

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

March 22, 2020

Lent 4 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

**Show us, Jesus, how you define blindness**

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship

**Leader:** The Lord is our shepherd!

**People: We have everything we need.**

**Leader:** The Lord leads us beside peaceful waters and right paths, comforting us through the valleys of despair, and preparing for us a rich feast.

**People: We have more than we need.**

**Leader:** The Lord anoints us for healing, strengthening, gifting, and blessing.

**People: Our cups overflow with goodness and mercy.**

**All: We will live in the house of the Lord forever.**

Prayer

*Worship Songs*

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

Confession:

God, we confess that we are quick to judge others and not acknowledge our own sins and weaknesses. (Pause for silence.)

We confess that we do not always follow your example because immorality, impurity, and greed are part of our lives, and obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes come from our lips. God, we need your light to shine on us to expose the things we say and do that are not pleasing to you.

(Pause.)

Forgive us our sins.

Assurance of pardon

Though your hearts were once filled with darkness, now you are full of the light of the Lord. This light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. Walk in the light for you are no longer blind.

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-14

*Hymn*

Scripture: John 9:1-41

Meditation: "Show us, Jesus, how you define blindness"

**(to read the complete meditation including scriptures go to the church website northstarmc.ca)**

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Ritual of Response

Extinguishing the Light

*Hymn*

Offering

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

*Sending Song*

Benediction

Leave from here knowing that you are a forgiven sinner with the light and power of God living in and through you so that those who are spiritually blind can say, "I believe!"

Meditation – Dan Graber

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 55

Offering – \$7353.00 (\$1953.00 budget)

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

**Please note that all events at North Star (worship, meetings, etc.) will be cancelled until further notice. We will continue to send weekly bulletins and information will also be posted on the church website. If you have any questions or comments please call or email the church.**

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

Sunday, March 22 **POSTPONED**

7:00 p.m. – Come for coffee and hear Vic & Chris share about their time in Honduras.

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

Saturday, April 18

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

Friday, April 24 **CANCELLED**

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

June 7

Outdoor worship service. Details to follow.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Lorraine Zimmer who passed away on Wednesday, March 17. Please pray for her family during this difficult time.
- Just to alert you, Dan's email has apparently been hacked. If you receive an email asking for money, don't reply or open it. So if you have received such a request let me know, and don't send in money, or purchase something on behalf of someone, regardless how desperate or loving the request is!

- Another source for spiritual resources is the MC Sask or MC Canada website. There are many suggestions for home worship as well as updates as to what is happening in our extended church family.
- Are you wondering how COVID-19 is affecting MCC Thrift Shops, Material Resources and local programming here in Saskatchewan? Stay up to date with COVID-19 updates for MCC Saskatchewan by visiting [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) and clicking on COVID-19 information and updates. We invite your ongoing prayers for all those affected by these extraordinary days.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Saturday, March 28 **CANCELLED**

7:00 p.m. – Coro Nova Spring Concert at Knox United Church. Please join us for an evening of song!

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Praying for Each Other:** Pray for our leaders, medical and emergency people, and others who continue to work to keep us safe as we go through this time of uncertainty and turmoil. May all feel Christ's peace and comfort knowing he is with us.

**MC Sask Connects:** Shekinah Summer Camp Registration: We are excited that our summer camps are filling up quickly this year. If you have or know of a child that wants to register for a specific week of summer camp we recommend you do it sooner than later. For more information about Shekinah Summer Camp email [craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org)

**Wood Cutters Needed May 2:** Shekinah would like to invite folks out that feel confident with a chainsaw to help fill our firewood reserves. We will meet by the Chalet at 9 am and go until folks get tired. Please bring a chainsaw and safety wear. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Let us know if you're coming: [office@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:office@shekinahretreatcentre.org) OR (306)945-4929.

**MCC Connects:** MCC is excited to introduce a Centennial webinar for donors and supporters. This is a great opportunity to 'meet' (virtually) with reps from three of our key Centennial project locations: Lebanon, DR Congo and Chad. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to join other supporters from across the country! This will take place Wednesday, April 15 at 11am CST. Stay tuned for more information or call the office to learn more at 306.665.2555.

**CMU Connects:** Explore the genre of graphic writing in Dreaming of Kanata and Canada: Indigenous Graphic Novels & Reconciliation with Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 15-19, 2020. For more information, go to [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or email [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca). Apply by Apr. 1 to avoid late fees.