

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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April 7, 2019

Lent 5 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

God makes a way through mighty waters

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Announcements

We praise thee, O God HWB #99

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63 and 126)

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: The Lord does great things for us, and we rejoice!

People: The Lord restores our fortunes, and we shout for joy.

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 – In Jesus we are washed and made new. The washing of hands stirs hope within us as God does a new thing.

Sharing the Good News...

Let the children come to me (while children leave)

Scripture: Isaiah 43:14-21; Philippians 3:4b-14

Joys are flowing like a river HWB #301

Meditation: "Eyes Forward Daring to Hope"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Responsive Reading

Praise, I will praise you, Lord HWB #76

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Come, bring your burdens to God

Confession and reconciliation...

Leader: "Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

Who will see the new work of God?

Response of person from congregation

Leader: We are all invited to see the new work of God. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

(Worship leader leads in prayer.)

All: God of hope, give us eyes to see the new work you are doing among us.

When we struggle to discern what lies ahead, we will see the new work of God.

Leader: When our circumstances appear to hold no hope, we will see the new work of God. When our souls hunger for your presence, we will see the new work of God.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will see the new work of God.

Words of Assurance...

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

Going out to Serve...

Precious Lord, take my hand

HWB #575

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Sound – Steven Lehr

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Ushers – Vicky Friesen, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 84 Offering – \$2940.00

NEXT SUNDAY (Palm Sunday)

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

TODAY: 12:00 p.m. – 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.

2:30 p.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.

THIS WEEK 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.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

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. Please come to the Lanigan and District Heritage Centre, (in front of the railroad tracks) if you are walking, or go to the Lanigan Community Centre at 10:00 am. Both groups will be engaged in worship and end together as we remember how much Jesus loves us.

Sunday, April 21 (Easter Sunday)

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

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.

Sunday, May 5

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

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:

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.

Monday, April 22-Saturday, April 27

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. –Raising Cabins #3 & #4 at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Lunch and snacks will be provided. All skilled and non-skilled laborers are invited. Please call the Shekinah office at 306.945.4929 for more information and to register.

Wednesday, April 24-Thursday, April 25

2:30 p.m. – Mega Menno Honouring the Earth. Youth all-nighter event at Shekinah, then moving to a church for fun and games, worship, and all-night shenanigans – sleep optional! Ending with breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Open to youth in gr. 6-12! More details coming soon (youthminister@mcsask.ca for more).

Friday, May 24-Sunday, May 26

SMYO Youth Retreat Update. Due to the cancellation of the Sr. High Retreat, the Jr. High Retreat is being opened up to all youth in grade 6-12! Starting with a road trip down to Camp Elim (we'll carpool/caravan together), the weekend will be filled with worship, games, and one of the highlights at Elim – time on the lake! Registration details coming soon (youthminister@mcsask.ca for more).

Saturday, June 15

1:30-4:30 p.m. - Voices Together Worship Workshop at Mount Royal Menn. Cost is \$25. Registration & details at <https://mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events/>

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: The Joint Council of MC Canada is gathering this weekend in Calgary. Please pray for them as they continue to discern the work of our Nationwide Community of Faith. MC Sask's representatives on the Joint Council are Terry Stefaniuk (Moderator of MC Sask, Osler Menn.) and Henry Funk (Zoar Menn.). Geraldine Balzer (Nutana Park Menn.) is vice-moderator of MC Canada and Ryan Siemens (Executive Minister) attends as a member of the Executive Staff Group.