

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: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 7:15-29

Meditation: "A Centre of Righteousness and Justice"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Praise and Prayers

- Prayer requests: Let's begin our prayer time with a silent opportunity for each of us to lift up our praises and prayers for people we know.
- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:
Life-giving God, you equip your people with gifts to work for your kingdom, bringing justice and peace to every land and community.

Through your Spirit, O God, you give the gift of prophecy. Help us to use this gift to speak words of justice and truth into situations where people are exploited or treated unfairly. Guide our actions so that we might influence change for good in the world, and bring hope to the hopeless.

You give the gift of serving, O God, in the example of your Son Jesus. Help us to use this gift to serve those who have been cast aside by structures of power and privilege. Increase our awareness of injustice and our dedication to work with those who suffer its effects. May the abundance we share in our country touch every life and community in this land.

Yahweh God of wisdom, you give the gift of teaching. Help us to use this gift to ensure that every child has access to education and opportunity. Be with every teacher and every student in the coming months as schools adapt to the challenges of COVID-19. Support creative teaching and diligent learning in every school and centre for learning.

Almighty God of hope, you give the gift of encouragement. Help us to use this gift to hearten all who are struggling in these difficult days. Bless us with words and actions to bring comfort to all who mourn, to those coping with mental or physical illness, and to any who feel isolated or left behind.

Creator God of purpose and promise, you give the gift of leadership. Help us to use this skill to build up our communities and model respectful ways of living and loving. Show us how our churches can be places of support within our neighbourhoods.

God of love, you give the gift of kindness. Help us be kind to all who cross our paths, even those who anger or upset us. Teach us to be forgiving and reconciling in all our relationships. Help each of us and each of your congregations become more faithful as centers of righteousness and justice, as we help your kingdom come.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...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 – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Please note North Star Worship Services are tentatively scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 13. Details on how we will proceed will be available soon. 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: 3:30 p.m. - Zoar Mennonite Church is excited to announce the ordination service for our pastor Andrea Enns-Gooding on. You are invited to join us for the service and celebration. Seating will be limited to 120 persons. If you would like to join us, please contact Liz Baerwald at hansdiedtrich@gmail.com or 306-945-2041 to register. COVID guidelines will be followed. Masks are mandatory to attend.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our congratulations to Heidi Martens and Marlon Weber who were married yesterday. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their life together.
- Hope Aldred's new address is: 196 Nolanhurst Crescent NW, Calgary AB T3R 0Z4
- 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:

Thursday, September 3

Across the the regional church, congregations are wrestling with what it means to reopen post-pandemic. We've taken different strategies, different timelines, and faced varying responses within our congregations. On Sept. 3, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., I welcome you to join me in a space of sharing our stories, excitement and concern, and discerning how God is working throughout our regional church in this new landscape. This townhall-style meeting will follow a similar pattern to June's "Dreaming Church beyond Pandemic" virtual gathering. It will have space for telling and hearing stories as well as listening for how God may be speaking through them. I'd be delighted to have you join us. Please RSVP to: churchengagement@mcsask.ca and I'll send out a Zoom invitation closer to the date. I'd also be happy to field any questions or requests for more info. – Josh Wallace, Interim Church Engagement Minister

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