

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

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Pianist – Heather Kroeker

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Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – Budget – \$850.00 Non-Budget – \$2050.00 Attendance – 50

### **NEXT SUNDAY (Lent 5)**

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Scripture: John 11:1-45

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

#### **Thursday, March 30**

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia and husbands meet in the Youth Room with guest speakers Wilmer & Barb Froese. \*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*

#### **Sunday, April 2**

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

#### **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**

6:30 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.

#### **Thursday, April 20**

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

#### **Sunday, April 30**

Canadian Foodgrains Bank will bring the morning worship.

#### **Sunday, May 14**

Teen Challenge will bring the morning worship.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our sympathy is extended to Dan & Esther Laskowski and family on the passing of their son-in-law, Wes Krahn, husband of April, on Wednesday, March 15 in Winnipeg.
- MOVIE NIGHT? We now have a copy (on USB) of the film "Custodians: A Story of Ancient Echoes". The film explores the work of local landowners, volunteers, and municipal government of Herschel, SK, in protecting and conserving the many signs of historic Indigenous presence in the region. The documentary raises important questions of land-sharing, the conservation of ancient intellectual and spiritual heritage, and respectful Indigenous-settler collaboration. (Also produced film: Reserve 107). Feel free to watch it yourself, use it for care groups or bible studies. Sign out at library desk.
- If you were unable to attend the sessions with Sheila Klassen-Wiebe and would like to have the notes, they are posted on the website as well as sent out in your emails.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

#### **Tuesday, March 21**

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Youth Farm Bible Camp is having their Vereniki Fund Raiser. Homemade Vereniki, cream sauce, berries, and sausage. PLUS ICE CREAM. Admission by Donation.

7:00 p.m. – RJC & Westgate Concert "We will call this place our home". Following a two-day visit and workshop with Westgate Mennonite Collegiate (from Winnipeg) and RJC High School, the choirs and bands will round off with a combined concert. The concert will be held at Aden Bowman's Castle Theatre at 1904 Clarence Ave S, in Saskatoon. Admission is by donation.

#### **Saturday, April 1**

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Camp Elim Perogy Supper Fundraiser at Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current. Adults \$20, Children 7 & under \$10. Proceeds toward Tabernacle Flooring Project.

## MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

**MC Sask Connects:** In the midst of the worship, reporting, and discussion at this year's Annual Delegate Sessions, it was with great joy that outgoing Moderator Terry Stefaniuk officially announced the hiring of MC Sask's new Interim Executive Minister, Gary Peters, effective March 15, 2023. Semi-retired from congregational ministry, Peters has served MC Sask in a variety of capacities, and takes over the interim position from Josh Wallace, who has resumed his role as MC Sask Church Engagement Minister. While Peters and his wife Margaret are familiar faces to many within the MC Sask family, we asked him to share a few introductory thoughts with us as he prepares to take on this role. Read more at <https://mcsask.ca/press-release/11325>

Spring is almost here! Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for seasonal workers: spring school group programmers, spring/summer maintenance workers, and summer camp counsellors. Please visit [shekinah.ca/jobs](http://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information.

**MC Canada Connects:** Mennonite Church USA invites Mennonite Church Canada to prayer on March 19-21. The San Carlos Apache people will testify at a court challenge against the use of a two-mile swath of sensitive land proposed for a copper mine in Arizona. See <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/oak-flat/> for more info.

**MCCSk Connects:** *Bridging Us: A Learning Party* is being co-hosted by MCCS and New Leaf Network on Saturday, April 1 from 9 am - 3 pm. Join us as we explore how we move toward more "us" in our life in a world where there is always a "them". We'll hear from several speakers, including Randy Klassen from MCCS and Lloyd Letkeman from MB Multiply, about how they are working to build connections in communities and churches. In person \$35 (lunch included) and online \$20. Please visit this link to register: <https://www.newleafnetwork.ca/events/bridgingus>

**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](http://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.

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

March 19, 2023

SHAPED by Jesus

Lent 4 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Shaped by the Light

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.

**People: We shall not want.**

**All: Restore us through your Holy Spirit, the love of Jesus Christ, and the comfort of your presence.**

*Longing for light*

STJ #54

Confession

Leader: Lord, we long for light, but all is darkness, and we walk in deep shadows. We have driven back justice. Truth has stumbled in the streets, and thick darkness is over the people. We confess our sinful deeds. We confess to the Lord . . .  
(*silent prayer*)

Leader: As everything exposed to the light becomes visible, we walk from darkness into light.

**All: Open our eyes, Jesus, that our lives may radiate your glory. Amen.**

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

HWB #216

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

HWB #20

Scripture: John 9:1–41

Meditation: "Shaped by the Light"

*Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us  
Offering*

HWB #352

Story telling

*If Christ is mine*

HWB #331

Prayers for the congregation

*We will walk with God*

STJ #78

Benediction

Leader: Go forth and shine, for the Light has come,

**People: and the glory of the Lord rises upon us.**

Leader: Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives,

**All: and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**