

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget – \$2400.00 Non-Budget – \$150.00 Attendance – 47

NEXT SUNDAY (Lent 4)

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

TODAY: 7:00 p.m. – Join 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.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday service. There will be Sunday School for the children.

Mauudy 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

6:30 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.

Sunday, April 30

Canadian Foodgrains Bank will bring the morning worship.

Sunday, May 14

Teen Challenge will bring the morning worship.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Pray for safe travels for Vic & Chris and Jeff & Monica Carlson as they head home on Monday.
- At the Congregational meeting last Sunday, a motion was made by Donna Friesen/John Bartel *"That NSMC work together with Wildwood Mennonite Church to sponsor a refugee family and that NSMC provide financial support to the maximum of \$35,000.00 as a part of this."* Motion carried unanimously. Please check your email or the bulletin board posting for the response from Wildwood.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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

MC Canada Connects: Thank God for the safety of Fanosie Legesse and Norm Dyck, MCEC mission ministers, and leaders of Meserete Kristos Church, including President Desalegn, as they visited the Tigray region of Ethiopia where violence related to civil war has destroyed lives, churches and homes. Together, they worked to build peace within the Mennonite church and support and encourage pastors in the area.

Pray for MC Alberta as they join together on March 17 & 18 for worship and discernment at their Annual Delegate Sessions in Pincher Creek, AB. Their theme is "Hope Trust Transition".

MCC Connects: This Easter season, consider helping woman and children in Afghanistan. Along with the current collapse of the country's economy, women and girls are banned from attending school. In addition to finding ways to provide limited food assistance and health programs for families, one of MCC's partners is working bravely to provide literacy classes despite the risk in doing so. To help provide assistance, and help women and girls to read and write, please visit donation.mcccanada.ca/literacy to donate.

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.

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.

*March 12 the theme will be skipped for CMU Portable.

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March 12, 2023

SHAPED by *Jesus*

Lent 3 Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 95:6-7)

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;

Leader: for the Lord is our God,

People: we are the people of God's pasture,

ALL: We are the flock under God's care.

Sweet hour of prayer

HWB #11

God is here among us

HWB #16

Confession

Let's sing unto the Lord

HWB #55

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

HWB #20

Scripture: James 5:13-18, 1:17-18; Mark 2:1-12.

Meditation: "A living faith: Discipleship and the letter of James"

Rain down

STJ #49

Offering

Take my life

HWB #389

Prayers for the congregation

Bless'd be the tie that binds

HWB #421

Benediction

Leader: Like water poured out on a thirsty land,

People: may the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit on us.

Leader: May we blossom with new life.

ALL: May we bring refreshment and joy to others.

Meditation – Sheila Klassen-Wiebe

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Pianist – Esther Laskowski

Sound – Kyle Toporchak

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen

Everyone is invited to stay for coffee and discussion session followed by potluck lunch.