

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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September 5, 2021
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Jesus calls us here to meet him STJ #3

Prayer of Confession (VT #1040)

Voice 1: In defiance of corruption and falsehood,

Voices: we commit to truth and integrity, and we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.

Voice 1: In defiance of apathy and hatred,

Voices: we choose to be proactive in love, and we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.

Voice 1: In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,

Voices: we embrace the mystery of faith, and we pray for humility and wonder to increase in our world.

Voice 1: In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance,

Voices: we celebrate God's salvation, and we pray for compassion and faith to increase in our world.

Voice 1: In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us,

Voices: we choose again to follow Christ, and we continue to pray, not just now, but at all times. Amen.

There's a wideness in God's mercy HWB #145 (v.1,3,4)

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Offering Prayer

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song STJ #14

Scripture: Numbers 13:16-4:12

Meditation: "What kind of eyes of faith do we have?"

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Open my eyes, that I may see HWB #517

North Star Praises and Prayers

Going out to Serve...

Let there be light, Lord God HWB #371

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber (presented by Donna Friesen)

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert Song Leader – John Bartel

Sound – Kyle Toporchak Visuals – Friesen Family

Ushers – Vicky Toporchak, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$2120.00 (\$800.00 budget) Attendance – 53

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Pastor Dan will be away until the week of September 25.

TODAY: In the final week of the summer series, the MC Canada worship service is led by Altona Bergthaler Menn. Using Romans 8:18-28, the service explores the groaning of creation during the pandemic and shares the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus, the first fruits. Available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipperservices and on your YouTube Channel. 3:00 p.m. – Forest church at Shekinah. See shekinah.ca for details. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, September 12

9:45 a.m. – Adult Sunday School classes (men, women, mixed?) will begin next Sunday, September 12 at 9:45 a.m. We will use the Fall 2020 lesson books that were not used last fall. Lesson booklets are available on the shelf in the foyer. Children's classes (Ages 3-12) will be during the worship time. Children and teachers will be required to wear masks during the class.

11:00 a.m. – We will resume our regular worship time.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to Millie Strueby on the passing of her husband, Arnie, on Monday, August 30. A private family service will be held Tuesday, September 7 in Watrous.
- Our sympathy is also extended to Lorraine Lauzon on the passing of her husband, Michel, on Monday, August 30. She lives in the former home of John & Elsie Schroeder.
- As the new academic year begins, let's pray for students, staff, and families as they enter into this next phase. May God bless you and keep you during this time.
- We are out of pre-printed bulletins and invite you to submit drawings, verses, etc. for the front page of upcoming bulletins.
- Are you motivated to serve people in a financial institution where you can live out your Christian values? Mennonite Trust Ltd. invites you to consider the rewarding job opportunities we have available. Go to www.mtrust.net/jobs/ to learn more.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Saturday, September 18

Shekinah Move-A-Thon. Registration now open! Participate by donating, cycling, paddling, or hiking. \$20/person (includes lunch; family and youth registration available). Day begins at 9:00 a.m. with registration and cinnamon buns. Visit www.shekinah.ca for more details and full schedule.

Shekinah is looking for both a head cook and for a hospitality manager. Please contact the Shekinah office or email at director@shekinah.ca.

Shekinah's water source is no longer viable. As we look at permanent solutions, we realize that we will have to haul water in the interim. We are currently looking for either a flat deck trailer / water tank combination or a water truck of some sort. If you have any leads or suggestions, please contact director@shekinah.ca.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: MC Sask Songfest of Thanks, Oct. 15-16. As we look forward to singing together once again, measures are being put in place to ensure we can do so safely: all choral workshops participants must be fully vaccinated or provide a negative Covid test, and concert attendees must be masked. Visit www.mcsask.ca or find the event on Facebook for full schedule and additional details.

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.

CMU Connects: Xplore: At the Intersection of Faith and Life, A 55-Plus Enrichment Program. Xplore offers courses that investigate dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it. All without any assignments or examinations! Xplore happens in a six-week block, with online courses offered Tues., Wed., and Thurs. mornings, beginning Oct. 5. Join us! cmu.ca/xplore.