

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget – \$3402.00 Non-Budget – \$ 695.00 Attendance – 52

NEXT SUNDAY (Lent 3)

Meditation – Sheila Klassen Wiebe (CMU) Worship Leader – Donna Friesen
There will be a potluck lunch following the morning worship.

TODAY: Congregational meeting after worship to discuss North Star refugee sponsorship opportunity. Please check your church mailbox for information.

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!

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Saturday, March 11-Sunday, March 12

CMU portable “**A Living Faith: Discipleship and the Letter of James**” with Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, Associate Professor of New Testament. She will need a ride to Saskatoon on Sunday afternoon for a 7:15 flight, so if you can provide that, please contact Denise or Donna.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, April 30

Canadian Foodgrains Bank will bring the morning worship.

Sunday, May 14

Teen Challenge will bring the morning worship.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Remember to check the bulletin board for updates from Chris and Vic and Brighter Horizons and Werner and Joanne DeJong.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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 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

MC Canada Connects: Pray for Sarah Wood, Mennonite Church Canada Witness intern, as she concludes her term of service in Thailand on March 10. Pray that these final days connecting with the school and church community in Loei will be rich, and that her transition back to life in Canada will be enriched by the experience.

MCC Connects: On March 10 and 11, Burnt Thicket Theatre is presenting *New Blood: A Story of Reconciliation* at the Remai Arts Centre in Saskatoon. Through poetry, song, and dance this theatre production tells the inspiring true story of Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman. Tickets are pay-what-you-choose, and there are also discounted matinees available for students and teachers.

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.

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 for more information.

Gott ist die Liebe / I Know God loves me (VT #158)

I know God loves me with love unending.
I know God loves me, for God is love.

Refrain:

***And so I sing again of how God loves me;
I know God loves me, for God is love.***

Though sin surrounds me, God's love is stronger.
Though sin surrounds me, God loves me still.

God sent us Jesus, our faithful savior;
God sent us Jesus to set us free.

My savior Jesus, you know my sorrow;
My savior Jesus you give new life.

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March 5, 2023

SHAPED by *Jesus*

Lent 2 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Shaped by new birth

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (**based on Psalm 121**)

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—where does your help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship our God, who watches over us now and always.

Opening Prayer

Here I am to Worship

As the Deer

Confession

Leader: Lord, we need new birth. Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our stubbornness and guilt, walking in blindness, our hearts are hardened to your love.

We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

Leader: Jesus, you have come to put the world right, to give life to the dead, and to call into existence a people born from above.

All: Break in by your creating Spirit. Send forth your fresh wind. And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.

To God be the Glory

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

Scripture: Genesis 12:1–4a; John 3:1–17

Meditation: “Shaped by new birth”

Offering

Here I am, Lord

You are my All in All

HWB #395

Story telling

Gott ist die Liebe/I know God loves me (words on back page)

Prayers for the congregation

The Lord life you up

STJ #73

Benediction (*based on Psalm 121*)

Leader: The Lord watch over you—

People: the Lord bless you and make you a blessing;

Leader: the sun will not harm you by day,

People: nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will bring you to life and carry you safely home.