

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 8, 2020

Lent 2 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Show us the extent of your faithful, loving presence

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties, where does our help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: When we are invited into new ways of thinking and being, where does our help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us
and never leaves us or forsakes us.**

Prayer

Jesus, thou mighty Lord

HWB #115

God of grace and God of glory

HWB #366

Sharing the Good News...

Confession

All: We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving, and totally trustworthy. We also confess our desire for what is familiar, comfortable, and secure. We acknowledge that you sometimes call us to accept new challenges, new ways of thinking, or new places of service. Lord, give us the grace to respond to your call when you invite us into new ways of being.

Assurance of pardon

Leader: Friends, the One who calls us is the faithful One who promised to never leave us or forsake us. May you know God's faithful presence more fully.

All: Thanks be to God.

O God, thou faithful God (Children leave for SS)

HWB #376

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Offering *Lord of all good*

STJ #60

Scripture: John 3:1-17

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

Meditation: "Courage to lose sight of the shore"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Breathe on me, breath of God

HWB #356

Ritual of Response

Extinguishing the Light

Going out to Serve...

Take, O take me as I am

STJ #81

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Pianist – Esther Laskowski

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Vicky Toporchak, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 57

Offering – \$2840.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, March 15

11:00 a.m. – We will have a Child Dedication service for Taylor Lehr during the morning worship.

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.

June 7

Outdoor worship service. Details to follow.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to Ed & Myrna Ewert and family on the passing of Myrna's brother, Stan Desormeau, on Friday, Feb. 28. Funeral service was held in Saskatoon on Saturday, March 7.
- Girls club, joining the girls and women of our community. March 11 (team bake-off), and April 1 (surprise!). Please RSVP to Lisa.
- New RJC website now live! It is now possible for prospective students to apply online, it more convenient for supporters to make online donations, and easier to find information on school events. Visit us today at rjc.sk.ca.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Monday, March 9 & Wednesday, March 11

Dallas Valley Fundraising Banquets in Regina & Strasbourg. See poster.

Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14

1:00-4:00 p.m. – Deepening our Walk with the Global Church; Conversations on being Sent and Received. An afternoon discussion led by Arli Klassen & Jeanette Hanson.

5:00 p.m. – 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/>. Earlybird deadline is **March 8**. Register soon to get the lower price and to get meals! Delegates: Peter Nicholson, Marlys Jantz, Floyd Bartel & Lisa Martens Bartel. Everyone is welcome to join the evening session on Friday at 7 p.m. There will be a short business session followed by a worship service on our theme “Deepening our Walk with Each Other & The World”. Arli Klassen is our speaker and we will also be having a celebration of Baptisms, our Memorial & Communion. There is no cost.

Sunday, March 15

7:00 p.m. – RJC Choirs & Cakes in the RJC Auditorium 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. Please join us for an evening of song!

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

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 or 306.384.4786

MCC Connects: Calling all artisans! If you are an artisan and would like to showcase and sell your creative pieces, we invite you to be a part of this year's Relief Sale – scheduled to take place at Prairieland Park on June 12 & 13. Artisans have the opportunity to purchase a table for \$100 (which will be directed to MCC's fundraising efforts) and showcase/sell your work to over 1,000 people! For more information call the office at 306.665.2555 or e-mail mccreliefsalesk@gmail.com for more information.

CMU Connects: While many Ten Thousand Villages stores are being closed across the country, CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre remains committed to supporting artisans by offering products that make a difference. CommonWord will continue to provide fair-trade coffee, chocolate and other foods, and is investigating other fair-trade opportunities. Visit CommonWord on the CMU campus or online at commonword.ca.