

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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April 25, 2021  
Worship Service 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

Welcome  
*Jesus calls us here to meet him* STJ #3  
Invitation to Worship  
Prayer  
Invitation to Confession  
Prayer of Confession  
Jesus, we're afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves. Yet you see us as we really are.  
**Open our eyes, Lord.**  
Even when we won't listen to you, you hear us when we call your name.  
**Open our ears, Lord.**  
We keep the light of your Word hidden to ourselves, though you gave it to share with the world.  
**Open our mouths, Lord.**  
May we know and follow the One who calls us to see, hear, and speak.  
**Open our hearts, Lord.**

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

Announcements  
Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer  
*Slowly turning, ever turning* STJ #23  
Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-14  
Meditation: "Paul's Model of Intercessory Prayer"

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

*God of grace and God of glory* HWB #366  
North Star Praises and Prayers

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

*Where charity and love prevail* HWB #305 (words on back of bulletin)  
Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel  
Song Leader – John Bartel  
Sound – Steven Lehr Visuals – Kyle/Vicky Toporchak  
Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Jacob Martens Bartel

## **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – \$1715.00 Attendance – (9:45) 24 (11:00) 30

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

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

Monday, April 26  
7:30 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting.

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

Monday, May 3  
7:30 p.m. – Annual/Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- A word of thanks from RJC High School: We are deeply grateful for the kind words, messages and prayers we have received this past week as we continue to navigate the presence of COVID-19 on our school campus. We are grateful to have the support of our church constituents, alumni, and friends during this time. We wish for speedy recoveries and God's presence to be with the students and their families affected.
- A huge thank you from Randy Klassen, MCC SK, for the tremendous support from North Star for donations, volunteer hours, etc. to enable MCC to help those less fortunate.
- If you are interested in exploring church membership, either by baptism or transfer, or if you simply want to join a men's group or a women's group to study core issues of the Christian faith, please contact Pastor Dan or Lisa soon. Thanks.

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** April 29, 7p.m.: Join us for the launch Elaine Enns & Ched Myers' new book, *Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization*. This important work looks at issues of Indigenous justice and settler "response-ability" through the lens of Elaine's Mennonite family narrative, tracing "Landlines, Bloodlines, and Songlines" like a braided river. Click the link to register for the Zoom event <https://mcc.zoom.us/j/940123456789>

**MCC Connects:** Give the gift of a dignity kit. MCC's new dignity kit contains hygiene and sanitary items, including eco-friendly, washable menstrual pads and liners. Thousands of dignity kits have already been requested by MCC's partners around the world and you can be part of the solution for fulfilling this need. Make a dignity kit: [mcccanada.ca/dignity-kits](http://mcccanada.ca/dignity-kits)

**CMU Connects:** Be part of CMU's next Virtual Open House and take an online tour of the CMU campus, connect with Admissions Counsellors, faculty, and with current students. All students, parents, teachers, and school counsellors are invited to this open house, which is an excellent way to orient yourself to a CMU university experience. If you are unable to make it at the scheduled time, sign up as an attendee to receive a recording of the tour. Wed., Apr. 28, 4:00 PM (CDT). Register at [www.cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse](http://www.cmu.ca/virtualopenhouse).

Zoom Event at CMU: We know that the climate crisis is pressing us all to act, and that it's easy to feel guilt for doing too little. Within this challenge, lament can help us claim that hopeful change is possible, as we deepen our faithfulness to the God of Creation. Join panelists Marta Bunnett Wiebe, Bob Haverluck, and Zoe Matties, and together explore what 'Ecological Grief' can mean in our lives. Wednesday April 28th at 7:00 PM (CDT). Register your interest at [www.arocha.ca/events](http://www.arocha.ca/events) to receive a zoom link prior to the event.

CMU Fall Planning: For the upcoming school year, starting September 2021, CMU is planning for primarily in-person classes, with some accommodation via hybrid/online formats where needed. As it has over the past 12 months, CMU is following all guidelines put forth by Manitoba Health. Check out more details on fall plans at [media.cmu.ca/news-release-fall-2021-plans](http://media.cmu.ca/news-release-fall-2021-plans).

### **Where charity and love prevail**

*Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.*

*With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.*

*Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.*

*Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;  
As members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.*

*Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;  
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.*