

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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January 22, 2023
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing HWB #110

Here I am, Lord HWB #395

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence.

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity.

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to care and provide.

People: Jesus calls us to faith.

Leader: Jesus calls us to live humbly, to be considerate and generous.

All: We hear the call of Christ to worship together with joy.

Opening Prayer

Great is thy faithfulness HWB #327

Sharing the Good News...

Announcements

Offering Prayer

Let the children come to me (Children ages 3-12 leave for Sunday School)

His eye is on the sparrow STJ #103

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-2

Meditation: "MCC as Water"

Responding with our Whole Hearts

Holy, holy, holy HWB #75

Praises and Prayers

Going out to Serve...

Go, my children HWB #433

Benediction

Meditation – Erika Thogersen and Eileen Klassen Hamm MCC Sask

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr Pianist – Esther Laskowski

Sound – Ivan Bartel Visuals – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Herb Friesen, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$1050.00 Non-Budget – \$400.00 Attendance – 38
Receipts are in the mailboxes

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Mennonite Historical Society – Jake Buhler & Victor Wiebe
Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, January 23

11:00 a.m. – Koinonia invites **ALL** the church ladies to a brunch in the church basement.

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting. **Please check your mailbox for the Report booklet and bring it along to the meeting.** The following positions are open for election: Secretary, Deacon, Trustee, Auditor, Thrift Store, Nominating Committee as well as volunteer positions sound, visuals, camera, worship leader, song leader, accompanist, etc. We need to have more volunteers trained for these positions.

Thursday, January 26

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

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Check the bulletin board for updates from Vic and Chris and Brighter Horizons.
- There is a new sign-up sheet for Prayer Sisters on the Educ. Wing bulletin board.
- If you know of new residents in Drake please let the Missions Committee know so that they can deliver welcome kits.
- The materials on and under the table in the Sunday school room next to the library have been removed from the library and are free for the taking. After **January 30** they will be removed and recycled. Please help yourself to anything found there.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Monday, January 23

7:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsals will begin at Bethany Manor in the Fellowship Centre for a Spring Concert. Rehearsals Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Duff Warkentin – Director, Verna Olfert - Pianist

Friday, February 3 & Saturday, February 4

RJC Tournament of Memories: Basketball & Curling. Join the fun at RJC's Alumni & Friends tournaments. Play or watch the face-paced action in the RJC Gym or Rosthern Curling Club (Jubilee Sports Centre). Cost to play is \$25 per person, and lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC Dining Hall. To pre-register email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca. Hope to see you there!

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Save the date! MC Sask Annual Delegate Session March 11, 2023 at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. Details available soon!

MC Canada Connects: MC Canada and your regional church invite you to participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Jan. 18-25. A listing of events in Saskatchewan can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11229>

Resources and a listing of events by region can be found at

<https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>

MCC Connects: MCC will be running another Conflict Transformation course on Monday evenings from February 6 – April 3. Join us over Zoom as we learn valuable skills for practicing peace within our families and communities. The registration fee is \$75, and scholarships are available. To register:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformation2023PracticalSkillsToBePeopleOfPeace>

Join us for The Great Winter Warm-up as we send warmth and comfort in the form of blankets to people experiencing conflict and disaster around the world. You can donate towards the cost of comforter supplies or make your own comforter! Please visit this link for more details and to watch the *Journey of a Comforter*: <https://mcccanada.ca/great-winter-warm-up>

CMU Connects: Visit CMU - The next CMU Campus Visit Day takes place on February 3, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Enjoy a tour of the campus, meetings with professors and current students, a financial aid presentation, opportunities to ask questions, and a treat from folio café! Visit cmu.ca/campusvisit.

Mathematics for Human Flourishing: A Public Lecture with Dr. Francis Su – How can mathematics connect to our deepest human longings, such as for beauty, truth, or justice? Math is a deeply human enterprise that when properly engaged builds virtues like persistence, creativity, and an expectation of enchantment. Public lecture, Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 PM at CMU. Visit cmu.ca/sir for details and livestream.

FOR PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS: ReNew: A Resourcing Conference for Pastors and Church Leaders, January 30–31, in person and online. This year's theme is **Living Call Stories: Dynamics of the Pastoral Vocation** with Dr. Kathleen Cahalan, Professor of Practical Theology at St. John's School of Theology and Seminary. For more conference information and to register, visit cmu.ca/renew. Workshops and Bible Studies include:

1. *Your Congregation Has a Calling* (John Neufeld)
2. *Pastoral Searches: What I Wish I Knew!* (Rick Neufeld)
3. *Mentoring and the Vocation of Pastor: Stories to Lead the Way* (Cheryl Pauls)
4. *Discerning Call in Times of Uncertainty—a 2-part workshop* (Jan and Jeff Steckley)
5. *Bible Teaching: Moses and Elijah: Call and Re-Call* (Dan Epp-Thiessen)
6. *Bible Teaching: Call and Response: Paul's Story and Our Stories* (Sheila Klassen-Wiebe)