

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – Budget – \$1180.00 Non-Budget – \$1470.00 Attendance – 52

### **NEXT SUNDAY (Lent 2)**

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Scripture – John 3:1-17

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

Thursday, March 2

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

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

Saturday, March 11-Sunday, March 12

CMU portable with Sheila Klassen Wiebe.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Please check your e-mail and/or your church mailbox for information re: North Star refugee sponsorship opportunity and plan to discuss at a congregational meeting after worship **next Sunday, March 5**.
- Remember to check the bulletin board for updates from Chris and Vic and Brighter Horizons and Werner and Joanne DeJong.
- MDS Canada needs volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, from March to October for Hurricane Fiona repair work. Last year MDS volunteers did clean-up work and tarped roofs; now it needs people to help fix hurricane-related water and wind damage. Travel subsidies are available. For more information, contact Clara Flores at [cflores@mds.org](mailto:cflores@mds.org) or 1-866-261-1274.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Sunday, March 5

3:00 p.m. – Consider joining with others around the campfire as we explore the 2023 theme for Forest Church - *Face to Face: Encountering God in the Wilderness*. Ric Driediger will provide input this month, sharing from a wealth of experience on this topic. All are welcome!

Saturday, March 11

MC Sask Annual Delegate Session at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. **A working copy of the report book is now available!** David Boshart, President of AMBS will be sharing with us on our theme "Rooted in Good Soil: Resourcing the Rural Church" This is a hybrid online and in person event, and **registration is required** to attend. We are allowed up to 3 delegates so if you are interested in going as a delegate for North Star, please contact the office as soon as possible. Details and registration are available at

<https://mcsask.ca/event/8602>

6:30 p.m. – You are invited to a viewing of *Custodians: a Story of Ancient Echoes Custodians: a Story of Ancient Echoes* documentary at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Indigenous peoples' ancestors left their marks on the land for millennia. Artifacts everywhere, many lost forever to agricultural and other development. Still some places remain untouched; beautiful natural settings with artifacts, all with stories to tell. Come watch the documentary about Ancient Echoes' work to protect this ancient Indigenous sacred site. Think about how you can contribute to protection of the marks of Indigenous history. There will be time to share your response following the documentary.

Sunday, March 12

7:00 p.m. – RJC Choirs & Cakes - Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at RJC at Choirs & Cakes: A fundraising concert and cake auction. Featuring performances by RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, Prince Albert Children's Choir, RJC Singers, Bass & Treble Choirs. YOU are invited to participate in the RJC Alumni & Friends choir, directed by Duff Warkentin. Rehearsals will take place in the afternoon prior to the event at RJC. If you would like to sing in the Alumni & Friends choir, please email Alex at [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222.

Friday, March 17

Save the Date. Shekinah rib night fundraiser "Putting on the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition" at Shekinah. This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MCC Connects:** Save the date! MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on Saturday, June 17 at Forest Grove Community Church. Stay tuned for more information and visit the website at this link:

<https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>

MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counselling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbours by providing a gift online at [mcccanada.ca/earthquake](http://mcccanada.ca/earthquake), by calling 888-622-6337 or by sending a cheque earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to the MCCS office.

**CMU Connects:** Our next campus visit day takes place on March 10 from 1:00–3:00 PM CST. Tour the campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, learn about financial aid opportunities, and enjoy a treat from folio café! Visit [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

Face to Face | *Polarization: Get over it! Stories that lead the way* – Jayme Menzies of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and Manitoba MLAs Kelvin Goertzen, Dougald Lamont, and Jamie Moses will share examples and stories of how they've overcome polarization in big and small ways in their various contexts. Join in person or via livestream on Monday, February 27 at 7:00 PM CST. More information and livestream at [cmu.ca/face2face](http://cmu.ca/face2face).

John and Margaret Friesen Lectures – “*The Neglected Role of Dutch Mennonite Innovators in the Scientific Revolution and Early Enlightenment*” with Dr. Gary K. Waite, PhD, FRSC; Professor Emeritus, Dept. of History, University of New Brunswick. Watch in person or via livestream on Thursday, March 9 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM CST. Visit [cmu.ca/friesenlectures](http://cmu.ca/friesenlectures) for more information.

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

February 26, 2023

SHAPED by *Jesus*

Lent 1 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Shaped by Testing

Welcome

**Leader:** Sing together! Celebrate God!

**People:** **God protects us from all our trouble.**

**Leader:** God forgives us and covers our sins.

**People:** **God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.**

**All:** **Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.**

*God is here among us*

HWB #16

*I am weak and I need thy strength*

HWB #553

Prayer

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord*

HWB 76

*Come and See (S.S. for ages 3-12)*

HWB #20

Scripture: Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19

Meditation: “Testing, testing”

*Offering*

*Open our eyes Lord*

*Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him,  
And say that we love Him. Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen.*

*Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

Story telling

*You are the salt for the earth*

HWB #226

Prayers for the congregation

*The Lord lift you up*

STJ #73

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Accompanists – Worship Team

Sound – Will Martens

Visuals – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman