

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

July 10, 2022

Building Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel

There will be a Potluck lunch following the building projects.

A meeting to vote on the Re-Imagining Recommendation will follow the lunch.

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – \$3165.00 Attendance – 48

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Charles & Crystal Conklin Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

**TODAY:** Eden Menn. Church is sharing a worship service with our nationwide community of faith. At times in life, we all need to stop and recapture the WONDER of a God who is all around us all the time. Psalm 8 offers much to the reader, but perhaps nothing emerges more than an invitation to simply notice, embrace and participate in the WONDER of God here and now. The services and a schedule are available at [mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices](http://mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices).

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- If you are 18-25 and looking for a fantastic faith-adventure based Discipleship Program join us at Steinbach Bible College this fall for Pursuit! <https://youtu.be/cEJnenstPRM>. Travel portion includes Vancouver Island and Brazil. Contact Kaylene Buhler [kbuhler@SBCollge.ca](mailto:kbuhler@SBCollge.ca) for more information or apply at [SBCollge.ca](http://SBCollge.ca) by August 1.

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

Sunday, July 24

10:30 a.m. – Guest speakers Brad & Casadi Schroeder.

Thursday, July 28

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Lanigan Lodge.

Sunday, August 7

10:30 a.m. – Guest speakers Werner & Joanne De Jong.

## **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Sunday, July 31-Thursday, August 4

Registration for Youth Gathering 2022 at Camp Valaqua in Edmonton, (ages 12-18), is now live at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/amplify](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/amplify). Cost: \$425 Travel from Saskatoon is available! \$35/person. Proof of vaccination required. If you're interested in being a sponsor and willing to help share driving duties. please contact Mel Harms at [cmharms3@gmail.com](mailto:cmharms3@gmail.com)

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Canada Connects:** Gathering 2022 in Edmonton, Alberta, and online Friday, July 29, to Monday, August 1. We declare to you...what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life. 1 John 1:1. MC Canada congregations are invited to watch Gathering 2022 sessions online with discounted group and individual registration rates. Share in live worship and plenary sessions, participate in online workshops and network with other virtual participants from across our nationwide community of faith. Information and to register visit [www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022).

Gathering 2022 virtual voices blend across MC Canada <https://youtu.be/A-QCr5aK7K8> Hear how Phil Campbell-Enns (songwriter of "Greater things than these,") combined contradictory things at the same time - the need to confess failings as seen through our complicity in things like colonialism and climate change, and the conviction that in spite of failings, our faith in Jesus and our efforts to follow him should be invitational. Video compiled by Darryl Neustaedter Barg

Mennonite Seoul, a worshipping community facilitated by MC Canada Witness workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, is rejoicing in their ability to have an in-person retreat this July after much time apart. Pray that God will bless and guide this important time of fellowship.

**MCC Connects:** MCC is planning an immediate shipment of emergency supplies to Ukraine. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world. Our inventory of material resources is getting low. *We need donations of comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief, school and sewing kits.* We encourage you, your church, or your community group to donate towards replenishing essential supplies. Your donation will be a comfort to individuals and families facing crisis and share God's love in a very tangible way. Donate here: <https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/cash-kits>

The Church Council of Boards and the Re-Imagining Team would like to present to the church congregation the following recommendation for North Star moving forward following Dan's retirement.

We enter into a 6-month to 1-year trial period where we encourage those from within our congregation to use their skills and leadership abilities. This includes the areas of preaching, music, administration, care "crews" or groups, etc... all with clear direction (including job descriptions and expectations) given by the church council. This would be a team approach. Josh Wallace has numerous ideas and suggestions on how this could operate.

This trial period would begin on November 1st. It would include, but not be limited to the following:

- a paid preaching position. Lisa Martens Bartel is interested in this position. We also suggest a guest speaker once a month. Further discussion with Prairie Light will also occur with the plan that we can enjoy worshipping with them more frequently
- Mary Jean will continue her work in administration.
- A music coordinator (possibly remunerated as well) will be further explored.
- The formation of care groups (8-10 people) with groups meeting monthly to connect. A series of questions would be available to encourage discussion.

Council of Boards as well as the Re-Imagining Team has developed this proposal. It is being presented for your perusal with planned discussion. Please take some time to consider these items and be prepared to discuss. We will vote on these proposals when the congregation feels ready.