

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastoral office hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

December 11, 2022

Third Advent Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

**RESTORATION IS NEAR!**

### Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

*O come, all ye faithful*

HWB #212

Call to Worship

Leader: Behold! Do not be afraid; God is with us. God is our strength and our salvation!

**People: Lord, we stand in your presence in faith, not fear.**

Leader: God will send angels to keep watch over you, to comfort you, to keep you.

**People: Lord, our strong hope is built on your unfailing love. Our hearts yield to you and trust in your transforming power.**

**All: Praise ye the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

VT #252

Candle-lighting liturgy

Leader: We cry out for restoration, we call upon God to give us life.

**People: Do not be afraid, says the Lord. I have promised to be with you.**

*O Come, O Come, Immanuel* VT #210 HWB #172 (v.1&4)  
(Children bring in candle)

Leader: As we hold fast to God's promise, we light this candle as a sign of our joy.

**All: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.**

(Children ages 3-12 leave for Sunday School)

### Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Offering Prayer

*The first Noel, the angel did say*

HWB #199

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Meditation: "Do Not Be Afraid"

### Responding with our Whole Hearts

*O little town of Bethlehem*

HWB #191

Hymn

Praises and Prayers

### Going out to Serve...

*You shall go out with joy*

HWB #427

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Ben & Jacob Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

Accompanists – Worship Team

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering – \$1870.00 Attendance – 39

### NEXT SUNDAY Fourth Advent Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Worship of carols and scripture at the Community Centre in conjunction with PLCF for the Drake Winterfest weekend.

**TODAY:** 2:30 p.m. – A Very Shekinah Christmas at Shekinah Timberlodge. Join us for carol singing, a performance by BJ & Friends, and some tasty goodies. Admission by donation, money raised going towards our summer camp. See <https://shekinah.ca/events/2021/a-very-shekinah-christmas-2022>

3:00 p.m. – St. Peter's Chorus concert at St. Augustine's, Humboldt. Tickets available from Ed Ewert.

7:00 p.m. – North Star Christmas Party. You are invited to gather in the fellowship hall for an evening of games and snacks. If you are able, please bring your favorite table game and some snack food to share. Beverages will be provided. Hosted by the Advisory Board.

### COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, December 18

4:00 p.m. – Piano recital for students of Amy Ewert. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday, December 20

2:00 p.m. – Seniors, please come join the Koinonia Ladies for Carol singing and Christmas treats at the Villa.

Wednesday December 21

2:30 p.m. – Carol Sing-a-long at Lanigan Lodge. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, December 24

7:00 p.m. – North Star Christmas Eve service.

Thursday, December 29, 2022

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

Sunday, January 1, 2023

3:00 p.m. – **\*Note time\*** Joint New Year service with PLCF at North Star followed by a potluck meal.

### NORTH STAR NOTES:

- If you, or someone you know, would like to have a pastoral visit, please contact Lisa.

- Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser sponsored by Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary until December 21. See posters for more information.
- The Community Gift & Thrift is extremely grateful for the support we have received from your community! Many of you attended or volunteered for our Winter Gala on Nov. 18th. With your support we were able to raise \$5,500 for MCC's material resources. This provides relief kits, hygiene kits, sewing kits, school kits and dignity kits, as well as hand-made blankets to our partners around the world. Thank you again and we wish you all a very blessed Christmas season!

#### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 p.m. – Join us in celebrating the Christmas season with the RJC Christmas Concert in the RJC Auditorium. Admission by donation.

#### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** Shekinah Youth Retreat is Jan. 27-29, and we are in need of kitchen help. If you'd be willing to help out in the kitchen please let Zach Dueck know at [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) or you can call Zach at 306-880-6834.

**MC Canada Connects:** Pray for the leadership of the Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia as they work with communities affected by ethnic conflicts and drought. Pray for Werner and Joanne De Jong, Witness workers at the Meserete Kristos Seminary, as they work to grow spiritual leaders from diverse regions in Ethiopia.

Rejoice with Witness workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park and pray for Peace Journal Plan P, the 10th issue in their 2-year history (key word: "Poverty"). Give thanks they have met the criteria to apply for a grant from the Korean Magazine Association, and for placement in most public libraries. See [www.commonword.ca](http://www.commonword.ca) for past issues.

**MCC Connects:** Feeling overstretched during this holiday season? MCC Thrift has put together a free resource called *How to Have a More Peaceful Christmas*. Visit this link for some helpful ideas for adding a bit more calm to your life amidst all the busyness of Christmastime:

<https://thrift.mcc.org/peaceful-christmas>

**CMU Connects:** FOR PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS - SAVE THE DATE! ReNew: A Resourcing Conference for Pastors and Church Leaders, January 30—31. Our theme this year is Living Call Stories: Dynamics of the Pastoral Vocation with Kathleen Cahalan, Professor of Practical Theology at St. John's School of Theology and Seminary. More information to follow, visit [cmu.ca/renew](http://cmu.ca/renew) for further description of the conference.



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