

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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July 31, 2022

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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

Welcome

Call to Worship

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

**Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

**Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

**Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.**

**Thank you all, thank you God.**

Opening Prayer

Scripture: Hebrews 11:6

Confession and Assurance

*I owe the Lord a morning song* HWB #651

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

Announcements

Offering Prayer

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us* HWB #355

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:1-20

Meditation: "Between a Rock and a Hard Place"

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

*For God so loved us* HWB #167

Praises and Prayers

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

*Heart with loving heart united* HWB #420

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber      Worship Leader – Irene Bartel  
Song Leader – Leona Ewert      Accompanist – Heather Kroeker  
Sound – Ed Bergen      Visuals – Kyle/Vicky Toporchak  
Ushers – Ben & Jacob Martens Bartel

## **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – \$2080.00      Attendance – 53

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Meditation – Werner & Joanne De Jong      Worship Leader – Joanne K. Bergen

**TODAY:** 3:00 p.m. – Forest Church at Shekinah. Need more music in your life? Join your voice in as forest church this month will focus on music. All are welcome!

6:30 p.m. – This is your invitation to come to our farm any time after 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and ice cream. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a lawn chair. - Henry and Beatrice.

### **THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

Thursday, August 4

8:30 a.m. – Sunshine Plumbing will commence renovations on the church. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes. - Trustees

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our congratulations to Stephen and Mercy Banda on the birth of their son, Calvin Wanipa (means God has given us), on Wed., July 27.
- Our sympathy is extended to the friends of Tim Friesen who passed away in Calgary this week.
- If you were not able to vote on the Re-Imagining proposal on Sunday, July 10 and would like to have a copy of the proposal and/or place a vote, please see Mary Jean to obtain a ballot **TODAY**.
- Lisa Martens Bartel will be collecting money to purchase a credit card gift card until Aug. 15 for Saad and Noora Hassoo to help with their expenses of moving and resettling to Windsor ON where they have family and friends and many others from their home city in Iraq. They are so grateful for the support they received when they first came to Canada in 2017. To contribute to their gift, please see Lisa.
- Please pray for Lisa Martens Bartel as she is attending MC Canada Gathering 2022 in Edmonton this weekend.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Sunday, July 31-Thursday, August 4

Youth Gathering 2022 at Camp Valaqua in Edmonton, (ages 12-18) Pray for the Youth, Sponsors and planners of the Amplify! Youth Gathering (July 31 - Aug 4) as they gather to "Turn up the sound and turn down the noise!" at Camp Valaqua in Alberta.

Sunday, August 7

MCC is excited to be a part of the annual Cherry Festival in Bruno, SK. Grow Hope SK Field Day! How do the crops we grow in SK support emergency food assistance in regions of conflict, drought, and disaster? Join us on Aug. 7th to learn more. Our field day is being held in concert with Cherry Sunday, a well-known annual festival in Bruno, SK. See the poster for details.

## MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

**MC Canada Connects:** Gathering 2022 nationwide worship service livestreamed on July 31 Join our nationwide community of faith at Gathering 2022 this Sunday, July 31 at 10 a.m. MDT, in Edmonton. Executive Minister Doug Klassen will offer a sermon entitled, "Losing and Finding." The service will be livestreamed on the MC Canada YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/kzkP3VSP1IU> and also available at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices).

Virtual We Declare registration IS NOW FREE! Register now to take part in Gathering 2022, July 29 to Aug. 1! Due to a generous donor, registration for virtual We Declare: what we have seen and heard is now free. Register now to take part in our livestreamed worship sessions, participate in online workshops and connect online with both in-person and online Gathering 2022 participants: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/gathering2022). We Declare - MC Canada Gathering July 29 7:00 p.m.-Aug. 1 12:00 p.m. The Gathering 2022 Report Book is now available at <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3039>. Discover more on Mennonite Church Canada ministries, partners, resource and reports and vision documents from the five regional churches. While available to everyone, Gathering 2022 delegates from the regional churches are encouraged to read through the document as they prepare for delegate sessions in Edmonton.

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

**MCC Connects:** MCC Thrift is celebrating 50 years! To help celebrate this major milestone, we encourage you to visit or donate to your local MCC Thrift shop this month, you never know what's in store.