

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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April 14, 2019

Lent 6 Palm Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

God's steadfast love endures forever

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Announcements

We gather together

HWB #17

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63 and 118)

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 thank you for being our salvation, for being our chief cornerstone.

People: We bless you as we bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

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 – Christ takes his journey over rugged & rough stone.

The Christ candle reminds us that we are called to follow Jesus on this path.

Sharing the Good News...

Christ is our cornerstone

HWB #43

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

An Unusual Parade

Hosanna, loud hosanna

HWB 238

(children leave for Sunday School during singing)

The Doubter, The Leader, Reader (Isaiah 50:4-9a), Meditation,

The Crowd Enthusiast, The Observer

All glory, laud, and honor

HWB #237

Reader (Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29), The Faithful Widow, Meditation

Confession and reconciliation...

Leader: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

"Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Who will confess Jesus as Lord today?

Response of person from congregation

Leader: We are all invited to confess Jesus as Lord. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

(Worship leader leads in prayer.)

All: Living God, give us the courage to confess your Son, Jesus, as our Lord. When others vie for our loyalty, we will confess Jesus as Lord.

Leader: When earthly powers claim supremacy, we will confess Jesus as Lord.

When our souls hunger for reality and truth, we will confess Jesus as Lord.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will confess Jesus as Lord.

Words of Assurance...

Leader: Our generous God has provided for us.

Going out to Serve...

Lord, I want to be a Christian

HWB #444

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Song Leader – John Bartel

Sound – Steven Lehr

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Accompanists – Worship Team

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 59

Offering – \$3887.00

NEXT SUNDAY (Easter Sunday)

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

TODAY: 2:30 p.m. – St. Peter's Chorus presents "The Passion and the Resurrection" at St. Augustine, Humboldt.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, April 16

6:45 p.m. – Koinonia meet at church to go to Diane's Treasure House. Bring \$5.00.

Wednesday, April 17

10:30 a.m. – Author Visit with Joanne Paulson at the Silver Sages followed by lunch (by donation). Everyone welcome.

Thursday, April 18

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

6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Supper & Communion. Please wear as much black as possible as we are remembering Jesus' death. If you are able to bring sandwiches, there are sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards.

Friday, April 19

10:00 a.m. – **What?** Walk to the Cross. **Where?** Lanigan Museum by the rail road tracks or the Community Hall. **Why?** To remember Jesus' giving his life for us. **How?** By a time of worship together. **Offering?** To support the Lanigan area food bank.

Way's to help? Set up and take down chairs. **Who is organizing this event?** Lanigan and area ministerial.

Sunday, April 21 (Easter Sunday)

5:50 a.m. – Sunrise service at Ed & Joanne's. Potluck breakfast to follow at church.

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

Sunday, May 5

There will be a congregational meeting after worship for Church Council to present the recommendation regarding Pastor Dan's contract renewal and subsequent vote.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

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.

Sunday, May 5

6:30 p.m. – Piano recital for students of Amy Ewert. Everyone welcome.

Monday, May 13

6:00 p.m. – Volunteer Appreciation Supper & Thrift Store AGM at North Star. Supper is free but please notify us by calling the store (306) 365-2122 or email lanigan@thrift.mccsk.ca

Monday, August 19-Thursday, August 22

VBS at North Star. Save the dates.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Applications for Summer Camp support (campers or staff) are available in the office.
- RJC is looking for dormitory staff for the 2019-2020 school year. See bulletin board for more information.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, May 3

7:30 p.m. – Coro Nova is a new choir singing and making community in Saskatoon. Many of the singers are rooted in experiences at RJC and have sung with choirs including Sonrisa and A Buncha Guys in previous years. We invite you to join us for our inaugural season spring concert at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Tickets \$10.00 at the door, children are free.

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: Grace Menn. (Prince Albert) is excited about the community wide interest and support they experienced for an evening with author Harold R Johnson, who talked about forgiveness, and how people might live together well. The turnout far exceeded our expectations, with a high number of "not gray hairs!" Keep the congregation in your prayers as they wonder where the future will lead as age demographics become a bigger challenge. How will our faith expression remain relevant to the needs in our congregation and our community?

MCC Connects: The MCC SK Relief Sale is just around the corner! If you have new or vintage auction items, baking, crafts, quilts, plants or artwork that you would like to donate please email the Relief Sale team at mccreliefsalesk@gmail.com.