

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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December 22, 2019
Fourth Advent Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Announcements

O come, O come, Immanuel HWB #172

Hark! the herald angels sing HWB #201

Call to worship

One: Oh God, my God, I cry out to you.

Many: Asking, will I be saved to your goodness, forgiven of the brokenness I have made, certain that I am called to you?

One: Will I follow the child you sent to lead me? Will I no longer be afraid, but be restored?

All: God, what am I waiting for?

Prayer

Sharing the Good News...

Let the children come to me (v.3 while children leave)

Lighting the Advent candle

Confession

Scripture: Matt 1:18-25, Isaiah 7:10-16

Comfort, comfort, O my people HWB #176

Meditation: "Many times incarnate"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Psalm 80 Responsive Reading

Have thine own way HWB #504

Offering – Jacob Martens Bartel

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Come, bring your burdens to God

Going out to Serve...

To us a Child of hope is born HWB #189

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Peter Nicholson

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 55 Offering – \$1800.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

TODAY: 5:00 p.m. – "Jesus is Immanuel" Christmas Concert. Prairie Light Christian Fellowship invites you to an evening of music and fellowship. Supper to follow.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve service. The offering for the evening will be divided between The Lighthouse Supported Living and Brighter Horizons. Please make cheques payable to North Star.

Wednesday, December 25

12:30 p.m. – Jim & Eileen and Ed & Myrna wish to host Christmas dinner for anyone who is alone that day and wishes to join us at the church. We will supply meat, potatoes and a vegetable. It would be appreciated if those joining us could bring a salad or dessert or buns, if able. Hopefully there will be time to do some visiting and play some table games. Please let us know by **Wed., Dec. 18** if you wish to attend. Signup sheet on Educ. Wing bulletin board.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, January 13

7:30 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting.

Saturday, January 18 & Sunday, January 19

Portable CMU with Dan Epp-Tiessen. More information to follow.

Monday, January 20

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting. Please have reports emailed or handed in to the office by **Sunday, January 12**.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- With the Annual meeting approaching, we will need to find candidates for the following positions: Moderator, Deacon, Trustee, Auditor, and Thrift Store Board. Please give this prayerful consideration as we plan for the coming year.
- New address for Glen & Sheri Gibney is 31 Central Ave S, Swift Current, Sk, S9H 3E7. We wish them God's blessing as they make the transition to their new home.
- Chris & Vic will be returning to Honduras with Brighter Horizons. They will be working on several small projects this year. If you would like to help, here is Brighter Horizons Christmas Gift List: Family Christmas Hamper (2 chickens, flour, rice, beans, cereal, apples, toilet paper, broom) \$50; Picnic table \$150; Concrete washtub \$150; Bed with mattress \$100; Bible \$? See recent newsletter on the bulletin board.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

January 9-April 12

Mission in Perspective Course - a Master's-level course exploring our place in mission—historically and locally, as colonial empires, oppressed minorities, and places in between. Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:45 p.m., at the MC Sask office with instructor Josh Wallace. Presented by CMU & MC Sask. See poster or go to www.mcsask.ca/registrations for more info.

Friday, January 17

5:30 p.m. – Parents and students are invited to come learn about the RJC difference by attending our open house and student coffeehouse, Friday Night Live. Enjoy a free dinner, interactive tour, and live entertainment by RJC students! Dinner & tours @ 5:30 pm, coffeehouse @ 7:00 pm. RSVP to Alex Tiessen at admissions@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222.

Saturday, January 18

1:00-5:00 p.m. – The Great Winter Warm-up. One day. Multiple locations. Thousands of stitches of hope and warmth. Get involved with something big—record-breaking big! Help us touch the lives of people in need while celebrating MCC's 100th anniversary. We're attempting to collect 6,500 comforters to deliver to people affected by conflict and disaster around the world. We need your help to reach our goal of 6,500 handmade comforters on January 18. For more information on the event and the hosting locations, see poster on the bulletin board or check out the website at greatwinterwarmup.ca or call the office at 306.665.2555.

Friday, January 31-Saturday, February 1

RJC Tournament of Memories. Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Register by **Jan.27** by email (deneldafast@hotmail.com) or phone (306-221-2846). Basketball games will be played Fri. evening and Sat. Hockey teams spanning many years will play together on Sat. at the RJC arena. Lunch will be served in the dining hall for all participants and spectators.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for each other: Superb Mennonite Church thanks you for your prayers and support of our congregation. We are a small congregation (usually seven attending now in the winter) and have just found out another couple will be moving away from the area in June. As such, we are in the beginning stages of shutting down our church. This is an emotional and challenging time. There is a lot of work to do – physically, mentally and emotionally. While it is difficult to be excited about anything at this time, we are feeling good about what we have done and who we have been as a congregation. We are still home to many more than attend. Superb is a special place & I feel blessed to have been part of it for 15 years. We are looking towards the end of May as a final service & celebration, which will include an invitation to previous clergy & recent members as well as looking to include someone from the conference. We are beginning our land titles work to return the property to the farmer where our building resides as well as making formal motions to disperse our assets, etc. We are thankful for your prayers & support.