

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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Pastor's office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

March 14, 2021

Lent 4 Worship Service 9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing**

### **Gathering in the Spirit...**

Welcome

Call to Worship

**One:** The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

**Many: When the people became impatient, asking, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" God answered by bringing healing.**

**One:** In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

**Many: We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.**

**One:** Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

**Many: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

**All: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.**

Scripture:

*How deep the fathers love for us*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

**Many: Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts**

**One:** We confess how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain. We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth. We are created for good works. We can turn and live.

(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep healing.)

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

**Many: Calling us to deep healing. We come to you, God.**

*Out of my Hands (Jeremy Camp)*

### **Sharing the Good News...**

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

Children's Time: "Deep Healing"

Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-17

Meditation: "Healing in the Wilderness?"

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

*Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus*

Scripture Responsive Reading:

North Star Praise and Prayers:

### **Going out to Serve...**

*Blessed be your name*

Closing and Benediction

Meditation – Rose Graber

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Jacob Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Children's Time – Lois Ewert

Visuals – Friesen Family

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – \$3070.00

Attendance (9:45) 19 (11:00) 25

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Joanne K. Bergen

**TODAY:** 7:00 p.m. – RJC Virtual Choirs & Cakes fundraiser: Join us online for our annual fundraising concert and dessert auction. Enjoy an evening of good music and entertainment by the students, staff, alumni, and friends of RJC. Watch the event and participate in the auction at [rjc.sk.ca/cakes](http://rjc.sk.ca/cakes).

### **THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

Tuesday, March 16

3:15 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church (\*note time change)

Sunday, March 21

11:00 a.m. – We plan to only have one worship at our usual time of 11:00. All the regular safety rules still apply. Wear masks. Keep our distance. Exit through the education wing or the alley door or the east front door - since we enter by the west front door. And please - especially with the weather being generally better - do your visiting outdoors! Maybe gather at the front of the church.

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

Friday, April 2

10:30 a.m. – We plan to have a Walk to the Cross, in Drake, on Good Friday. We will begin at 10:30 at the church and walk around the outside streets of the town, stopping 11 times total, for scripture readings. Please wear your mask if this helps you feel safe and still able to walk. It's a time of quiet contemplation. People in cars are welcome to accompany us.

Sunday, April 4

11:00 a.m. – We plan to offer communion in our Easter Sunday worship. This is in place of our usual Maundy Thursday worship. We will use the packaged wafers and grape juice that we have used previously. Also, you are welcome to bring your own communion elements. Again, any questions or concerns, please ask.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- The Community Gift & Thrift has felt incredibly blessed throughout this year of the pandemic. Since June our sales have been good, donations plentiful and volunteers dedicated. Our volunteers and customers have been very adaptable to accommodating our safety procedures and we have experienced overwhelming positivity. We feel this wouldn't be possible without the support and prayers of our church congregations.

- Blessings, Heidi Martens, Assistant Manager

## **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

### Tuesday, March 16

6:00 p.m. – Bill C-15: Step Forward or Step Back? Join us for diverse Indigenous perspectives on the federal bill to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Organized by KAIROS Prairies North. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2Pjos2E> The Zoom link will be sent automatically, so please check your spam folder. Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/176434217394112>

### Saturday, March 20

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Zoar Menn. Library Book Sale. Sale includes music, song books, furniture, Christmas decorations, Christmas costumes & more! Covid-19 restrictions are in place. Drop-ins are welcome, but please confirm a time to shop. Call 306-945-2271 and leave a message or email [zoarwaldheim@sasktel.net](mailto:zoarwaldheim@sasktel.net) or call or text Liz Baewald at 306-945-2041 email [hansdiedtrich@gmail.com](mailto:hansdiedtrich@gmail.com) Proceeds will go to support the Good Neighbors Food Centre.

### Saturday, March 27

MC Sask Virtual Youth Retreat. Cost: \$15/person. Additional information and registration available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca), or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca).

## **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** In conjunction with MC Sk 2021 Annual Delegate Sessions Called to Hear, a worship service has been prepared for download for the 4th Sunday of Lent (Mar. 14). Deep in the Wilderness: Called to Hear integrates the Leader Magazine's theme Deep Calls to Deep and is the third service in the MC Sask series Called to Hear: The Call of Mary. This service includes a Commemoration for beginnings and endings in the life of MC Sask and Communion. Please prepare your elements before watching.

**MCC Connects:** On our most recent episode of Relief, Development and Podcast, Dr. Christian Isichei of MCC partner Faith Alive in Nigeria shares about a 16-year-old girl named Emmanuela who recovered from COVID-19 and now helps others struggling with the virus. Host Scott Campbell also interviews Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's global health coordinator, about our COVID-19 response. Listen on your favourite podcast platform today.

**CMU Connects:** Spring at CMU is online Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 PM CDT. Join us at [www.cmu.ca/springatcmu](http://www.cmu.ca/springatcmu) to hear stories from students, faculty and alumni including a spotlight on Science (Can you spot a good scientist?); CMU Singers' premiere of Breathe by Leonard Enns (commissioned by the CMBC class of 1970); and some campus humour. Optional Part Two: Conversation with President Cheryl Pauls and others at 8:00 PM CDT. RSVP to [development@cmu.ca](mailto:development@cmu.ca) by April 9 to receive the conversation Zoom link.

A CMU Podcast: So What? – Episode 3: Treaty – What are treaties and why do they matter? This Podcast episode, coming out of a CMU Face2Face conversation entitled Whose Neighbour Am I? Treaty One and Mennonite Privilegium, features Niigaan James Sinclair and Hans Werner, reflecting on treaties signed by First Nations and Canadian Mennonite settlers. How might we live into Treaty as ongoing relationship with mutual benefit, and not a one-time exchange of land? Listen as Jonas Cornelsen (CMU alumnus living in Calgary) leads you through a fascinating and important 20-minute conversation. Visit [www.cmu.ca/sowhatpodcast](http://www.cmu.ca/sowhatpodcast) to listen.