

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

February 14, 2021

Worship Service 9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

Welcome

Hymn

Invitation to Worship

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

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

(If you wish to donate to Teen Challenge please make cheque to NSMC and indicate for Teen Challenge)

Hymn

Scripture: Romans 8:28-39; John 13:33-35

Meditation: "Hope for the Hopeless"

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

Hymn

North Star Praise and Prayers:

Pray for Myanmar and Our Myanmar Siblings in Canada. MC Canada calls on our nationwide community of faith to pray for the people of Myanmar. Pray also for our Myanmar siblings here in Canada. They are deeply concerned for their loved ones and the effect that recent actions will have on peace within Myanmar. "This creates a very uncertain future. We need to lift our prayers to God." - Jehu Lianching

Myanmar's military has seized power and has detained democratically elected leaders in that country. Troops are patrolling streets in major cities and communications are limited. The coup follows a landslide win by the National League for Democracy (NLD) party in an election which the army claims was fraudulent. "Today is a sad and dark day for our country," writes Amos Chin leader of Bible Missionary Church, a Mennonite World Conference-member denomination in Myanmar. "Our country is under military regime again and we are under fear. We ask for your concern and prayer for our country and for our missionary work." "We worry for our political leaders who have been imprisoned," says Jehu Lianching, assistant director Myanmar Missions International. "This creates a very uncertain future. We need to lift our prayers to God. Burma has seven states; all have their own armies. Concern is growing about the possibility of civil war," he adds.

There are four Chin congregations in MC Canada:

• Calgary Chin Church <https://calgarychin.mcab.ca/>

• Chin Christian Church (Kitchener)

<https://www.facebook.com/kitchenerchinchristianchurch/>

• Grace Christian Church (Ottawa)

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceChristianChurchOttawa>

• Kitchener Emmanuel Church

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/122767158395246>

MC Canada has a formalized partnership with Myanmar Missions

International to support regular leadership formation, training events, and

development needs of this emerging Anabaptist network of congregations.

MC Canada supports Mission Anabaptist Church in Chin State, Myanmar to

become a centre of Anabaptist training and formation in the region.

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

Hymn

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Cindy Macfarlane (Prairie Hope Women's Centre - Teen Challenge)

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Kyle Toporchak

Visuals – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – \$2374.90 Attendance (9:45) 23 (11:00) 17

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Rose Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

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

Tuesday, February 16

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia and guests meet in the sanctuary.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Call for RJC alumni & friends to join virtual choirs: We invite anyone interested to join one or both of the virtual alumni & friends choirs that Richard Janzen is putting together for RJC's upcoming Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser event on **March 14**. There will be a mass choir (alumni, friends, greater community, & RJC students) and an alumni & friends choir. All are welcome. If you are interested in singing, email [richard@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:richard@rjc.sk.ca).

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Saturday, March 13

2021 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be held virtually. Registration and report book available soon. We are allowed 4 delegates to participate on Zoom for this session. This could be done at church if not available on your home computer. Please contact the office by **February 21** if interested.

## MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

**MC Sask Connects:** Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is preparing three worship services based on the 2021 Annual Delegate Session theme Called to Hear. The second service, led by Josh & Cindy, is now available at <https://mcsask.ca/mcsaskworshipservices>

**MCC Connects:** Due to our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and multiple situations of crisis locally and around the world, MCC's warehouse inventory has depleted. Help meet the urgent needs of families by donating a hygiene kit today. Drop off supplies at the MCC Saskatchewan Centre, or donate funds by contacting us by phone: (306) 655-2555 or email: [saskoffice@mccsk.ca](mailto:saskoffice@mccsk.ca). For information on what makes up a hygiene kit, visit <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/hygiene>.

**CMU Connects:** CMU's next Wednesday Webinar is Year One: Exploring Your Options. Many students feel pressure to know exactly what they want to study in university. CMU's Year One option offers essential opportunities to build a broad base, expand interests, discover academic passions, and develop important transferable skills. This webinar will also provide information on CMU degree major requirements. Wednesday, February 17, 4:00 PM (CST). Register at [www.cmu.ca/webinar](http://www.cmu.ca/webinar).

Face2Face | Who Cares? The elderly among us... COVID-19 has exposed cracks in our systems of care, and shed light on our understandings of aging, revealing how we value older adults in our communities. Be part of a critically important conversation involving the Director of a Personal Care Home, two Indigenous Elders, and two seniors as they open new insights on realities faced by seniors in our communities and churches. Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (CST). Go to [www.cmu.ca/face2face](http://www.cmu.ca/face2face) for more information.

CMU's Xplore 55+ Enrichment program offers courses exploring dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it – all without assignments or exams! Eight online courses are offered on Wednesday mornings from March 3 – April 7 and include a rich array of options in Christian worship, biblical spirituality, Christian faith and Indigenous spirituality, the Book of Revelation, Old Testament Prophets, the power of music (from Bach to the Beatles), Abrahamic faiths in dialogue, and the witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Go to [www.cmu.ca/xplore](http://www.cmu.ca/xplore) for information and to register.