

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$3250.00 Non-Budget \$1050.00 Attendance – 46

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, July 18-Wednesday, July 19

Russlaender Train Tour Saskatchewan Stop. Twenty-one thousand Mennonites arrived in Canada from the Soviet Union beginning in 1923. Sixty participants are making the Quebec City to Abbotsford anniversary train trip and will stop in Saskatoon July 17-19. Check out the piano concert at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11401>, tours and more at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11394>

See poster on the bulletin board in the Education Wing.

Saturday, July 22

2:00 p.m. – The family of the late Grace Strong invites you to a celebration of her life at Knox United Church in Lanigan. Light refreshments to follow the service.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Looking for something to do with your family or summer visitors? The Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre has two brand-new exhibits for you to explore. Check out the David Toews exhibit, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1920s Mennonite immigration. Browse photographs and page through our complete collection of yearbooks in the RJC room upstairs—you're bound to find some familiar faces! Located on the campus of RJC High School, we're open Fridays and Saturdays, 1-4pm or by appointment. Call Donna at 306-232-7447 or Barb at 306-232-7553 to book your appointment today. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

August 6 - Singing in the Arbor at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation sponsored by Walking the Path, MC Sask and Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Come, have fun, meet your neighbors, and share food. Various choirs, singers, and dancers from 3-5 pm. Supper at 5pm, Bannock and farmer's sausage provided, bring a dessert or salad.

August 12 - The Spruce River Folk Festival is back for 2023 at Spruce River Farm, Spruce Home. Great entertainment, education and food. See <https://www.spruceriverfolkfestival.com/> for details. Volunteers still needed for set up Aug. 10, help with parking, gate, silent auction, children's activities, running a coffee and drinks stand, and grounds management on Aug. 12 and clean up on Sunday Aug. 13. If you can help, please contact Ray Funk at rayfunk8@gmail.com or 306-961-7964

Shekinah Retreat Centre has an opening for the Executive Director position. We are seeking a high energy person to grow our camping and facility rental programs. The preferred candidate will have a commitment to the Anabaptist tradition, an entrepreneurial spirit, non profit leadership experience and excellent communication skills. Start date is **August 15**, but can be negotiated. Most salary and benefits follow MC Canada guidelines. For further information contact Board chair, Phyllis Goertz: 306 242 8367 or p.goertz@sasktel.net.

Save the Date: Shekinah Move-a-Thon, Sept. 17. Watch for details.

MC Canada Connects: Have you met Katharine Hayhoe, a Christian Canadian climate scientist, author of Saving Us, A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World and host of Global Weirding? <https://www.youtube.com/@globalweirding/featured> Check out this two minute video about the single most important thing we can do to promote climate action.. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jP2DrncNIKQ> Check out Katharine Hayhoe's Ted Talk: https://www.ted.com/talks/katharine_hayhoe_the_most_important_thing_you_can_do_to_fight_climate_change_talk_about_it?language=en

MCC Connects: In its 6th season, Grow Hope Saskatchewan is helping to support the work of MCC and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide emergency food supplies and long-term food security. With your donations, 300 of the 421 available acres have been sponsored so far this year! To hear stories and for more information and to help sponsor the remaining acres, please visit: <https://www.growhopesk.ca/>. As little as \$15 can provide food assistance to one person for a month.

This summer marks the 100th anniversary of 21,000 Russlaender Mennonites arriving in Canada from the Soviet Union. Come celebrate on July 17 or 18 at 7:00 p.m. by attending the twin grand piano concert, Mennonite Piano Concerto, by Victor Davies played by Godwin Friesen and Jerry Hu at the Quance Theatre in the College of Education on the U of S campus. Park in lot #4. Duff Warkentin will be leading a choir to sing the Kernlieder, and the Sine Domine Quartet will also be singing. Admission is free. An offering will be held to support the work of MCC.

CMU Connects: CMU Sports Camps 2023 – Registration is now open for CMU Blazers Sports Camps. New for 2023 is the addition of boys' varsity volleyball and basketball camps. To find out which week is right for you or for registration, visit cmu.ca/sportscamps.

"Textured Seeing" – MHC Gallery invites you to "Textured Seeing," two exhibitions that will appeal to one's senses and spirit. This exhibit will run from June 23 until September 16 and is located at 610 Shaftesbury Blvd. For more information, visit cmu.ca/gallery.

Join the CommonWord Team – CommonWord is looking to fill a volunteer position, covering their Friday afternoon shift (1:00–5:00PM) for the upcoming year, beginning in August. For full details, visit commonword.ca/go/volunteer.

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July 16, 2023

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come Away from Rush and Hurry VT #9
For the beauty of the earth HWB #89

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

God of the Bible STJ #27

Offering

Children's story

Scripture: Esther 9:24-32

Meditation: Stories of God's People: Purim and Queen Esther

I love to tell the story HWB #398

Pastoral Prayer

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my Feet

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson
Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin
Sound – Will Martens Visuals – Tonja Friesen
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen