

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

October 10, 2021

Thanksgiving Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

### **Gathering in the Spirit...**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Thanksgiving Prayer

L: We offer thanksgiving to our Creator, recalling that Christ is the center of creation and our lives as Christians.

As we face east, the direction of the rising sun, we offer thanks for the gifts of the tree world and for new beginnings.

**ALL: Help us to be honest with you and others and to be wise and just in our use of the resources of the earth. We give thanks to you, O God.**

L: As we face south, where we receive warmth, we offer thanks for the gifts of the animal world and for the call to be humble.

**ALL Enable us to walk good paths, to live as family should, and, with you, to renew the face of the earth. We give thanks to you, O God.**

L: As we face west, where we receive teachings of faith, we offer thanks for the gifts of the rock world and the purifying and fruitful waters.

**ALL: Sustain us and the earth through your Holy Spirit, and give us faith as strong as the rock. We give thanks to you, O God.**

L: As we face north, the direction of wind and snow, we offer thanks for the plant world, and for your kindness and wisdom.

**ALL: Breathe your strength and endurance into us, and give us wisdom to treat each other with kindness. We give thanks to you, O God.**

L: As we face center; from above comes the unconditional love of God, from the earth comes the gift of life.

**ALL: We give thanks for love like the wings of the eagle, we dedicate our lives to you, our Creator and Savior, As we walk on this earth, may we learn together and celebrate the way of peace, harmony, and tranquility. We give thanks to you, O God.**

Hymn

### **Sharing the Good News...**

Announcements

Let the children come to me

Children's Time

Offering Prayer

Hymn

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19; Philippians 4:4-7

Meditation: "Thanksgiving"

### **Responding with our Whole Hearts...**

Hymn

North Star Praises and Prayers

### **Going out to Serve...**

Sending Song

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Children's Time – Lois Ewert

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Ed Bergen

Ushers – Ben & Jacob Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Visuals – Rose Graber

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering –\$2540.00 Attendance – 49

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Joanne K. Bergen

### **COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

Saturday, October 23 & Sunday, October 24

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 noon – Session 1 of the Re-imagining process with Josh Wallace.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. – Josh will be guest speaker.

Saturday, November 6 & Sunday November 7

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 noon – Session 2 of the Re-imagining process with Josh Wallace.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. – Josh will be guest speaker (tentative)

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Friday, October 15

7:00 p.m. – Mega Menno @ the Corn Maze! Join us for an evening of fun exploring the corn maze and games around the fire at the Youth Farm Corn Maze, just outside of Rosthern. Open to youth in gr. 6-12, \$10/person (aid available). Contact Kirsten, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca), for more information.

Tuesday, October 26

7:00 p.m. – RJC Annual Corporation Meeting. All are welcome to attend RJC's annual report to the community, held over Zoom. Please email [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca) to pre-register for this event by **October 22**, and you will be sent the meeting agenda and Zoom link.

Saturday, October 30

7:00 p.m. – RJC Choirs & Cakes Fundraiser. Join us for our annual fundraising concert & dessert auction in support of RJC. This event will be held in-person at the RJC Gymnasium with a livestream option available. The livestream link and online cake auction will be at [rjc.sk.ca/cakes](http://rjc.sk.ca/cakes).

Thursday, November 4

7:00 p.m. – The Micah Mission’s AGM via Zoom. Please RSVP to [info@themicahmission.org](mailto:info@themicahmission.org). The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the meeting.

Thursday, November 18

7:00 p.m. – Teen Challenge Virtual Gala. Hear the Stories of Changed Lives Through the Ministry of Teen Challenge. BUY your viewing pass today to view the virtual Gala in the comfort of your own home with family or friends. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

#### MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

**MC Sask Connects:** The Mennonite Nursing Home in Rosthern, SK, an affiliate of the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), is seeking a permanent full time out of scope chief executive officer who will be responsible for the operations of an accredited 68 bed long term care home, with an attached 32 assisted living units (Pineview Manor), a 20 bed licensed personal care home (Sunrise Place), and 2 independent senior living four-plexes (Country Gardens). Applications close Oct. 29. Anticipated start date: Jan. 1, 2022. For full job description and to apply email: [tbianzen@sasktel.net](mailto:tbianzen@sasktel.net)

**MC Canada Connects:** De Jongs hope to leave for Ethiopia soon. Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong hope to leave for Ethiopia within the next few weeks. Please pray that their visa and transportation details will be arranged in a timely way so that they can arrive for the start of the semester at Meserete Kristos Seminary.

**MCC Connects:** Save the Date! MCC Saskatchewan’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peace Conference, “Restoring Justice,” will explore how to do justice better. Responding to the biblical call to “do justice and love mercy,” we will look beyond the constraints of the current justice system to explore more human-centered approaches. This virtual conference will take place on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. More details coming soon!

**CMU Connects:** Join us for this year’s **J.J.Thiessen Lectures on October 26-27**. 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. *This year, the lecture series will be held entirely online, through Zoom.* Visit [cmu.ca/jjt](http://cmu.ca/jjt) for more information and for the link to join.

**Gratitude!** On this Thanksgiving Sunday CMU expresses deep gratitude to welcome students and staff back to campus and community! We are so grateful for safety, learning, and growth during the first six weeks of classes. We are thankful for a broader church community that continues to undergird the mission of CMU to ‘inspire and equip women and men for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society’. Thanks be to God!



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