

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

October 24, 2021

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

L: We are a covenant people, called to God by God, generation through generation.

P: We are a covenant people, called to Jesus by Jesus, losing our lives to gain our lives.

All: We are a covenant people, called to church by the church, weaving together the strong and the weak, the stranger and the friend.

L: Renamed.

P: Reborn

All: Renewed. We gather ourselves in the community of believers. We gather ourselves unto you.

Jesus calls us here to meet him STJ #3

L: Lord we come into your presence this morning looking to our future. Our past has been rich and full of your presence and work here in our church and community. Our future is yet unknown.

P: Give us faith to listen to your word. Give us courage to speak out our concerns and questions and doubts. Give us inspiration to act in faithfulness on your guidance.

L: As you have been faithful in the past we trust your faithfulness in our future.

P: Prepare our hearts for discernment and discussion this hour.

All: Thank you Lord Jesus. Amen.

Beloved, God's chosen STJ #38

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

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

Offering Prayer

Let there be light, Lord God STJ #67

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6

Meditation: "Reimagining"

(1) how our stories with our congregation began

Lead me, Lord HWB #538

(2) high points in our lives with our congregation

Lead me, Lord HWB #538

(3) hard times in that life

Lead me, Lord HWB #538

(4) stepping back and reflecting on the history we've created together.

Going out to Serve...

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Bless'd be the tie that binds

HWB #421 v.1-5

Benediction

Meditation – Josh Wallace

Worship Leader – Rose Graber

Song Leader – John Bartel

Sound – Ed Bergen

Visuals – Friesen Family

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$3640.00 (900.00 budget) Attendance – 55

NEXT SUNDAY (Remembrance/Eternity Sunday)

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

Next Sunday we will remember those in our community who have passed away this year – Bob McLaren, Isaac Driediger, Belle Mullet, Mary Schmidt, Bill Ewert and Michel Lauzon. Please let Pastor Dan know if there are others you wish to be remembered.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, October 27

2:00 p.m. – Drake Library presents an Author Visit with MaryLou Driedger at the Silver Sages. *Lost on the Prairie* is a fictional reimagining of a train journey from Kansas to Drake, SK that Driedger's grandfather, Peter Schmidt, (also Loraine Epp's grandfather) took as a boy in 1907. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday November 7

10:30 a.m. – There will be NO Adult Sunday School. Our worship service will begin at 10:30 and will include Session 2 of the Re-imagining process with Josh Wallace.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Please note Hope Aldred's new address:
#8-12 Woodside Rise NW, Airdrie AB T4B 2L3
She sends her greetings to everyone at North Star.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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 to pre-register for this event by **October 22**, and you will be sent the meeting agenda and Zoom link. Report is available in the office.

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.

Thursday, November 4

7:00 p.m. – The Micah Mission's AGM via Zoom. Please RSVP to 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: Nov. 15-19, 9-4 - 21st Century Preaching - a one week intensive course with Meghan Good. Go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/10691> for details and to register for credit or to audit.

MC Canada Connects: International Witness Sunday, Oct. 24. Please prayerfully consider giving generously. Giving for International Witness has been slower this year than expected and your help is greatly appreciated. Designate your gift to a specific program or to International Witness where most needed. The focus of this year's International Witness Sunday is on experiencing God's call, drawing inspiration from the Mennonite Church Canada denominational "Vision: Healing and Hope" statement. For more info, visit, mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday.

MCC Connects: MCC Sask 3rd Annual Peace Conference, "Restoring Justice", is coming up on Nov. 6. 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. We will hear from experts and those on the frontlines about the principles and practices of doing justice and building resilience in our communities. Join us for an enriching time of learning how we can do justice better. Get more info and register here: <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-saskatchewan-peace-conference>

CMU Connects: Join us this week for the 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 for more information and for the link to join.

Interested in Graduate Studies? CMU will be hosting three webinars to learn about our Master in Business Administration (November 4), Master of Arts in Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development (November 10) and Graduate School of Theology programs (November 18). Visit cmu.ca/gradstudies.