

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

April 18, 2021

Worship Service 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

I will stand in the congregation STS #113

Invitation to Worship

Scripture Reading I: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong.

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise.

Give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Good indeed is the Lord whose steadfast love is everlasting,

Whose faithfulness endures forever.

Prayer

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, we're afraid to take a truthful look at ourselves. Yet you see us as we really are.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Even when we won't listen to you, you hear us when we call your name.

Open our ears, Lord.

We keep the light of your Word hidden to ourselves, though you gave it to share with the world.

Open our mouths, Lord.

May we know and follow the One who calls us to see, hear, and speak.

Open our hearts, Lord.

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering & Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading II: Luke 17:11-19

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

Scripture Reading III: Colossians 1:1-8

Meditation: "Reasons for Thankfulness"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Jesus, be the center STS #31

North Star Praises and Prayers

Going out to Serve...

For me to live is Christ

STS #111

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Rose Graber

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Sound – Steven Lehr

Visuals – Kyle/Vicky Toporchak

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$ 1110.00 Attendance – 41

Financial update January-April 15/21

Carry forward 2020 - 11,142.07

Budget Income 35,920.01

Budget Expenses 30,333.27

Balance 16,728.81

Non-Budget Income 6,830.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

TODAY: 2:00 p.m. – Knox United Church Women are presenting a Virtual Update via Zoom with Dr. Deidre Nunan to update her work with Doctors Without Borders. Dr. Nunan presented an in-person presentation at Knox in January 2020 before the pandemic. We have invited her back to give us an update on her work during the Pandemic but due to Provincial Guidelines this will be a Zoom only presentation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84619089196?pwd=eUs2NytZ1FqeWkvV2hNT0tFdnIzUT09> Meeting ID: 846 1908 9196 Passcode: 968914

to access by Phone: 1-587-328-1099--8469089196#---968914# Canada

This is a fundraising event. Due to covid restrictions and to receive a tax receipt, please consider making an online donation using the link below:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/59693> OR Cheques should be made out

to Doctors Without Borders Canada, with Dr D Nunan on the memo line.

Mailing address: Attn: Puja Aghi, Doctors Without Borders Canada, 551

Adelaide Street West, Toronto, ON M5V 0N8. Tax receipts for cheques will be sent February 2022

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, April 20

7:30 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church. *Note time change*

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, April 26

7:30 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting.

Monday, May 3

7:30 p.m. – Annual/Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- If you are interested in exploring church membership, either by baptism or transfer, or if you simply want to join a men's group or a women's group to study core issues of the Christian faith, please contact Pastor Dan or Lisa soon. Thanks.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: New videos available on the MC Sask Website:

- Hanley Mennonite Church Final Service April 4, 2021
- MC Sask Worship Service "Called to Hear 4"

MCC Connects: Grow Hope Saskatchewan launched its 2021 season this week with its partners: Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB), Saskatoon Catholic Diocese and their agency, Development & Peace, and Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM). Learn how to help us grow hope for people around the world at growhopesk.ca.

CMU Connects: CMU's next webinar is focused on Living and Thriving on Campus. A CMU learning experience is characterized by high quality academics, vibrant campus life, and a strong sense of community. CMU's residence program touches all of these areas and offers great advantages for students. In this webinar, meet CMU's Residence Director, tour the dormitory, hear from students who live on campus, and learn about fall 2021 plans for residence life. Wednesday, April 21, 4:00 PM (CDT). Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

Virtual Book Launch at CommonWord – Join a Zoom book-launch and conversation with Lori Guenther Reesor about her book, Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peace Blossom Church. Lori, a veteran of church basement conversations, is inspired by the faithful donors she has met in her research and consulting practice. This conversation will help congregations talk about money. Thursday, April 22, 6:30 PM (CDT). Register at www.commonword.ca/go/2328. Borrow or buy the book at www.commonword.ca/go/2327.

One week Spring Intensive Course Options! CMU is offering great intensive (one week!) course options through the spring including, Christian Worship: Patterns and Practices; New Testament Letters in 1st Century and Middle Eastern Perspective; Refugees and Displacement: Learning to Extend Hospitality; Creation and Community in Biblical and Indigenous Perspective and Community-Based Research and Peacebuilding. All courses are available in hybrid format – both in person and online. Consider taking one of these courses for credit or audit! Go to www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses for more information and to register.