

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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August 29, 2021
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome
Opening Prayer
Call to Worship

Voice 1: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

Voice 2: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.

Voice 1: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

Voice 2: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth; it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.

Voices 1 & 2: Worship is the mystery with us reaching out to the Mystery beyond.

If you believe and I believe STJ #32
Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements
Offering Prayer
The Lord is my light STJ #97
Scripture: Colossians 3:18-4:1
Meditation: "Submission Rules for Christian Households"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Praise the One who breaks the darkness STS #1
North Star Praises and Prayers

Going out to Serve...

I will come to you in the silence STS #49
Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson
Song Leader – Leona Ewert
Sound – Ed Bergen Visuals – Friesen Family
Ushers – Ben & Jacob Martens Bartel

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$1570.00 Attendance – 64

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Jim Ewert
Pastor Dan will be away from Monday, August 30 until the week of September 25.

TODAY: You are encouraged to look up and reflect on the MC Canada weekly worship service on YouTube. Sterling Menn. Fellowship in Winnipeg is joining together with a collection of Mennonite churches in Manitoba for this week's nation-wide service. The scripture text for this Sunday is James 1:17-27 which leads us to reflect on what true religion is all about. As we think back on this pandemic season, we are going to hear from a variety of churches about how COVID-19 has forced us to discern what the church is truly about and how that has looked like in our particular contexts.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Lisa Martens Bartel has been asked by Kelowna First Mennonite Church to continue on with her ministry to their church while they continue their own future discernment process that had been put on hold due to pandemic restrictions. Lisa will continue part time with KFMC from October to April 2022. Please continue to support Lisa, her family, and the Kelowna congregation with your prayers.
- Adult Sunday School classes (men, women, mixed?) will begin **September 12**. Lesson booklets are available on the shelf in the foyer. Children's classes (Ages 3-12) will begin as well. Children and teachers will be required to wear masks during the class.
- Mennonite World Conference is calling on its members around the world to love their neighbour by donating to UNICEF's campaign to share coronavirus vaccinations around the world. The Government of Canada will match, dollar for dollar, every donation made by individual Canadians to UNICEF Canada's COVID-19 vaccination fundraising campaign, up to a maximum of \$10 million, until **September 6, 2021**. Read more here: <https://mwc-cmm.org/love-neighbours-give-vaccines>
- We are out of pre-printed bulletins and invite you to submit drawings, verses, etc. for the front page of upcoming bulletins.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Saturday, September 18

Shekinah Move-A-Thon. Bike, hike, or paddle with your friends and family in support of the mission of Shekinah Retreat Centre. Exciting updates for this year's event – new cycling route to Rosthern, and special activities on-site for families, including a Kid's Cycling Route! Registration and full schedule coming soon, watch for more details at www.shekinah.ca.

Sunday, September 5

3:00 p.m. – Forest church at Shekinah. See shekinah.ca for details. All are welcome!

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: MC Sask Songfest of Thanks, Oct. 15-16. Introducing our Songfest Accompanist - Glenn Sawatzky. Glenn is a church musician, pianist, and teacher from Regina. He is passionate about congregational singing and enjoys creating jazz and gospel piano arrangements of old familiar hymn tunes. We look forward to singing with you, Glenn! Visit www.mcsask.ca/events for more information.

“Walking The Path Together” is a settler/indigenous group in Saskatchewan, committed to healing and reconciliation. The Committee has commissioned a documentary of the development of the Ancient Echoes Interpretive Centre in Herschel: a record of how dedicated local volunteers and municipal government have partnered to preserve and protect ancient indigenous archaeological sites. The Committee hopes that this documentary will challenge many other communities to take serious steps to identify, preserve and protect ancient indigenous sites in their areas. You can participate in this important “healing and reconciliation” project by sending a tax-deductible donation to: RM of Mountain View, Box 130, Herschel, Sk. S0L 1L0. *Earmark your donation “Ancient Echoes Documentary” For further information contact David Neufeld 306 249-5889

MC Canada Connects: We Declare: What We Have Seen and Heard is the theme for Gathering 2022 in Edmonton, **July 29-Aug. 1**. The webpage for the event is now live: www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022. Learn about our speakers and what to expect for our next nationwide gathering in Treaty 6!

MCC Connects: 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 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!

CMU Connects:

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.