

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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Pastor's office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

January 26, 2020

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah HWB #50

I sing the mighty power of God HWB #46

Call to worship

Prayer

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

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

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Longing for light STJ #54

Meditation: "Blue January"

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

Listen, God is calling STJ #42

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Come, bring your burdens to God

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

God be with you HWB #430

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel      Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson  
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr      Accompanists – Worship Team  
Sound – Steven Lehr      Ushers – Vicky Toporchak, Emery Laskowski

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance – 52      Offering – \$2750.00

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Mennonite Trust Ltd. presents "Pilgrim's Progress" during morning worship.  
Worship Leader – Irene Bartel      Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

There will be coffee hour before Sunday School and  
potluck lunch following the worship service. Everyone is invited.

There will be NO Sunday School for the children.

**TODAY:** 2:00-3:30 p.m. – Fundraiser to benefit "Doctors without Borders" at Knox United, Lanigan. Guest speaker Dr. Deirdre Nunan will speak about her experience with this organization. Tax-receipted donations towards the work of Doctors without Borders are not essential, but will be gratefully accepted. Everyone welcome. Please stay for coffee & fellowship following presentation.

7:00 p.m. – There will be a worship service sponsored by the Local Ministerial at the LifePoint Church in Lanigan - "Pray for Christian Unity".

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

Pastor Dan and Rose will be on vacation until Tuesday, February 4 and will be out of regular contact. If you have concerns, please contact the deacons.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our sympathy is extended to Gayle & Herman Warkentin and extended family on the passing of Sue Driediger on Friday, Jan. 17. Her funeral was held at North Star on Thursday, Jan. 23.
- Our sympathy is also extended to John & Denise Bartel and extended family on the passing of Marge Bartel on Monday, January 20. Her funeral was held at North Star on Saturday, January 25.
- Elected at the annual meeting: Moderator – Peter Nicholson, Deacon – Jim Ewert, Trustee – Herb Friesen, Auditor – Ed Bergen, Thrift Store Board – Vicky Toporchak. Delegates elected to the MC Sask Annual Delegate Session: Peter Nicholson, Marlys Jantz, Floyd Bartel, Lisa Martens Bartel
- We have extra copies of Sing the Story Hymnal Book and Sing the Story and Sing the Journey CD's (1 & 2) available for purchase. If you are interested, please contact Mary Jean.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Thursday, January 30

7:00 p.m. – RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy Presentation & Reception. Founded in 1905, RJC is celebrating 115 years! Join us at the Station Arts Centre in **Rosthern** to learn more about the RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy for Renewal & Growth. There will be a short presentation by Principal Ryan Wood in the Theatre which will include time for questions. Following the presentation there will be a reception in the Gallery featuring the music of Tim Campbell on guitar. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we hope to see you there! Please RSVP to [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca) if you are planning to attend.

Friday, January 31-Saturday, February 2

SMYO Youth Retreat at Shekinah for Gr. 6-12 with guest speakers Heather Driedger and Dave Feick, Executive Directors of Restorative Justice organizations. See poster for more information.

Friday, January 31-Saturday, February 1

RJC Tournament of Memories! Register by **Jan. 27** (306-221-2846) or email [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com). Basketball Fri. evening and Sat. Hockey teams at the RJC arena. Lunch will be served in the dining hall.

Saturday, February 1

10:00 a.m. – Cinnamon Bun Fund Raiser at the Youth Farm Bible Camp. Come for warm Cinnamon Buns & here about our Impact Trip to Tijuana.

Friday, February 7

7:00 p.m. – RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy Presentation/Alumni & Friends Gathering (**Saskatoon**). Short presentation by Principal Ryan Wood in the Cyan Room which will include time for questions. Following the presentation there will be a RJC 115 Alumni & Friends Gathering at State & Main, across the street. If you are travelling for this event and would like to book a room at the Alt Hotel mention RJC for a discounted rate (\$129/night, regular \$169/night). Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you there! Please RSVP to [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca) if you are planning to attend.

Saturday, February 29

9:00-5:30 – One Thing I Ask: To Dwell With God – Silent Lenten Retreat at Ancient Spirals Retreat. See poster or go to <https://mcsask.ca/silent-retreat/> for details.

Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14

MC Sask Annual Delegate Session at First Menn. Church, Saskatoon, co-hosted with Wildwood Mennonite. Registration forms available in the office or online at <https://mcsask.ca/2020-mc-sask-annual-delegate-sessions/>

**MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Praying for Each Other:** MC Sask Council asks for your prayers as we consider how to effectively reach out to new Canadians in our community. How do we reach out to be a witness in our own communities, be it sharing coffee with a neighbour or with someone down the street. What is the vision needed to accomplish this task?

**MC Sask Connects:** MC Sask is excited to welcome Josh Wallace on staff as Interim Regional Minister for Church Engagement. Josh will serve .3 FTE, beginning Feb.1 and will serve out the rest of Kirsten Hamm-Epp's Maternity Leave. Josh will attend the UofS's Faith Leaders Council Breakfast for students on Thursday mornings, be available to preach Sunday mornings a couple of times a month, and engage congregations in conversations on deepening our walk with our neighbours.

**MCC Connects:** SCIC's Global Citizen Awards take place Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m. at Le Relais hall in Saskatoon (308 4th Ave N). We invite you to join us in celebrating some special people in our community who are being recognized: Ray Funk, Dick & Kathy Braun, and Carol Reimer-Wiebe. For more information, visit the SCIC website or call the MCC office 306.665.2555.

**CMU Connects:** CMU Scientist in Residence, Dr. Deborah Haarsma, President of BioLogos, former professor & chair of the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy at Calvin College, will offer a public lecture entitled, 'God and the Multiverse' and open implications of recent discoveries in the cosmos for our understanding of scripture, God, and ourselves. Live-streamed Wed., Feb.5, 7:00 PM. [cmu.ca/events/sir](http://cmu.ca/events/sir)

Face2Face - Us and Them: How did we become so polarized? Be part of a conversation to help us imagine a better and more hopeful way to build bridges with those with whom we differ. Live-streamed Mon., Feb.10, 7:00 PM [cmu.ca/face2face/](http://cmu.ca/face2face/)