

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Call to Worship

Scripture: Luke 4:16-21

Prayer of Invocation & Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Scripture: 1John 4:7-12; Romans 3:21-26

Meditation: Conversions and Conversions

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Praise and Prayers

- Prayer requests:

We pray for Gilbert Epp family as they grieve. Gilbert passed away this past week. May they find the peace they need in this time.

We also remember the Edgar Bartel family who are also grieving.

He also died last week at the age of 94. May they find the consolation they need.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Good and generous God, In Jesus Christ you came to us, promising us life in abundance. We give you thanks today for the abundant gifts we receive in him: Assurance of your love day by day; Relief of mercy when we recognize our own failings; Hope renewed when things seem bleak; Peace that comes when we trust ourselves to your eternal keeping. These are the gifts that matter, O God, so for all the times we experience these gifts we thank you in these moments of silence:

Silence

Generous God, the world is going through difficult times this summer. So we pray for all whose lives seem empty of joy: Because plans have changed, and friends seem far away. Because hearts are filled with disappointment and loneliness. Because sorrow and grief rise up each day. Support each one we name in this silence with your abundant compassion:

Silence

Generous God, so many things must be rearranged because of the pandemic and what it has revealed.. We pray for those whose lives are empty of purpose, and for those who do not know the respect of their neighbours: Because they are without work. Because they face discrimination and are devalued in our communities. Because they have made poor choices and cannot find a way forward. Support each one we name in this silence with your abundant mercy and show them signs of hope:

Silence

Generous God, We remember before you in silence those who lives are empty of peace and hope: Because they struggle with illness or disability. Because they are powerless in the face of violence. Because old animosities rankle and opportunities for reconciliation are elusive.

Silence

Send your dove of peace and promise to create new possibilities for each one.

Good and generous God, fill us with the energy and compassion of your Spirit to reach out to those facing difficult times. May we become the gift we have received in Jesus for it is in his name we pray saying.. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Going out to Serve...

Closing and Benediction

THIS SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

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.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Unfortunately we cannot do VBS as we usually do...So VBS will be coming to you. SonSurf Beach Bash Buckets will be available for each family that registers. Each bucket will contain a list of supplies you will need for the week, a SonSurf Beach Bash CD, a copy of the bible stories, suggestions for snacks, games and crafts. Plus some extras for an awesome Beach Party at SonSurf Beach Bash. Registration is necessary as I will need to know how many kids are in your family so we can customize your bucket. You can register on the Drake VBS Facebook page or by texting me at 306-365-7472. Registration needs to be in by **July 29** so I know how many buckets to make. - Gayle

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- To see the video of the sermon, please click on the sermon title on the North Star web site (northstarmc.ca)
- We are looking for pictures for our church website. These could include worship, church activities, Sunday School, clubs, etc. Please email any suitable photos to the church as soon as possible.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for each other: Each week we highlight a congregation or partner of MC Sask. We will resume this practice in September. We encourage you to pray for your sister congregations and our partners during the summer.

MC Sask Connects: Shekinah is holding a Move-A-Thon (formerly known as the Shekinah-Bike-Thon) fundraiser on September 19, 2020. It will be virtual event and all instructions are on our website. Please visit our website <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon> to register and take time to view the "inspirational" videos updated weekly which highlight examples of how you can MOVE. Thank you

Shekinah Retreat Centre thanks you for your amazing support of our Mission-Possible summer fundraiser. To date we have raised \$35,000 and are moving towards our summer goal of \$40,000. In related news, Ron Schellenberg has shaved his head. To support the work of Shekinah and see Ron getting his head shaved, you can still be part of the event by going to <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/mission-possible>

MCC Connects: MCC Saskatchewan would like to highlight our Speakers Bureau. This is an online resource that offers your community access to a variety of interactive learning modules and speakers to expand understanding of issues related to relief, development and peace here in Saskatchewan and around the world. MCC staff have a wide range of passions and expertise and are eager to share their knowledge with your church, school or event. The Speakers Bureau resource can be accessed at mccsk.ca/speakers-bureau and includes information about each speaker as well as the topics they are familiar with and could speak about with your communities. Check it out!

CMU Connects: CMU is planning for on-campus, in-person education for fall and winter terms 2020/21, with hybrid extensions through online tools for all classes. Clear protocols and training to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and faculty will be in place. We are also working extensively at community and individual well-being as we face the intense burdens and anxieties of this pandemic time. CMU is also prepared for a possible switch to virtual only learning should a second wave of COVID-19 emerge. Check out the video which outlines fall plans at media.cmu.ca/nr-fall2020

CMU is committed to give every student, faculty and staff member a mask for their use in September, as needed. To that end, we are seeking a network of capable volunteers to sew up to 100 masks each. The university will supply a standard pattern and be available to support volunteers with technical, sewing related questions. Charitable receipts will be issued for 5 or more masks. For details about this volunteer based project contact Julene Sawatzky, CMU Campus Planning and Facilities Development Manager, at JuSawatzky@cmu.ca. Thank you!