

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

August 22, 2021

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**Please keep your masks on throughout the service this morning
due to health challenges in Josh's family.**

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Scripture: Psalm 34:15-22

Call to Worship

There is silence,

And there is light.

There is music,

And there is grace.

There are people,

And there is life.

There is hope,

And there is God.

Let us worship well today.

Come, let us all unite to sing

HWB #12

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

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

Come, thou Almighty King

HWB #41

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Offering Prayer

The Lily of the Valley (Acapeldridge)

Scripture: John 6:56-69

Meditation: "Reimagining the Congregation"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

I'm pressing on the upward way

STJ #96 (v.1,2,4)

North Star Praises and Prayers

Going out to Serve...

If you believe and I believe

STJ #32 (sing twice)

Benediction

This service will be followed by a congregational meeting to vote on whether to go ahead with the reimagining process.

Meditation – Josh Wallace

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Sound – Steven Lehr

Visuals – Friesen Family

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$4550.00 (\$2550. budget) Attendance – 52

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

TODAY: We are sad to announce that the Singing Under the Arbor event, planned for Muskeg Lake Cree Nation this afternoon is being postponed until further notice, due to a case of COVID-19 being diagnosed in the community. - Randy Klassen, Indigenous Neighbours Program Coordinator, MCC Sask.

THIS WEEK 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:

- Please contact the office **THIS WEEK** if you are interested in Adult Sunday School classes (men, women, mixed?) beginning **Sept. 12**. We also need to know whether the children's class (age 3-12) should begin that day (during the worship hour) or if we should wait until children can be vaccinated, **and** if you are interested in helping with the children's SS.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Saturday, August 21

Youth Farm Corn Maze & Activity Centre is open. For the first two weekends, we will be having a Sunflower Festival. Take pictures in our sunflower field and purchase sunflowers. 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. Go to www.youthfarmcornmaze.com to purchase your tickets.

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: MC Sask Songfest of Thanks, Oct. 15-16. Introducing our Songfest Conductor - *Duff Warkentin!* Duff brings a deep wealth of experience as a choral singer, conductor, clinician, and adjudicator. His love for music is his calling and way of giving back to the community. We are delighted to be singing with him once again! Visit www.mcsask.ca/events for more information.

MC Canada Connects: Aug 22: Rosthern Menn. is sharing a service focusing on John 6:56-69, the Christ who is our Bread of Life, and how that Bread nourishes us. Available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices and on our YouTube Channel.

MCC Connects: Save the date! The MCCS Board invites you to the AGM on Sat., Sept. 25, 1:30-4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Consider being a delegate from your church. We will spend time looking back over the activities and financial realities of the 2020-2021 year and also reflect on how the pandemic has shaped and is shaping the ongoing work of MCC. A registration link will be sent out soon, so stay tuned!

The people of Haiti need our help. Families who have already suffered so much have been hit once again. The 7.2 magnitude earthquake killed at least 1,900 people and injured many more. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. With your help, we can reach the people most affected by this tragic event. Your gifts will provide emergency support. Donate today at mcccanada.ca/haiti-earthquake.

CMU Connects: As of Aug. 30, CommonWord will resume our regular hours (Mon.-Fri. 9-5) serving you with trusted congregational resources, Anabaptist and related books, specialty foods, and new Indigenous products. Visit us in-person, by phone (1-877-846-1593), email (info@commonword.ca) or online (commonword.ca).

Want to do some in-depth Bible study or delve into key theological questions? Consider taking a course through CMU's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry for personal enrichment, professional development or for academic credit. For more information and to register, go to cmu.ca/academics/gradstudies/extended.