

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

Prayer of Invocation & Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Meditation: "Finding God's Grace in the Wilderness – Part Four"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Praise and Prayers

- Prayer requests
- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God ever creating, God ever loving, God ever leading: We turn to you in uncertain times, trusting in your steadfast love. Wherever people are anxious about the future, overwhelmed by their responsibilities, or worried because of the upheavals the pandemic has caused, bring peace and hope, we pray, *And let your kingdom come.*

God of all compassion: Where people are lonely or isolated, longing for love, where people are trapped in unhealthy relationships or facing violence each day, where people are grieving the loss of routines or purpose in their lives, or the loss of someone beloved: bring courage and hope, we pray, *And let your kingdom come.*

God of tender strength: Where people feel pain in their bodies, in their minds or spirits, where people seek healing or help, where illness has eroded hope and desperation fills each day: bring healing and hope, we pray, *And let your kingdom come.*

God of every person: When the voice of racism rises it's ugly, may your love intervene. When the attitude of prejudice begins to reveal itself, may your Holy Spirit's hope interpose. When actions of bigotry take place, may your people express their intolerance. When leaders

discriminate, may your peace intrude. Bring justice, healing and hope we pray, *And let your kingdom come.*

God of trustworthy truth: Where leaders work to guide the world and their communities to renewed life, where professionals discern scientific, medical and economic insights to protect and restore the quality of life after the pandemic, where individuals still strive to care for the earth and its vulnerable inhabitants: bring wisdom and hope, we pray, *And let your kingdom come.*

God in whom we live and move and have our being: By your Spirit, tend your promise of new life amid the current struggles in the world you love. Where hope flickers, reignite its power; Shine the light of Christ's love into each life and renew our trust in you as we pray together in the words that Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, let Your name remain holy.

Bring about your Kingdom.

Manifest Your will here on earth, as it is manifest in heaven.

Give us each day that's day's bread – no more, no less

And forgive us our debts as we forgive those who owe us something.

Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil.

But let Your Kingdom be, and let it be powerful and glorious forever.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Going out to Serve...

Closing and Benediction

THIS SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

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.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, June 16

6:30-8:30 p.m. – Ministries Commission is hosting a virtual townhall called *Dreaming Church Beyond Pandemic*. Asking, *what does church mean in the new normal? How is God beckoning us onward? If you would like to participate in this town hall, please email Josh at churchengagement@mcsask.ca to register.*

7:30 p.m. – Kononia meets at Esther's for our campfire evening. Please

bring a lawn chair and your own beverage.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, June 22

8:00 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting at church.

Monday, August 17-Thursday, August 20

VBS at North Star (depending on COVID-19 restrictions)

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- The Community Gift & Thrift new shop hours are Tues./Wed./Fri./Sat. 10am-5pm. Donations will be accepted on Monday (10am-1pm) and Thursday (1-4pm). Please call ahead if you have furniture or larger items. We look forward to seeing our volunteers and customers soon! We are excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for a summer student. We are looking for someone with a positive attitude who is excited to work alongside our volunteers on a variety of tasks. See the website listing for more information. Apply by June 22 at <https://content.mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/summer-shop-assistant-lanigan-community-gift-thrift-shop>.
- 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.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Monday, June 8-Tuesday, June 30

14th Annual RJC Golf Classic - As golf courses begin to reopen with distancing rules, RJC invites you to participate in an 18-hole round of scramble at any course in support of the school from June 8-30. This event will include an online silent auction and prizes. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more information and rules.

Sunday, June 21

RJC Graduation Exercises. A virtual baccalaureate service will be held at 11:00 a.m., followed by a virtual graduation ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Decade grads are encouraged to connect with their classes virtually or in a way that adheres to provincial physical distancing rules. Visit rjc.sk.ca for links, information, and updates. Please pray for Kylee as she participates in these graduation ceremonies.

Sunday, June 28

Shekinah Retreat Centre is having its (virtual) Friends of Shekinah Fundraiser. Please save the date and watch for more information.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: As we go through the process of finding our way to the "next new normal", please pray for those in our congregations who are responsible for trying to figure out how we can worship together safely.

MCC Connects: You are invited to a virtual event with MCC's Health Coordinator, Paul Shetler Fast, featuring stories of how MCC is scaling up and adapting programs in response to COVID-19. Join us for a live webinar on June 17 at 5:00 p.m. Register online at mcccanada.ca/webinar-covid-health or call our office at 306.665.2555 for more information!

CMU Connects: This year's annual Canadian School of Peacebuilding lecture will be delivered by Dr. William Cavanaugh, Professor of Catholic Studies at DePaul University, known widely for his work in political theology and Christian ethics. His lecture, entitled The Myth of Religious Violence, will be delivered online on Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 PM CDT. cmu.ca/events

Consider Music at CMU and explore many vocational possibilities through a Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Arts in Music or Music Therapy degree. Join this webinar on Wednesday, June 17, 3:00–4:00 PM CDT to find out more. cmu.ca/campusvisit

CMU has filled critical positions to support the mission of the university. Dr. Christine Kampen Robinson has been hired as the Director of Practica and the Director of the new Centre for Vocation, while John Balsillie has been hired as Vice-President Administration and Finance. Additionally, Dr. John Boopalan, a specialist in political theology, will join CMU's Biblical and Theological Studies department this fall. Read about all three new appointments at media.cmu.ca.