

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 31, 2019

Lent 4 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

God reaches out with open arms

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Announcements

There's a wideness in God's mercy

HWB #145

God of our strength

HWB #36

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63 and 32)

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 confess our sin to you, and you forgive us.

People: We offer our prayers to you, and you embrace us.

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 – The rock candle symbolizes our grounding in Jesus the rock, whose life was poured out so that we might share God's abundant love and forgiveness.

Sharing the Good News...

Let the children come to me (while children leave)

Offering – If you wish to donate to RJC please designate on your offering envelope this morning.

Scripture: Psalm 32; Luke 15:11b-32

Worship with RJC

Confession and Reconciliation...

Leader: "Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart."

Who will trust the Lord today?

Response of person from congregation

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

(Worship leader leads in prayer)

All: God of steadfast love, we put our trust in your care for us.

When we need to find our way home, we put our trust in you.

Leader: When we need forgiveness, we put our trust in you. When our souls hunger for a new way of living, we put our trust in you.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will put our trust in you.

Words of Assurance...

Leader: Our generous God provides for us

Going out to Serve...

We will walk with God

STJ#78

Benediction

We are happy to have RJC here to worship with us this morning. There will be a potluck lunch following the morning service. Everyone welcome.

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 65

Offering – \$415.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

There will be coffee & snacks before Sunday School. Everyone welcome.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, April 3

2:00 p.m. – Cheerful Mission meets at the Villa.

Sunday, April 7

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

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 p.m. – Church council meeting.

Saturday, April 13

10:30 a.m. – You are invited to the 2nd Anniversary celebration of Prairie Light Christian Fellowship at the Community Centre. Buffet lunch to follow. See posters for more information.

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.

Friday, April 19

10:00 a.m. – Walk to the Cross hosted by the Lanigan area ministerial. The walkers will start at the Lanigan and District Heritage Centre, (in front of the railroad tracks) and worship will also begin at the Community Centre. The walkers will join with the Community Hall worshipers to end this time of remembering Jesus' sacrifice for us. Please bring people with you!

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.

Sunday, April 28

7:00 p.m. – Zion Lutheran welcomes you to a Variety Night at Jansen Hall with donations to our Drake Refugee Fund. See posters for more information.

Monday, May 13

Thrift Store AGM at North Star.

Monday, August 19-Thursday, August 22

VBS at North Star. Save the dates.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 p.m. – Rachele Friesen, Can. Coordinator for Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), will be speaking at Grace Menn. in Prince Albert. Friesen will be speaking on "From Turtle Island to Palestine: CPT and Settler Colonialism". Come out for a night of learning and discussion on how we can all contribute to peacemaking.

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**.

5:00-6:30 p.m. – Trinity Lutheran 9th Annual Fish Fry at the Lanigan Town Hall. One seating. Adults \$17, Age 6 & up \$10, 5 & under free. Advanced tickets. Purchase at J & K Petals & Paints. Great meal and raffle table. Hope to see you there

Sunday, April 7

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. For more information and to register visit shekinahretreatcentre.org or email craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: We invite you to pray for those who are gathering this weekend in Calgary. Board members, pastors, congregational leaders and staff from across the five Regional Churches, as well as nationwide staff, are meeting for a new and exciting event - the MC Canada 2019 Nationwide Mission Consultation.

MCC Connects: On March 15, Cyclone Idai destroyed 90 per cent of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and affected nearly 3 million people in its path with widespread flooding up to six metres high. Bridges, roads, fields, farms and millions of homes were violently washed away. It was one of the worst tropical cyclones ever to hit 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. Donate online at mccsk.ca or call (306) 665-2555