

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

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

Prayer of Invocation & Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Mark 6:30-44

Meditation: "Creation, Compassion & Reconciliation: MCC at 100"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Praise and Prayers

- Prayer requests:
 - VBS – guidance for Gayle. Thanks for her creative leadership in this effort.
 - Wedding planning
 - MCC – Health and Safety as our province and Canada and places around the world are opening up. May everyone listen and take the steps needed to not only keep themselves safe but everyone one around them healthy.
- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:
God who is full of kindness and love, hear our prayers for the world, for one another, and for ourselves: For this congregation and for the church around the world: that we may be faithful and courageous in the face of all challenges that arise day by day;
Lord, have mercy. Hear our prayer.

For mercy, justice, understanding, and peace in relationships between nations: that in this time of anxiety about the future there will still be generosity for all in need.

Lord, have mercy. Hear our prayer.

For those who work in fields and forests, in mines and offices, in hospitals, schools and shops; and for those who cannot find work: that as the economy is reorganized, all who do work will be fairly treated and those seeking work will not lose hope.

Lord, have mercy. Hear our prayer.

For those who travel by land, air and on water, and for those on vacation taking time to explore your creation: that as we recover from the pandemic we will remember to cherish the earth and treat it wisely.

Lord, have mercy. Hear our prayer.

For those who are teachers and students, for schools, colleges and universities, who plan for a new season of learning in challenging times: that creativity and commitment will lead to discoveries about the world you love and the truth rooted in your wisdom.

Lord, have mercy. Hear our prayer.

For all those in danger and need: for the sick and the dying, the poor and the oppressed, for those standing up against injustice, and for all still at risk from COVID-19.

Lord, have mercy. Hear our prayer.

For those who are closest to us, for friendships that have stood the test of many years, and for those who love us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves: that they may know our love and appreciation.

Lord, have mercy. Hear our prayer.

Hear now the words that Jesus taught us, summing up our spoken and unspoken prayers this day:

The Lord's Prayer:

'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.' For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Going out to Serve...

Closing and Benediction

THIS SUNDAY

Meditation – Eileen Klassen Hamm (MCC Sask)

Worship Leader – Dan Graber

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.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Unfortunately we cannot do VBS as we usually do...So VBS will be coming to you. SonSurf Beach Bash Buckets will be available for each family that registers. Each bucket will contain a list of supplies you will need for the week, a SonSurf Beach Bash CD, a copy of the bible stories, suggestions for snacks, games and crafts. Plus some extras for an awesome Beach Party at SonSurf Beach Bash. Registration is necessary as I will need to know how many kids are in your family so we can customize your bucket. You can register on the Drake VBS Facebook page or by texting me at 306-365-7472. Registration needs to be in by **July 29** so I know how many buckets to make. - Gayle

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- We are pleased to announce the coming marriage of Heidi Martens to Marlin Weber on Saturday, August 22 to take place at the Sharon Church House. We wish them God's blessing as they plan their future together.
- We are also pleased to announce the engagement of Brad Bergen to Rachel Redlich, daughter of Vicki & Terry Redlich of Delmas, Sk. The wedding will take place at North Star on Saturday, December 12. We wish them God's blessing as they plan their future together.
- 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for each other: Each week we highlight a congregation or partner of MC Sask. We will resume this practice in September. We encourage you to pray for your sister congregations and our partners during the summer.

MCC Connects: MCC has been hosting webinars for the past few months on how our programs are functioning around the world. Please join us for our next gathering on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00pm. This webinar will feature stories from MCC's Indigenous Neighbors Program and you are invited to hear about some of the joys and challenges of this work. Visit the website at <https://mcccanada.ca/mcc-webinar-series> to see more information and to view previous webinars.

CMU Connects: CMU is planning for on-campus, in-person education for fall and winter terms 2020/21, with hybrid extensions through online tools for all classes. Clear protocols and training to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and faculty will be in place. We are also working extensively at

community and individual well-being as we face the intense burdens and anxieties of this pandemic time. CMU is also prepared for a possible switch to virtual only learning should a second wave of COVID-19 emerge.

While Manitoba has not mandated the wearing of masks in public spaces, CMU is proactively committed to supply every student, faculty and staff member with a mask for their use, as needed. Our goal is to gather up to 2,000 masks and to that end, we are seeking a network of capable volunteers to sew up to 100 masks each. The university will supply a standard pattern and be available to support volunteers with technical, sewing related questions. Charitable receipts will be issued for 5 or more masks. For details about this volunteer based project contact Julene Sawatzky, CMU Campus Planning and Facilities Development Manager, at JuSawatzky@cmu.ca. Thank you!