

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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September 19, 2021

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Opening Prayer

All things bright and beautiful HWB #156

Call to Worship

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31, Revelations 22:1-5

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Leader: Lord, we come to you with a contrite heart. We ask your forgiveness because we have taken for granted what you have given us.

All: Father, forgive us.

Leader: We often exploit the land rather than steward it.

All: Father, forgive us.

Leader: We look at the outsides of people, rather than their hearts.

All: Father, forgive us.

Leader: We underestimate what you can do, so we worry about tomorrow.

All: Father, forgive us.

Leader: Help us Lord to focus on you and not what is going on around us. Amen.

The Love of God STJ #44

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Let the children come to me (while children leave for Sunday School)

Offering Prayer

We give thee but thine own HWB #384

Scripture: Colossians 1:26, 27

Meditation: "It was so good, so very good"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

I sing the mighty power of God HWB #46

North Star Praises and Prayers

Going out to Serve...

The Lord lift you up STJ #73

Benediction

Meditation – Ed Olfert

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Sound – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Ben & Jacob Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Visuals – Friesen Family

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$1300.00 Attendance – 57

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Randy Klassen (MCC) Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Please note that next Sunday the adult Sunday School class will be held at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary with Randy Klassen. Everyone welcome.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, September 21

7:30 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday September 27

7:00 p.m. – Lanigan and District Food bank Annual meeting will be held at Knox United Church, Lanigan. All are welcome.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Please remember that masks are now required throughout the worship service unless you are in a leadership position.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Monday, September 20

7:00 a.m. – You are invited to a Communion service at Mount Royal Menn. On this election day we renew our commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord, a commitment that transcends political parties and ideologies. While this does not absolve us from robust participation in our democratic processes, such an act reminds us where the church fits into God's purposes. This service is being planned by the four MC Sask congregations in Saskatoon but all are welcome to attend. Masks are required.

Wednesday, September 22

7:00 p.m. - RJC Opening Program. Join us at RJC as we begin the start of a new school year. Call (306) 232-4222 if you have any questions.

Saturday, September 25

1:30-4:00 p.m. – MCCS Annual General Meeting 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. We will be joined by MCC Canada Executive Director Rick Cober Bauman and the keynote address will be provided by Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's Global Health Coordinator. To register, visit <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-saskatchewan-2021-agm> and click on 'Register Online.' Zoom meeting info., along with an electronic copy of our Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements will be sent by email to all who register.

Friday, October 1-Saturday, October 2

Alumni & friends of RJC are invited to our annual volleyball & soccer Tournament of Memories. Check the RJC website for more information.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: MC Sask Songfest of Thanks Postponed. With heavy hearts, we announcement the postponement of the MC Sask Songfest of Thanks Choral Workshop and Concert, scheduled for Oct. 15-16. While we long to gather to sing and laugh once again, keeping one another safe remains our higher calling as ambassadors of Christ. We hope to reschedule the event in 2022.

Coro Nova choral rehearsals resume Wednesdays beginning Oct. 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Nutana Park Menn. All singers over 18 are welcome. Double vaccination and masks required and we will re-evaluate as time goes on.

Contact Lynne Driedger-Enns for more info. lynne.driedgerenns@gmail.com

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.

MCC Connects: Xplore: Keep Thinking. Join Reading in a Good Way: Biblical Explorations for the Reconciliation Journey with Randy Klassen, MCC Sask. Indigenous Neighbours Coordinator. The course will run on Thursdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (central time). This course will explore the Scriptures for stories, prayers, and teachings that challenge Settler colonial ways and encourage Settlers to see their relationships with Indigenous peoples in new and healing ways. Xplore is a 55-plus enrichment program that offers courses that investigate dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. All without any assignments or examinations! The Fall 2021 Xplore program will again come to you online via Zoom. For more information or to register visit <https://www.cmu.ca/xplore> or email xplore@cmu.ca

CMU Connects: Register for CMU's first Virtual Open House of the school year! It will include a virtual tour of CMU's campus, live questions and answers with Admissions team members, faculty, and current students. Open to students, parents, siblings, teachers, and school counsellors. Wednesday, September 29, 4:00–5:00 PM (CDT). Go to cmu.ca/virtualhopenhouse for information and how to register. In-person Campus Visit Days will also happen this year. Find out more cmu.ca/campusvisit

Join us for this year's **J.J.Thiessen Lectures on October 26-27, 2021**. Dr. Edith M. Humphrey will provide three lectures in a series on "Mediation and the Immediate God". Dr. Humphrey is the William F. Orr Professor Emerita of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. More at: cmu.ca/jjt. The lectures will be recorded and available for viewing after the event on our website.