

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

August 25, 2019

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply –

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

For something happens here that reminds us that

we can live as God desires

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

and we can trust the promise.

O sing to the Lord

STJ #12

God of the Bible

STJ #27

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Good News...

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-13

Silent contemplation of the text – initial impressions

Oh, how wondrous the grace

HWB #147

Second Reading Isaiah 55:1-13

Silent reflection & table conversation – can use the questions

Christian, do you hear the Lord?

HWB #494

Meditation

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Third Reading Isaiah 55:1-13

Sharing at tables – can use the questions

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Going out to Serve...

You shall go out with joy

HWB #427

Fourth Reading Isaiah 55:1-13

Benediction

Meditation – Irene Bartel
Song Leader – Leona Ewert
Sound – Ivan Bartel

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel
Pianist – Chris Bergen
Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 31 Offering – \$1850.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Pastor Dan will be away until the end of August to deal with housing issues in the United States.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, September 8

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School classes resume and we resume Worship time at 11:00 a.m. Anyone interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School, sharing Children's Story, Worship Leading, Song Leading, Accompaniment or any other position in the fall, please contact Mary Jean as soon as possible. It would be helpful if you have grandchildren visiting on a Sunday morning to email the office so that we can let the teachers know ahead of time to prepare enough material.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Ed and Joanne Bergen are excited to announce the recent engagement of their son Trevor to Tamara Wall of Elm Creek, Manitoba. Wedding will be held Feb. 15, 2020 in Elm Creek. We wish them God's blessing as they prepare for their future together.
- We recently had some updates on our computer and since then our group email lists have disappeared. There are 2 separate lists – one just for the bulletins and one for group notification of church events, forwarding of MC Sask and MC Canada information, etc. I have tried to re-create them but if you did not receive two separate email messages this week then you are not on the lists. If you would like to be included on either or both lists please let me know and I can add your name.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, September 11

7:00 p.m. – Coro Nova choir invites you to join us for our second season of music! This new SATB group was formed last year from the Sonrisa and A Buncha Guys choirs and has strong roots to the musical traditions of RJC. ALL are welcome to join this new group! Rehearsals at Nutana Park Menn. Cut off to join is the Sept. 18 rehearsal. If you have any questions please contact director Lynne Driedger-Enns at gord.lynnne@sasktel.net. We look forward to making music & community together once again and welcome you to join us!

September 14

1:30-4:30 p.m. – Grand Opening & Open House for Teen Challenge Prairie Hope Women's Centre, Hague SK. Dedication 2:30 p.m.

September 14

Shekinah Bike-Paddle-Hike-Athon. Raise funds for Shekinah by biking from Saskatoon to Shekinah, paddling from Petrofka to Shekinah, or hiking the trails at Shekinah. More information is available at shekinahretreatcentre.org, or Bert Klassen: bertklassen.wfg@gmail.com or 306.281.6577.

Sunday, September 15

2:00-4:00 p.m. – Langham Menn. Fellowship invites everyone to a Come & Go Open House to see our new building.

Saturday, September 28

1:30-4:00 p.m. – MCCS AGM at the MCC Center, Saskatoon. Please register by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or email –

saskoffice@mccsk.ca

Thursday, October 17-Friday, October 18

MC Sask Continuing Education Days.

Saturday, October 19

Equipping Day @ RJC.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: As the summer winds down, let's keep our educators and support staff in our prayers as they prepare for the upcoming school year. We thank God for the work they do in the formation of our children's lives.

MC Sask Connects: The Tenth Annual Spruce River Folk Festival was a sound success in so many ways. The day and the country venue were beautiful; the musical entertainment was varied, high quality, and engaging featuring Jeffery Straker, Val Wiebe, BJ and Friends and a new partnership with Prince Albert's Voices of the North. While overall attendance was down slightly, there was a noticeable number of first-timers, and both the silent auction proceeds and overall donations towards MCC Saskatchewan's Stoney Knoll Fund were strong. Thanks to all who came and contributed!

MCC Connects: IVEP is a ten-month international young adult exchange that promotes peace and a theology of global service. MCC Saskatchewan requires homestays to make this program happen, with a stipend offered to hosts. 6-10 month opportunities exist. Placements beginning September 2019 – July 2020 in Rosthern, Regina and Saskatoon. Please contact our IVEP Provincial Coordinator, Kaytee Edwards Buhler at KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca for more information.