

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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### LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$1000.00 Non-Budget \$300.00 Attendance – 46

### NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Mackenzie Hildebrand (Shekinah)

Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel

**TODAY:** Grow Hope Saskatchewan Field Day! How do the crops we grow in Saskatchewan support emergency food assistance in regions of conflict, drought, and disaster? Join us at the annual Cherry Sunday Festival in Bruno to learn more and to tour one of the Grow Hope fields. 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.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our sympathy is extended to Myrven & Marjorie Kline and extended family on the passing of their sister-in-law Marilyn on Monday, July 31. A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 5 at the Christian Fellowship Church in Lanigan.
- Over the summer months, I have not been making many home visits, but if you or someone you know would benefit from a pastoral visit, I will make time for that, but please let me know by email, phone or in person. I will resume seeking out visits after Thanksgiving. – Lisa
- As fall approaches, please give some prayerful thought to where you might be able to volunteer your time for Sunday School teaching, worship leading, music, etc.

## **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Thursday, August 17

National Thrift Shop Day, a day to celebrate the importance of thrift shops for people here at home and around the world! Visit your local MCC Thrift shop for some special sales and discounts throughout the day.

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** The board of Shekinah is happy to announce that Curtis Wiens, Vic Pankratz and Phyllis Goertz will share the full time Executive Director position on an interim basis until the end of October. Please continue to pray that Shekinah will find a full time permanent person to take the Executive Director position. The Board also wishes to thank Ron and Sue Schellenberg for their leadership over the past 5 ½ years, especially through the exceedingly difficult active covid years. We wish them well in their future ventures.

Note: The Shekinah Move-a-Thon has been cancelled for 2023. We are sorry not to host the event this year and look forward to coming back bigger and better next year. Stay tuned!

**MC Canada Connects:** Pray with Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers Joanne and Werner De Jong as they go through their annual visa/residence permit renewal. Pray for patience, joy and relationship building opportunities in this process. They are spending the next month before seminary courses begin in preparing classes and responding to invitations for short term training and preaching.

**MCC Connects:** Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. Interested in donating a school kit? Join us for the School Kit Challenge! Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Whether you donate one or 100 school kits, every donation helps! Get details of what is in a kit or sponsor a kit (\$8.50) at <https://mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge>

**CMU Connects:** Virtual Worship Service - Worship with CMU: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" is now available for download, to be used for church worship services or personal devotion. It includes a personal, moving sermon by Dan Epp-Thiessen, who weaves together his personal journey with cancer and deep hardship with the praise of Psalm 103. View the service at [youtu.be/KkONjAvIb4Y](https://youtu.be/KkONjAvIb4Y).

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August 13, 2023

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Praise, praise, praise the Lord!*  
*How can I say*

STJ #11  
STS #117

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Calm me, Lord*

STS #45

*Offering*

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:40-50

Children's story

Meditation: Stories of God's People: David & Goliath

*Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us*

HWB #352

Pastoral Prayer

*Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues* VT #829

Benediction

Meditation – Kyle Toporchak

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Song Leader – Leona Ewert

Pianist – Heather Kroeker

Sound – Steven Lehr

Visuals – Donna Friesen

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman