

## **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: Lamentations 3:19-26

Meditation by Rick Block, Canadian Foodgrains Bank

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

Praise and Prayers

- Prayer requests

- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Lord God of heaven and earth, with joy and thanksgiving, we praise you for you create, sustain, and redeem all things.

For making us in your image to love one another and to care for your creation, we give you thanks.

For the gift of your Son whose life is the pattern for our lives and learning, we give you thanks.

For the energy of your Spirit to inspire us in times of challenge and change, we give you thanks.

Strengthen us in these difficult days to show your love to others as we pray for the church and those who lead it as we adapt to new ways of worshipping and being together...

For creation that we may learn to reverence and care for it...

For those who lead in the nations of the world that they may work for the well-being of the most vulnerable...

For those who serve as teachers, healers and caregivers in these stressful days when their work is so demanding...

For the poor, the homeless, the hungry and all whose livelihoods have been disrupted during the pandemic...

For those who are ill or struggling in isolation, and for those who mourn the loss of someone dear...

For the powerless and the oppressed in all places and for those who work to defend them...

Hear us now as we pray in silence for situations on our hearts this day....

We also lift up those who are lamenting – for all the reasons life gives as well as this difficult time....

We ask that those who have more than their portion – be willing to generously share it...

We ask that those who don't have their fair portion to live – be assisted in receiving it with work or if necessary with gifts of love.

We ask that the systems that are greedy and stingy be changed so the Kingdom of God comes...

God eternal, keep us in communion with your people across all times and in all places. May we serve you faithfully, blessing others as we have been blessed by your love through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, let Your Name remain holy.

Bring about your Kingdom where everyone has their portion.

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

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

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

Lead us not into 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 – Rick Block, Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Dan Graber

**Pastor Dan and Rose are in Regina today worshipping with Grace Mennonite where they are honoring Rose on her retirement. We send greetings to Grace Menn. as they enter a new phase of church life and we wish Rose a healthy, happy retirement in Drake!**

**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.**

**TODAY:** Friends of Shekinah (Virtual) Fundraiser. Under the unusual circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Shekinah Retreat Centre needs extra help. There will be updates on our financial situation, what's currently happening, and our plans for the future. There will also be "meet your board members", interviews on how Shekinah has impacted people's lives, music and songs, and the annual State-Of-Shekinah address. If certain fundraising goals are met, someone may also lose their head ... or, at least, their hair. Please check out [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org) for more information.

### **COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

Monday, August 17-Thursday, August 20

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

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- From the Council of Boards meeting June 22:
  1. We will delay reopening worship services. In August Council of Boards will meet to see how the situation has developed and see if reopening in September is advisable. We can all monitor developments.
  2. If you have any church related concerns, please talk to the congregational moderator Peter Nicholson.
  3. In conversations with church members and others, we hear that the single identifiable current need is fellowship - social interaction. Attenders are finding their worship, prayer, music and sermon needs are being met through a variety of social media. So we encourage people to form your own social group - encouraging prayer, Bible study, visiting, and so on as you see fit. Gather your own group together for your social needs beyond your family and current friends group. Currently Koinonia has met once. Young adults have been meeting by Zoom and are having their first physical meeting.
  4. Discussion also included updating our technology capabilities which we will proceed with.
  5. Giving to the budget is continuing to be ok.
- To see the video of the sermon, please click on the sermon title on the North Star web site ([northstarmc.ca](http://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.

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Praying for each other:** As political and economic tensions between Canada and China increase, pray for George and Tobia Veith, Witness workers in China, and the Mennonite Partners in China program. Pray that God strengthens their bonds of friendship, common purpose and fellowship with church and education partners in the country.

**CMU Connects:** CMU continues to accept applications for September learning that will feature a unique combination of in-person, on-campus and online learning. Discover more about CMU by taking a Virtual Campus Tour! [enrolment.cmu.ca/register/virtual\\_tour](http://enrolment.cmu.ca/register/virtual_tour).

CMU, together with all parts of society, is faced with the realities of COVID-19. As we work at many complex questions, we remain focused on our core task of serving present and prospective students. Thus, the Summer 2020 issue of The Blazer is offered in 'Digest' form with pandemic-related reflections, updates, and news. Read it online at [cmu.ca/blazer](http://cmu.ca/blazer)

The Spring 2020 issue of Vision is available! "Encountering God", edited by Andrew Dyck (CMU Assistant Professor Christian Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry), features gracious and honest reflections of people's encountering God. Writers draw on Scripture, theology, psychology, cross-cultural perspectives, missiology, and more. Read the issue online for free <https://bit.ly/3fVm4XN>