we will listen to you.

### **Words of Assurance...**

**Leader:** Our generous God provides for us

### **Going out to Serve...**

*Rain down*

STJ #49

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Accompanists – Worship Team

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 66

Offering – \$2666.50

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

RJC will be here for morning worship next Sunday. There will be a potluck lunch following the morning service. Please bring some extra for our guests.

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

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 p.m. – Church council meeting.

Thursday, April 18

6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Supper & Communion. If you are able to bring sandwiches, there are sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards.

Sunday, April 21 (Easter Sunday)

Sunrise service at Ed & Joanne's with potluck breakfast to follow at church. (Start time to be announced)

10:30 a.m. - Worship service. No Sunday School for adults or children.

Monday, August 19-Thursday, August 22

VBS at North Star. Save the dates.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Tuesday, March 26

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Vereniki and Sausage Fund Raiser for the Youth Farm Bible Camp at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission is by Donation.

Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m. – Grace Menn., Prince Albert invites you to a Lenten evening with Harold R Johnson, author of "Firewater," "Two Families," and "Clifford." Harold has most recently embarked on a healing journey in his relationship to the man who was convicted of a drunk driving charge in which Harold's brother died.

Saturday, March 30

1:00-4:00 p.m. – Workshop on MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying). Dr. Sheila Harding, head of the Christian Medical & Dental Society of Canada will talk about MAiD and Dr. Margaret Cottle about Palliative Care. Cornerstone Church, Saskatoon.

Saturday, April 6

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Through silence, prayer, simple rituals and meditation on Scripture, we will be led through parched deserts to rivers of living water. There our thirst will be quenched and our souls revived. Cost \$50. No refunds. Registration may be transferred to another if you can't make it. Registration forms on bulletin board. Deadline **March 22**.

Sunday, April 7

12:00 p.m. – Missions Soup & Bun lunch in support of Katie Peyton heading to Thailand with Brad & Casadi Schroeder with Multilpy (formerly MB Mission) at Christian Fellowship Church. Silver collection.

2:30 .m. – RJC Spring Choir Concert in the RJC Gym with performances by Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir. Everyone is welcome.

7:00 p.m. – African Children's Choir "Just as I am Hymns Tour" at Danceland, Manitou. See poster for more information.

Friday, April 12 & Sunday, April 14

7:30 p.m. – St. Peter's Chorus presents "The Passion and the Resurrection" at Philadelphia MB, Watrous & 2:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Augustine, Humboldt.

Friday, June 28-Monday, July 1

MC Canada Gathering 2019 "Igniting the Imagination of the Church" in Abbotsford.

Monday, August 19-Friday, August 23

Shekinah Music Camp for campers age 12-17. It is more than a music lesson, it is inspiring campers to build music into their everyday life. Shekinah's goal is to give campers an experience that incorporates music, nature, and spirituality. Campers will learn how to sing in groups, play acoustic guitar, and practice their rhythm on percussive instruments. For more information and to register visit [shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://shekinahretreatcentre.org) or email [craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org).

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** Warman Menn. is excited about the opportunity to grow in unity as we pray for one another and seek to turn our hearts toward our neighbors. At the same time, we face the challenge of remaining open to growth and transformation rather than just treading water or being carried along by our culture's changes.

We're building two more cabins!! If you would like to be a part of raising Cabins #3 & #4 at Shekinah Retreat Centre, please consider coming out from 9-5 p.m. Apr. 22-27. Lunch and snacks provided. All skilled and non-skilled laborers are invited. Please call the Shekinah office at 306.945.4929 for more information and to register.

**MCC Connects:** According to the UN, Cyclone Idai (which hit South Eastern Africa earlier this week) may in fact be the worst ever disaster to strike the Southern Hemisphere. MCC invites you to provide relief to people in Malawi and Mozambique who have been affected by Cylone Idai and subsequent flooding. Please consider making a donation today by calling (306) 665-2555 or visiting [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca).

As our fiscal year draws to a close, we need your help to meet our financial commitments. With your help, MCC provides assistance to vulnerable people around the world focusing on Water, Food, Education, and Relief to name a few.