NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
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August 15, 2021
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit…
Welcome
Opening Prayer
Call to Worship
Here We Are (Don Moen)
Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation which has its beginning with us reconciling with God. Trusting in our " PARTNER IN GRACE" let us confess---first silently and then in unison.

(Moments of silence)

In Unison:

Gracious and Loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives--that which is so beautiful and good and also that which is dark and hurtful.

- We confess that we struggle to follow you in all that we say and do...
we love, but sometimes conditionally...
we are prone to judgment and condemnation....
we cast the first stone and are unaware of the log in our own eye...
we forget to turn to you as our source of peace and healing....

Forgive us and empower us to be imitators of your son Jesus who came as our example of love and service, of grace and of forgiveness. Amen

Leader: Friends in Christ, the wonderful mercy of Christ is from everlasting to everlasting...and new every morning. In His surpassing, generous grace we are forgiven.

Alleluia and Amen

Mighty to Save (Laura Story)

Sharing the Good News…
Announcements
Offering Prayer
Peace in Christ (Musikanna)
Scripture: Colossians 3:9b-17
Meditation: "Rules for Dressing as a Follower of Jesus"

Responding with our Whole Hearts…
Open my eyes, that I may see *HWB #517*
North Star Praises and Prayers

Going out to Serve…
Change My Heart Oh God
Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Joanne K. Bergen
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Sound – Steven Lehr Visuals – Friesen Family
Ushers – Vicky Toporchak, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY
Offering – $1830.00 Attendance – 53
NEXT SUNDAY
Meditation – Josh Wallace Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:
Sunday, August 22

10:30 a.m. – Josh Wallace, Church Engagement Minister for MC Sask, will introduce a Reimagining Process for North Star. This process will guide the congregation in mapping their present life and activities and in prayerfully clarifying God's unique call for North Star in this time and place. This service will be **followed by a congregational meeting** to vote on whether to go ahead with this process. Due to family vulnerability Josh has asked for us to all wear masks during this service.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:
Tuesday, August 24

6:00 p.m. – The Community Gift & Thrift would like to thank our volunteers by hosting a BBQ supper at North Star. All food and beverages will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chair. Contact Heidi or Kristy at the thrift shop 306-365-2122 to RSVP by **August 18th** if you will attend or email: lanigan@thrift.mccsk.ca

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- We plan to start our Sunday School classes beginning **September 12** and would like to know which adult classes (men, women, mixed?) you would be interested in. Please let Mary Jean know by **August 22.** The children's class (age 3-12) will begin that day as well. We will hold the children's class time during the worship hour. Please let Mary Jean know if you are interested in helping with the children's SS.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Sunday, August 22

3:00 p.m. – "Singing in the Arbour": an afternoon of Cree & Mennonites sharing music, dance, and a meal at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Organized by "Walking the Path" committee. For details and directions see https://mcsask.ca/event/10676 **

Tuesday, August 24

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Gathering at Stoney Knoll, NW of Laird. In the spirit of Reconciliation, descendants of the Stoney Knoll Band and the Mennonite and Lutheran communities are invited to participate in a day of story-telling by Elders, food, traditional games (demonstrations and Hand Games) and fellowship. The event will take place on the traditional land of the Stoney Knoll Nation. For the agenda and map go to https://mcsask.ca/event/10672

Wednesday, August 25

7:00 p.m. – Mega Menno Games Night. Join us for one last night of summer fun and games before the school year starts. Watch for more details regarding location and safety protocols, www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Youth Farm Corn Maze and Activity Centre opening on Saturday, August 21! For the first two weekends, we will be having a Sunflower Festival. Come and take pictures in our sunflower field and purchase sunflowers for $1 a piece (great price!). There is so much to do at our farm yard - climbing wall, petting zoo, jumping pillow, pedal carts, wagon ride, pumpkin barn, potato launcher, candy store and much more. PURCHASE tickets ($10 for general admission or $15 for wristbands that include lots of activities). Go to www.youthfarmcornmaze.com to purchase your tickets.

MC Canada Connects: Aug. 15: Eigenheim Mennonite Church**,** located near Rosthern, SK is sharing a nationwide worship service with us for this Sunday. Pastor Rachel Wallaces' message "Letting Go and Pressing On" continues their study of Philippians, focusing this week on chapter 3:4b–14. She will unpack how Paul has given up his old identity and values, how this has transformed his goals in life, and asks what are key elements in your identity and what would it take for you to give those up? Available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices and on our YouTube Channel.

MCC Connects: Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who struggle to afford basic school supplies. This back to school season, we are gathering supplies for schools kits to equip students to learn. We are especially in need of notebooks (80 page notebooks are preferred). To donate notebooks you can drop them off at the MCC Saskatchewan Centre or donate funds by contacting us at 306.665.2555.