

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert Pianist – Chris Bergen

Sound – Steven Lehr Visuals – Friesen Family

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget – \$2170.00 Non-Budget – \$100.00 Attendance – 50

NEXT SUNDAY (Resurrection Sunday)

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. – Forest church outdoor worship at Shekinah. Zac Schellenberg will take the lead as we embrace the coming spring! All are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Maundy Thursday, April 6

6:00 p.m. – We will have a light supper followed by a worship service and communion. There is a sign-up sheet for sandwiches on the education wing bulletin board.

Good Friday, April 7

10:00 a.m. – Walk to the Cross hosted by the Lanigan Area Ministerial. Please come to the Lanigan and District Heritage Centre (in front of the railroad tracks) if you are walking or go to the Lanigan Community Centre at 10:00 am. Both groups will be engaged in worship and end together as we remember how much Jesus loves us.

Easter Sunday, April 9

6:15 a.m. – Sunrise service at Ivan and Irene's. Enjoy a fire, scripture reading and singing. Bring something to share for a simple breakfast at the farm.

10:00 a.m. – We will have a special Easter Sunday worship service at the regular time. There will be NO Sunday School for the children and there will be NO coffee after the worship.

3:00 p.m. – We are invited to join PLCF for their Easter/6th Anniversary celebration service with dinner to follow.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, April 16

10:00 a.m. – Canadian Foodgrains Bank will bring the morning worship.

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

7:00 p.m. – Piano recital for students of Amy Ewert.

Sunday, April 30

10:00 a.m. – Our morning worship will be a Hymn Sing with Heather Kroeker as our guest musician.

Sunday, May 14

Teen Challenge will bring the morning worship.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement for us and all our family. We have felt God's presence throughout this time.
Dan & Esther
- The Community Gift & Thrift is hiring! We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to join our team. This position is responsible for developing volunteer recruiting plans and training, as well as connecting with customers, donors and providing meaningful community connection. For the full job description please see mcccanada.ca or find the link on our Facebook/Instagram pages.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, April 19

6:00 p.m. – Teen Challenge Gala Banquet at Prairieland Park. See poster in Educ. Wing for details.

Saturday, April 22

7:00 p.m. – Earth Day Mega Menno event at the MCC Centre, Saskatoon

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MCCSK Connects: MCC will be including local artisans at this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 17. If you would like to sell your goods, tables are available to purchase for \$100 and all proceeds of sales will go to the artisan. For more information, please contact Rick and Marg Epp at mepp@sasktel.net or call the MCC office at 306-665-2555. We hope to see you there! We are currently accepting items to be donated for the online auction, which runs from June 7-17. These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, and gardening equipment. To donate, please contact us at 306-665-2555 or visit www.mccskreliefsale.com for more details.

CMU Connects: CMU Open House: At our place or from your place –In person open house takes place on Tuesday, March 28, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM; virtual open house takes place on Wednesday, March 29, 6:00–7:00 PM CDT. Receive a campus tour, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. Visit cmu.ca/experience to register.

Canadian School of Peacebuilding – Registration is now open for courses taught by local, national, and international peacebuilders to serve practitioners, professionals, activists, students, non-governmental organizations, and faith-based groups. June 5-9; 12-16. Visit csop.cmu.ca.

Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 12 – May 23. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online AMBS short course. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 22 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Symbolism in the Lent display:

The large candle represents Christ surrounded by a desert motif paralleling lent and Jesus' 40 days of testing in the desert. Each week a ribbon is unwrapped from around the candle, and removed from the back wall, exposing more of the black colour that represents Good Friday.

The colors reflect the theme for each Sunday: red for testing, orange for new birth (sunrise), yellow for light, green for life, purple for worship and Palm Sunday, black for Good Friday, gold for Easter Sunday.

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April 2, 2023

SHAPED by *Jesus*

Palm Sunday Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Shaped by Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,

All: for it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna!

We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer

Narrator/Jesus

All hail the power of Jesus' name HWB #106

Narrator/Disciple/Donkey Owner

Ride on, ride on in majesty HWB #239

Narrator/Person 1/Person 2 (children gather)

Left: He's coming,

Right: He's coming,

ALL: line his pathway again with palms!

Left: He's coming

Right: he's coming,

ALL clear the pathway; raise the palm!

He's coming: Son of David, Suffering Servant, Savior, Risen Lord!

Child

Come and see(S.S. for ages 3-12) HWB #20

Person 1

Hosanna, loud hosanna HWB #238

Narrator/Roman Official/Pharisee/Jesus

All glory, laud, and honor HWB #237

Narrator/Disciple

God, whose farm is all creation HWB #391

Offering

Response and Storytelling

Prayers for the congregation

Jesus, you have called us

STJ #70

Benediction

Leader: Love God, you who are God's holy people,

All: for God's love endures forever.

Leader: Praise God, and give thanks,

All: for God's love endures forever.

Leader: Expect God, and welcome God's grace,

All: for God's love endures forever.