

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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February 23, 2020  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### ***Gathering in the Spirit...***

Welcome and Announcements

*Jesus calls us here to meet him* STJ #3

*O sing to the Lord* STJ #12

Call to worship

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**AMEN!**

Prayer

### ***Sharing the Good News...***

*Let the children come to me (v.3 while children leave)*

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

*There's a wideness in God's mercy* HWB #145

Meditation: "The Old Testament Prodigal"

### ***Responding with our Whole Hearts...***

*You walk along our shoreline* STJ #99

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

*Come, bring your burdens to God*

### ***Going out to Serve...***

*Come, thou fount* HWB #521

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Song Leader – John Bartel

Sound –

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

Accompaniment – Worship Team

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

## **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 41 Offering – \$1960.00

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

### **THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 a.m. – Men's Lent Breakfast at the church with guest speaker Norman Doromal. All men invited.

### **COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

Saturday, April 18

Prairie Light Christian Fellowship Anniversary Celebration. Everyone invited. More details to follow.

Friday, April 24

Theatre of the Beat at North Star. More details to follow.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Girls club is inviting 3-6 women to join us for girls club for a monthly event (3:20-5:00 p.m.) joining the girls and women of our community. March 11 (team bake-off), and April 1 (surprise!). Come to one week or all 3. Please RSVP to Lisa.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Saturday, February 29

9:00-5:30 – One Thing I Ask: To Dwell With God – Silent Lenten Retreat at Ancient Spirals Retreat. See poster or go to <https://mcsask.ca/silent-retreat/>

Thursday, March 5

7:00 p.m. – RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy Presentation & Reception at Bethany Manor. Join us to learn more about the *RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy for Renewal & Growth*. Presentation by Principal Ryan Wood, followed by a performance from the RJC Singers. Reception provided by the RJC kitchen. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca)

Friday, March 6

1:30 p.m. – World Day of Prayer "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk" at Knox United Church, Lanigan. Everyone welcome.

Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14

MC Sask Annual Delegate Session at First Menn. Church, Saskatoon, co-hosted with Wildwood Menn. Registration forms available in the office or online at <https://mcsask.ca/2020-mc-sask-annual-delegate-sessions/>. Our delegates are Peter Nicholson, Marlys Jantz, Floyd Bartel & Lisa Martens Bartel.

Sunday, March 15

7:00 p.m. – RJC Choirs & Cakes in the RJC Auditorium. Come for an evening of desserts and choral music as we auction off cakes in support of RJC. Featuring performances by Coro Nova, RJC ManChoir, & RJC Singers. Tickets not required. Rush seating. Call (306) 232-4222 if you have questions.

Saturday, March 28

7:00 p.m. – Coro Nova Spring Concert at Knox United Church. Growing from choral experiences in RJC, Sonrisa, and A Buncha Guys this new choir continues to sing in community. Please join us for an evening of song!

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Praying for Each Other:** One of the first mission workers to Colombia, Mary Hope Wood Stucky, died Feb. 8 at the age of 103 in Bogotá, Colombia, leaving a legacy of mission work spanning 75 years. Alix Lozano, retired director of Seminario Bíblico Menonita de Colombia in a tribute to Mary Hope, said, "... you are a woman whose presence reminds us ... that we are a church with a past and a present that we hold on to for the future, a church that must bequeath future generations with challenges and commitments." Let us keep the family of one of our original International Witness Workers in our prayers.

**MC Sask Connects:** Help needed! Volunteers to look after approximately 10 children (ranging in ages from approximately 1 to 8 years old) during the MC Sask ADS meetings March 13 & 14 at First Menn., Saskatoon. Childcare will happen in the basement (parents will be in the building). Times: Friday 1-9 p.m. and Sat. 8:30-5 (children will be with their parents during meal breaks). There will be remuneration available for the volunteers. Please contact Linda Martens at [linell.martens@gmail.com](mailto:linell.martens@gmail.com) or 306.384.4786

**MCC Connects:** We would be honoured if you would join us at the MCC Centre on Friday March 6th at 10:30 a.m. for an unveiling ceremony of our Treaty Land Acknowledgment. We will assemble to consider our commitments as Treaty people, and our successes and challenges along the road of reconciliation. Afterward, as is customary in Mennonite and Indigenous community gatherings, we will celebrate with a potluck feast! Please bring a traditional dish to share. For more information, check out MCC Saskatchewan's Facebook page or contact our office at 306.665.2555.

**CMU Connects:** In five minutes Still Speaking tells stories about people, places, and events preserved in documents and artifacts in the MHC Archives on the CMU campus. The goal of Still Speaking is to learn about the past, offer insights into the present, and emphasize the important role of archives in our church and society. Together we listen to the people of the past "still speaking." Check out Still Speaking episodes at [mharchives.ca/features/still-speaking/](http://mharchives.ca/features/still-speaking/).

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