

## ***NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH***

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Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

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Accompanists – Worship Team

Sound – Kyle Toporchak

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

### **LAST SUNDAY**

Offering – Budget – \$1480.00 Non-Budget – \$200.00 Attendance – 53

### **NEXT SUNDAY (Palm Sunday)**

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

### **THIS WEEK 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\***

### **COMING EVENTS 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

6:30 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.

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

#### Sunday, April 16

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

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#### Thursday, April 20

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

#### Sunday, April 30

10:00 a.m. – Our morning worship will be a Hymn Sing.

#### Sunday, May 14

Teen Challenge will bring the morning worship.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our congratulations to Dan and Rose Graber on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Daniel, son of Charles and Crystal Conklin, in Cambodia on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- We are missing some small and large melamine bowls from the church kitchen. They are available for borrowing, but if you take them out of the church, please sign the sheet in the kitchen.
- 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 connections. For the full job description please see [mccanada.ca](http://mccanada.ca) or find the [link](#) on our Facebook/Instagram pages.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

#### 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.

#### Sunday, April 2

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.

#### Wednesday, April 19

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

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** Highlights, videos, report book and more from the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11233>

**MC Canada Connects:** Pray for Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong as they teach and mentor students in the Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia. See Joanne's Lent reflections on fear: <https://mcab.ca/article/11301-what-are-you-afraid-of>

Pray for peace in Mindanao, Philippines, as Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoja, continue to bring people together. Praise God for that the local military is listening to their perspective on justice-based peacebuilding, as reported in their latest newsletter:

<https://www.waves.ca/reports/2023/02.2023.DannJojiNewsletter.pdf>

**MCCSk Connects:** For this year's Relief Sale Festival, 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](http://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](http://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](http://csop.cmu.ca).

### 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 26, 2023

SHAPED by Jesus

Lent 5 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Shaped by Life

Welcome and Announcements

ADS Report

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

**People: O Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

**People: O Lord, hear our cry.**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

**All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word. Blessed be your name.**

*Holy Spirit, come with power*

*HWB #26*

Confession

Leader: Lord, our lives are dry bones. We are cruel in our words and indifferent in our actions. We confess to the Lord . . .

*(silent prayer)*

Leader: Breathe on us, Lord. Put your Spirit within us and make us alive.

**All: We place our hope in you. Amen.**

*Praise with joy the world's Creator*

*STJ #16*

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

*HWB #20*

Scripture: John 11:1-45

Meditation: "Shaped by Life"

*New earth, heavens new*

*HWB #299*

*Offering*

Story telling

*I heard the voice of Jesus say*

*HWB #493*

Prayers for the congregation

*Sing a New World into Being*

*VT #809*

Benediction

Leader: Put your hope in the Lord.

**People: The Lord is unfailing love,**

Leader: and with God is full redemption.

**People: God will bring us up from our graves.**

**All: God will redeem us from all our sins.**