

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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August 4, 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.

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us HWB #352
Obey my voice HWB #163
Opening Prayer

Sharing the Good News...

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-5
Silent contemplation of the text – initial impressions

Let the children come to me
Children's Time
Come, thou fount HWB #521

Second Reading Isaiah 55:1-5
Silent reflection for 5 minutes – can use the suggested questions
Meditation: "Invitations!"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

As the deer (back page)
Third Reading Isaiah 55:1-5
Sharing at tables – can use the questions

Offering
Sharing and Congregational Prayer
Come, bring your burdens to God 3x
For Jesus will never say no.
Come, bring your joys to God 3x
For Jesus rejoices with us.

Going out to Serve...

Seek ye first the kingdom of God HWB #324
Fourth Reading Isaiah 55:1-5
Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Sound – Ivan Bartel
Worship Leader – Irene Bartel
Pianist – Donna Friesen
Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 63
Offering – \$5030.00 (\$3030.00 budget)

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber
Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin
Children's Time –
Worship Leader – Jim Ewert
Pianist – Chris Bergen

TODAY: 2:00-4:00 p.m. – Come and go tea at the community center to celebrate Dan & Esther's 50th wedding anniversary. Everyone welcome.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, August 11

7:00 p.m. – Welcome Shower for Mercy and Stephen Banda in the church basement. Coffee and dessert – sign-up sheet for dessert is on the Educ. Wing bulletin board.

Monday, August 19-Thursday, August 22

SonQuest Rainforest is coming to North Star. Kids ages 4 to those completed Grade 6 are invited to come on a life changing adventure as we learn more about Jesus. I am certainly in need of help. I need group leaders, bible story tellers, a couple of people to help with crafts, helpers. Please keep VBS in your prayers. Thanks!! - Gayle

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to Hope Aldred on the recent passing of her brother and her mother.
- An Aug. change of pace. During Aug. like last year, we will be meeting in the fellowship hall, around tables. We will examine Isaiah 55, with a lectio divina listening and conversational style. Each Sunday Dan will offer a short meditation on the focus verses. Each Sunday verses will be added to our focus. We will still have the regular parts of our worship, children's story, offering, singing, and so on. Help setting up and taking down tables and chairs each Sunday will be appreciated.
- Did you receive your June 24 issue of Canadian Mennonite? Some readers did not due to a problem with the mailing label. Please contact us at office@canadianmennonite.org or 1-800-378-2524 x 221. After June 24, the next print issue was July 22. Thank you for reading Canadian Mennonite.

- Anyone interested in teaching 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.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, August 23-Saturday, August 24

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Shekinah Work Day. We'll be working on cabins, staining, cutting wood, trail work, moving the bridge for the Ravine trail, grounds grooming, mowing, cleaning, small repairs, and feeding the volunteers. There is work for all skill levels. Please RSVP so we can feed you, but come anyway.

Sunday, August 25

10:30 a.m. – Join us in celebrating 40 years of God's faithfulness at Shekinah. Celebration service followed by lunch, games, and storytelling. Please RSVP so we can feed you. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, September 28

1:30-4:00 p.m. – MCCS Annual General Meeting at the MCC Center, Saskatoon.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: We are well into the swing of things out here at Elim with most of the summer behind us now. We got a lot done during our work week and have made camp an even better place for campers to enjoy the space and explore their faith. Our first few weeks of camp have gone off without a hitch and we're excited for some time to relax as we gear up for our final week of Teen Camp Aug. 11-16. As we approach the end of our children's camp the staff are definitely starting to feel a little burnt out and would appreciate prayers that our week of rest rejuvenates us for what remains.

MCC Connects: The Spruce River Folk Festival Saturday, Aug 10, near Prince Albert. MCC's Indigenous Neighbours program supports this event as part of the journey of reconciliation, specifically to support the cause of landless First Nations bands in Saskatchewan. For details, see spruceriverfolkfest.com or call the MCC office at 306.665.2555.

AS THE DEER

As the deer panteth for the water so my soul longeth after Thee.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and you are my brother even though you are a King.

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

I want you more than gold or silver. Only you can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.