

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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December 8, 2019
Second Advent Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Announcements

Holy, holy, holy HWB #120

To God be the glory HWB #102

Call to worship

One: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

Many: Asking, when will you bring righteousness, defend the poor, deliver the needy? Asking, when will you make harmonious creation? When will you crush the oppressor?

One: When will your love, mercy, and justice rule us?

All: God, what are you waiting for?

Prayer

Sharing the Good News...

Let the children come to me (v. 1 while children leave)

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Lighting the Advent candle

Confession

Scripture: Romans 15:4-12; Matthew 3:1-12

Come, thou fount HWB #521

Meditation: "God even uses Stumps!"

Psalm 72 Responsive Reading

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Joy to the world HWB #318

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Come, bring your burdens to God

Going out to Serve...

Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB #178

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leader – Leona Ewert

Sound – Peter Nicholson

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Willis Jantz

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 58 Offering – \$1820.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

TODAY: 2:00 p.m. – A Very Shekinah Christmas. Come and enjoy some snacks, pose for our fun Christmas themed photo booth, and enjoy Christmas music with friends. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Carol singing starts at 2:30 with the concert portion beginning at 3:00. Musical Guests: Coro Nova choir & soloist Vic Krahn. Tickets: \$10 at the door.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, December 10

5:15 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church. *Note date & time change*

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, December 15

6:30 p.m. – Piano Recital for students of Amy Ewert. Everyone invited.

Sunday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve service.

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 and potatoes and a vegetable and hope to sit down at 12:30. 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 **Wednesday, December 18** if you wish to attend. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the education wing.

Monday, January 13

7:30 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting

Monday, January 20

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to the family of Anne Penner who passed away on Tuesday, December 3. The funeral will be held at North Star on Saturday, December 21. Further details to follow.
- Our congratulations to Sarah & Adam Klassen Bartel on the birth of their daughter, Martha Louise, born Dec. 4. Proud Grandparents are John & Denise Bartel & Great Grandma Marge Bartel.
- Our congratulations to Heidi Martens and Marlin Weber who recently became engaged and are planning for a summer wedding.

- 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 out, 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:

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 p.m. – RJC Choir Christmas Concert at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Also on Friday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. at RJC. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, December 21

7:00 p.m. – Coro Nova Christmas Concert at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Many of the singers are rooted in experiences at RJC, Sonrisa, and A Buncha Guys. Tickets \$10.00 at the door. Children are free.

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.

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, 2020. See poster for more information.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for each other: Pleasant Point Mennonite Church is excited about the opportunity we have to challenge and expand our understanding of faith and community with speakers in our Richer Day series. We are challenged by the fact that our former pastor Rudy Daniels, who had a tremendous enthusiasm for the work of our local church, died in October. How do we translate that legacy into our current circumstance? Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

MC Sask Connects: Advent tidings! MC Sask continues to offer hope through our camps, schools and restorative justice programs. This work depends largely on the support of our congregations and individuals. We invite you to consider MC Sask in your year-end giving. Visit <http://mcsask.ca/donate/>.

Give the gift of coffee and support Fair Trade and SMYO! 1 lb bags are \$15 and 5 lb cubes are \$65! Go to <http://mcsask.ca/smyo-coffee-fundraiser/> to order or for details.

MCC Connects: This Christmas give a gift that gives back! The 2019 MCC Christmas catalogue has gifts of all sizes. Start a new family tradition, join with friends or colleagues and make a difference in the lives of people around the world! Visit mcccanada.ca/Christmas to find the perfect gift!