

## **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: Acts 2:42-47

Prayer of Invocation & Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Scripture: Romans 10:8-17

Meditation: "Church is more than Fellowship"

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

Praise and Prayers

- Prayer requests:  
We remember families in our community who are struggling for various reasons.  
We pray for the mental, emotional, relationship and spiritual health of those who need your help.  
We pray that people we know find reconciliation with you Jesus, with their families & neighbours.
- 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. Many of us in this area are not as affected as many people around the world, but still – we offer this prayer. 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. May those with mental illnesses or whose mental faculties are compromised because of alcohol and drugs and false friends, find their way to real peace and fulfilling lives.  
Silence

Send your dove of peace and promise to create new possibilities for each one. Help us find ways to be your hands, feet and voice. Help us offer the words Jesus would offer to people we meet – to share God's love, hope, peace, and encouragement.

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.

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

Closing and Benediction

### **THIS SUNDAY**

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

### **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:

- We are pleased to announce the coming marriage of Heidi Martens to Marlin Weber on Saturday, August 22 to take place at the Sharon Church House. We wish them God's blessing as they plan their future together.
- We are also pleased to announce the engagement of Brad Bergen to Rachel Redlich, daughter of Vicki & Terry Redlich of Landis, SK (not Delmas, as previously announced). The wedding will take place at North Star on Saturday, December 12. We wish them God's blessing as they plan their future together.
- 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:** Thank you for your ongoing contributions to the work we do together as MC Sask. As of June 30, 2020 we have fulfilled all of our financial commitments to our partner ministries. We are slightly behind in our year to date giving. Please consider making an extra contribution over the summer months.

**MCC Connects:** MCC is deeply saddened by ongoing occurrences of racially based violence, both in Canada and the U.S. As a Christian organization, it is our mandate to share Christ's love and through our various programs we strive to advocate with those experiencing oppressing, educate our constituents about racial injustice and build relationships across diversity. We also recognize that we have not always done this as effectively as we should. To see MCC's full response to racial injustice, visit <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/mcc-canada-response-racial-injustice> and to access resources for anti-racism education, visit <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/resources-anti-racism-education>.

**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](http://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](mailto:JuSawatzky@cmu.ca). Thank you!