

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Announcements

Hallelujah! Schöner Morgen

Call to Worship Psalm 122

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

People: O God, we confess that our lives do not always reflect your transforming power. You are gracious, but we cling to judgment. You are kind, but we can be cruel. You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds. You are filled with joy, but too often we are filled with dissatisfaction and complaints. Forgive us, O God, and fill us with your Holy Spirit this day, and make us new through Christ, your Son and our Saviour.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Invitation to the Offering

Come we that love the Lord

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:7-12; Proverbs 11:30, 17:17, 18:24, 27:9&17

Meditation: "How to Develop Lasting Friendships"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us

Praise and Prayers

- North Star Praise and Prayers.
- Prayer of thanks: RJC High School is grateful for the continued prayerful support of its church constituents. We are happy to report a 25% increase in enrolment for the 2020-21 school year, with students from across Sask., Alberta, other parts of Canada, and the world.
- Litany Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession
God of light and hope, we pray for those who face lives filled with darkness: those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit; those bent under burdens of sorrow; those who cannot see the way ahead. We pray for those who accompany others in dark times and places; For those who comfort the grieving, and work for healing and new possibilities. May all these find their darkness transformed by your presence.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

God of liberation and justice, we pray for those who suffer abuse, violence, or injustice at the hands of powerful people or forces in their lives, and for those who have been betrayed by people entrusted with their care. Stir in all people a deep respect for life. Encourage those who struggle for freedom, and work for truth to be heard and reconciliation achieved.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

God of peace and promise, we pray for those who work for peace in the world, for leaders and decision makers, for those who hold power and can make a difference in their communities, and for those who make, interpret, and enforce laws. Awaken a respect for the needs of the most vulnerable, including the earth and its fragile balances.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

God of wisdom and understanding, we pray for those who misunderstand the words and actions of others, and for those who are misunderstood. We pray for those who teach, and those who learn, especially those who struggle and are afraid to ask for help. In this challenging school year, guide teachers and students in new patterns of learning and keep each one safe and healthy.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

God of forgiveness and reconciliation; we pray for those we have hurt or offended and for those to whom we have been unkind. We pray for those who have hurt us, or been careless with our feelings. Work in our lives to redeem broken relationships. Shape us into gracious and forgiving people.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

In silence we name before you other concerns on our minds today...

And now we pray together as Jesus taught us;

The Lord's Prayer

Going out to Serve...

Closing and Benediction

THIS SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 p.m. – Koinoinia meets at church. Please bring your own beverage and prepare to social distance.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- 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

MC Sask Connects: We are holding our Move-A-Thon (formerly known as Bike-A-Thon) fundraiser on **Sept. 19**. It will be a virtual event this year and all instructions and a pledge form are on the Shekinah website. Please visit <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon> to REGISTER and to view the "inspirational" videos which highlight examples of how you can MOVE!

MCC Connects: The MCC SK Board invites you to the MCCS Annual General Meeting on **Sat., Sept. 26, 1:30-4:00 pm**, via Zoom. Mark Epp, MCC Canada Program Director, will join us to highlight how international projects have been affected by and have adapted to COVID-19. Consider being a delegate from your church. To receive the Zoom link, please register by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or email saskoffice@mccsk.ca.

Join us for an evening of music, fellowship and art at one of two exclusive art openings. A group of eight Saskatchewan artists have partnered with MCC Saskatchewan to display their art, alongside artisanal quilts in lieu of the MCC Relief Sale and Auction. Tickets are \$50 per person and admission is limited to 20 individuals per evening to accommodate social distancing requirements. For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/createdart> or call the office at 306.665.2555.

CMU Connects: Xplore has moved online! Because of COVID-19, the Xplore +55 courses in 20-21 are moving online via Zoom, thus making all courses available widely across the country. Eight stimulating courses, are offered every Wednesday and Thursday morning over a six-week period, beginning September 30. View course, tuition, and registration information here cmu.ca/explore. Courses this fall include: Reading the Bible with Jesus, Journaling through Grief, Beyond the Numbers: Pandemic Reordering the World we Knew, Denominations: What are they and what are they good for?, Race and Racism, "...so that through the church..." Vision and Challenge from the Letter of Ephesians, Exploring Mennonite Schisms: Theology, Personality, or Church Practices?, Life Sentences: Writing for Yourself and Others.