

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

May 9, 2021

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

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

O Worship the King

Invitation to Worship

Scripture: Galatians 3:25-29

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free, no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Acknowledging the wide continuum of mothering.

To those who gave birth this year to their first child—

we celebrate with you

To those who lost a child this year –

we mourn with you

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains –

we appreciate you

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—

we mourn with you

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment –

we walk with you.

Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms –

we need you

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children –

we celebrate with you

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children –

we sit with you

To those who lost their mothers this year –

we grieve with you

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother –

we acknowledge your experience

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood –

we are better for having you in our midst

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children –

we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be

To those who step-parent –

we walk with you on these complex paths

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be,

we grieve with you

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year –

we grieve and rejoice with you

To those who placed children up for adoption —

we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –

we anticipate with you

This Mother's Day,

we walk with you.

Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst.

We remember you.

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Offering Prayer

Children of the Heavenly Father

Scripture: Romans 16:1-7

Meditation: "The Resurrection played out in our lives"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Lift Your Glad Voices

North Star Praises and Prayers

Going out to Serve...

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Rose Graber

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Sound – Ed Bergen

Visuals – Kyle/Vicky Toporchak

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$2370.00

Attendance – (9:45) 28 (11:00) 20

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, May 10 *Note date change*

7:30 p.m. – Annual/Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. You should have received a copy of the Annual Report in January. Please bring it with you to the meeting. The Advisory Board and Council of Boards are proposing that we as a congregation embark on a "visioning, discerning process" beginning with the May 10 meeting. Please check your mailbox for the Updated Agenda,

Pastor's report and the proposal outline that will be presented at the meeting. Copies are also available on the bulletin tables. We hope to make this meeting available on Zoom for those not comfortable meeting in person. **Pre-registration will be required by calling or emailing the church for all who plan to attend in person or via Zoom.**

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost Sunday)

We will be celebrating communion during the morning worship service.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- The Nominating Committee presents the following names for election at the annual meeting: Secretary – Chris Bergen (for 1 yr.), Board of Trustees – Herman Warkentin, Board of Missions/Service – Denise Bartel, Board of Education – Tami-Lynn Lehr, Auditor – Reg Gerbrandt, Thrift Store – Gayle Warkentin, Head Usher – Ben Martens Bartel. Positions still open are Deacon and Nominating Committee. Please pray for the members willing to serve in these positions.
- Please pray for Marlys Jantz in hospital and Don Bowman's daughter-in-law Sally (wife of Roger) in Rehab after a stroke.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, May 11

7:30 p.m. – Join Peace Men. Church in a Zoom Bible study led by Fanosie Legesse to discuss the Ethiopian church development from the days of the Biblical narrative to today's, in our journey with Jesus from Palm Sunday and beyond Pentecost. Details available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10280>

Monday, May 17

7:00 p.m. – RJC Virtual Info Night: Prospective students and their families are invited to a virtual information evening featuring a Q & A with staff and students. Register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca.

Saturday, May 29

15th Annual RJC Golf Classic Fundraiser at Valley Regional Park Golf Course, Rosthern. Registration deadline is May 22, 2021. More info and registration information can be found at rjc.sk.ca/golf.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: MC Sask is currently about \$18,000 behind in donations to date. To donate to the work of MC Sask provincially, nationwide and internationally go to <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

MCC Connects: Within our communities and families we have seen how division and polarization can cause injustice, broken relationships and violence. This practical online class will provide peace skills to a cohort of amazing individuals with the goal of equipping participants for the courageous act of conflict transformation. This course is appropriate for anyone who would like to practice peace skills to make a difference in their families and communities. All sessions will be held via zoom. Register at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformationPracticalSkillsToBePeopleOfPeace> or email heatherpeters@mccsk.ca with questions.