

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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November 1, 2020

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: God, send your light and your truth as we gather to worship.

All: May they lead us to your holy presence.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord at all times;

All: God's praise will always be on our lips.

Leader: Magnify the Lord in all ways;

All: We will lift up God's name together in worship and in service.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord HWB #76

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Leader: Creator, Christ, and Spirit: God of life and blessing, you created all that exists. In Christ, you offer your redeeming love to every soul in every situation. So it is our greatest joy to be united by your Spirit in the community of your people, stretching throughout the generations, all around the world you love. We join our thanks and praise to the voices of all your saints, both in heaven and on earth, who worship and adore you, saying:

All: All blessing and glory; all wisdom and thanksgiving; all honour and power belong to you, O God, this day and forever and ever! Amen.

Leader: It is not because we fear you, O God, but because we love you and trust in your loving kindness, that we confess our sins together:

All: God of courage and commitment, We confess that we have not followed the path you set before us. Discomfort and fear hold us back from fully embracing your gift of new life. Our anxieties prevent us from bearing witness to your love. Forgive us, O God. Give us courage that we may be your saints in our own time, faithfully following Jesus, no matter the cost.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

Let the children come to me STS #47

Dedication of Ruby Banda

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38

Meditation: "What is the Gospel Message?"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore HWB #229

North Star Praise and Prayers

Going out to Serve...

Sending Song (CD)

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Mark & Candace Wurtz

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

Worship Leader – Dan Graber

Accompanists – Worship Team

LAST SUNDAY

Offering - \$5620.00 Attendance – 48

Attendance at Klassen concert - 29

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, November 2

7:00 p.m. – Lanigan & District Food Bank AGM at Knox United. COVID-19 Guidelines. Masks are mandatory. Director positions need filling to continue operating. Looking for someone with secretarial and bookkeeping skills. If interested please come out to the AGM. We thank everyone in our community for your very generous donations. Without your help we would not be able to give this service to help feed our hungry families. For more information about the Food Bank please see notice on Educ. Wing bulletin board.

Wednesday, November 4

2:00 p.m. – Cheerful Mission Circle will meet in the Ladies' Sunday School classroom. Bring your own drink and snack.

Sunday, November 8

11:00 a.m. – Remembrance/Eternity Sunday where we will remember those in our community who have passed away this year – Anne Penner, Sue Driediger, Marge Bartel, Harold Mierau, Briar Hamilton and Velma Rosenberger. Please let Pastor Dan know if there are others you wish to be remembered.

7:00 p.m. - Baby shower for Ruby and Dean. We are limited to 15 people so please RSVP to the office by **Friday, November 6**. If we have more than 15 people interested, we will make a second time slot for 7:45. If you would like to leave a gift and not attend, please leave gifts at church in the morning. Please wear your mask.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- The family of Bob McLaren would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kindness after his passing. The gifts of flowers, cards, food, and messages were all greatly appreciated. May God bless each and every one. - Ida McLaren and families
- Rejoice booklets are in your mailboxes.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Thursdays, Oct. 22 to Nov. 19

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Gathering God's Harvest: An Ecumenical Stewardship Webinar Series. See poster in Educ. Wing for details.

Saturday, November 7

10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – Join us (virtually) at our 2nd annual MCC Sask Peace Conference! This year's Peace Conference entitled "Displaced: Upheaval, Hospitality, and Justice in the Search for Home" will explore the realities of refugees, internally displaced persons, and Indigenous peoples around the world and locally. Through dialogue and interactive workshops, we will examine root causes of displacement, from conflict to colonialism. We will hear from experts and everyday people about how to respond with radical hospitality, so that everyone can find a place to call home. For the full conference schedule and to register, visit: www.mccsk.ca/sk-peace-conference. See poster for more info.

Saturday, November 7-Sunday, November 8

Shekinah is having its first, virtual art auction. For information on the event, please go to <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/shekinah-art-auction>. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. Video at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon>.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: Please pray for Osler Mennonite Church, Pastors Patty Friesen and Nora Pederberg as we continue Hybrid Church through in-sanctuary and on-line worship, youth and children connection, support Friendship Inn, sponsor a family from Syria and make MCC Blankets.

CMU Connects: CMU Wed. webinar 'Why CMU?' will highlight the uniqueness of CMU as a university option – one that integrates excellence in academics, preparation for diverse career pathways, together with a vibrant experience of community and a deepening of faith and character. Wednesday, November 4, 6:00–7:00 PM (CST); find more information and register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

Virtual Book Launch at CommonWord. Join us for a Zoom conversation with Ray Friesen on the launch of his book *Wandering the Wilderness*, Nov. 12, 7:00 PM (CST). Former pastor and lifelong "believing skeptic," Ray will reflect on his own wilderness experiences and Brené Brown's *Wholehearted* living research, while offering an ancient Biblical pathway for our own desert pilgrimage. Register at www.commonword.ca/go/2159.