

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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September 22, 2019
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning to worship you, O God, and yet our attention is drawn elsewhere.

People: We seek your face, your presence, your comfort, even though we think about those things that are missing.

Leader: We gather together to worship, distracted as we may be.

People: In this time of worship, settle our spirits, guide us nearer to you.

All: As we worship you, lead us from envy to contentment.

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Jesus, stand among us

HWB #25

Holy Spirit, come with power

HWB #26

Disoriented Love...

Let the children come to me (children leave for Sunday School)

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16; Genesis 37:31-36; Luke 11:53-54

Homily 1: "The Storyline of Envy"

I know not why God's wondrous

HWB #338

Oriented Toward God's Love...

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, when we see what others have, when we compare ourselves to others, we confess that it looks so good, and what we have seems lacking. We confess that more often than we'd like to admit, we see the grass of our neighbor as greener than our own. When we feel that we don't measure up to our neighbors; when our gaze is set on "keeping up with the Joneses," open our eyes, generous God, to see all the bounty that's right in front of us. Forgive us. Focus our hearts, not on what's missing, but instead on where you're at work. Invite our imaginations to consider how we can join in with your Holy Spirit in practicing your love, instead of scheming how to keep up.

Words of Assurance

When peace, like a river

HWB #336

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Come, bring your burdens to God

Newly Oriented Love for Discipleship...

Scripture: Proverbs 14:30; Philippians 4:10-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-12

Homily 2: "Rotting Bones or Contentment?"

Tithes and Offerings

Sending Blessing

Grant us, Lord, the grace

HWB #388

Meditations – Donna Friesen & Dan Graber Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Ushers – Vicky Toporchak, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 52 Offering – \$1650.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, September 26

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Lanigan Lodge. Everyone welcome.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- It's been one month since we filled North Star church with 70 kids who were all excited to be going on an adventure in SonQuest Rainforest VBS. We had a super time learning more about Jesus and to Get it, Get found, Get God's love, Get praying and Get going!! Our project was MCC Relief kits. The kids went above and beyond in their kindness and service to others. Thank you for all the prayers, help and encouragement. God is good and His love endures forever. Blessings to you all! Stay tuned for next year's VBS. Love in Christ, Gayle.
- Now that life is settling into autumn the Community Gift & Thrift is looking for new & returning volunteers to help on the cash and backroom pricing/sorting. Come by for an hour or a day - everything helps! Or gather a group together for an evening work night. Contact Heidi for more info. at lanigan@thrif.mccsk.ca

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Saturday, September 28

1:30-4:00 p.m. – The MCC Saskatchewan Board invites you to the newly formatted MCCS Annual General Meeting at the MCC Center (600 45th St W, Saskatoon). Guest speaker is Rick Cober Bauman, MCC Canada Executive Director. Please register by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or email saskoffice@mccsk.ca.

October 2

6:00 p.m. – MEDA Saskatoon Fall Dinner at Bethany Manor. See bulletin board for details.

Friday, October 4 & Saturday, October 5

RJC Alumni Soccer & Volleyball. Soccer Sat.- meet in the Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 bring a white and dark t-shirt and \$5.00. Email Denelda at deneldafast@hotmail.com to register for volleyball by **October 1st** or for more information. Lunch available in the Rehearsal Hall between 11:00 and 1:00. Don't miss out on seeing some old friends!

Saturday, October 5

Support International Witness workers through Ride for Refuge. Last year's ride raised \$20,000! If you are interested in riding for our nine Witness workers, go to <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019>. Note: Saskatchewan teams should select 'Ride/Walk Anywhere', there is no formal ride location this year.

Thursday, October 17-Friday, October 18

Deepening our Walk with Each Other - Life Together in God's Peace-Building Project - a MC Sask Continuing Education Event. Join us as Tom Yoder Neufeld reflects on our life together through the lens of the Gospel of Matthew and the letter to the Ephesians. To learn more & register, please go to mcsask.ca/continuing-education/

Saturday, October 19

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – MC Sask Equipping Day @ RJC. You are invited to come and take in workshops on topics such as #SafeChurchToo, Walking with our Indigenous, Walking with our International neighbours, Mission consultation, Inclusive Bible translations, Communion and more! Tom Yoder Neufeld is our guest speaker and will also lead a workshop. Go to mcsask.ca/equipping-day for details and registration.

Friday, October 25

6:30 p.m. – Mennonite Disaster Service Annual Fall Supper and Information Night at Hague Menn. Come fellowship over dinner and hear stories from guest speakers Peter and Susan Thiessen as they recount their experiences with the Grand Forks 2018 BC Flood rebuilding and more. Call Ike at (306) 342-4344 to reserve your seat.

Saturday, October 26

4:30 p.m. – RJC Annual Corp. meeting for constituency members in RJC Chapel.

5:00 p.m. – RJC's annual Homecoming & Fundraising Dinner at RJC. Dinner and show starting at 6. This year we present "Gymn Sing - A Celebration of the Music Legacy of RJC". The evening will focus around a variety show format featuring many performers and will be a nod to the TV show "Hymn Sing". Live and silent auction will occur throughout the evening. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by phone 306.232.4222 or by email office@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca. We expect a sold out event once again so get your tickets early! We hope to see you there!

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: Fiske Menn. Church is blessed to be a community church. Because we are small we know everybody and have a great sense of community – both as a church and a town. This year we initiated a new Canadian Food Grains Bank community growing project. Our children's Sunday School is a community activity. We ask for your prayers as our core group continues to get smaller that we can continue to be a positive Christian influence in our community.

MCC Connects: Buckets of Thanks is back! This Thanksgiving give the gift of basic hygiene supplies! Join us at the MCC Centre (600 45th Street West) in Saskatoon on **October 17** as we pack kits and respond to the needs of people around the world. For information and to find out how you can help this Thanksgiving, please visit www.mccbuckets.ca OR call our office at 306.665.2555.

CMU Connects: Sunday@CMU is a 15-minute radio program featuring meditations from current and emeriti professors, music from CMU ensembles and choirs, and interviews with faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Go to media.cmu.ca anytime for links to recordings of these programs.