

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$1900.00 Non-Budget \$150.00 Attendance – 59

NEXT SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. – Worship/Brunch Potluck. Please take note of the sign-up sheet on the Educ. Wing bulletin board (set-up, coffee, devotional, children's story)
Please bring your own dishes.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Canadian Mennonite is evolving. You can read about it in Tobi Thiessen's August 25 editorial. Help shape the next chapter by completing their survey. Go to www.surveymonkey.com/CM_mag_ideas.
- Update on Refugee Sponsorship:
Greetings from Wildwood Mennonite Church.
I am on the Refugee Sponsorship Committee at Wildwood and thought that it would be good to give your church an update on the progress of the sponsorship of the Karen family that our churches are collaborating on. Actually, the progress is very slow and there is a lot of waiting involved. All the forms required by Immigration have been completed though, and we are waiting for the family members to have their passport photos taken in the refugee camp. They need to go to the IOM (International Organization for Migration) office in the camp to have this done. However, the IOM people are not always there - they seem to move from camp to camp which makes it difficult. So, we keep on waiting.
Fortunately, we do have a way of communicating with the family in Thailand. Mor Ae Lah, who is a nephew of the woman who is being sponsored along with her children, is in frequent contact with them and has on several occasions included me in a video call with them. Shar Wah doesn't speak English and I don't speak Karen, but Mor Ae Lah is a great translator!
So that's about all I can tell you right now about where things are at. I'm not sure how much information you have received previously about the family, but please let me know if your church would like to know more at this point.

Take care, Marg Epp

- 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:

Sunday, September 3

3:00 p.m. – Forest Church @ Shekinah. Mark Bigland-Pritchard leads us in outdoor worship as we move into the fall season. All are welcome.

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – Please save the date for the MCC Sask Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate. For more information, please see the letter on the Educ. Wing bulletin board. If you are registering as a delegate from North Star please let Mary Jean know as we are allowed to send 3 delegates.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: In addition to continuing the search for a full time permanent Executive Director, Shekinah is now hiring a permanent, full time Maintenance Manager. Duties include all kinds of tasks involved in maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, vehicles, and equipment; general facility maintenance; and snow removal in winter. We are looking for someone with the following: working knowledge in some combination in the areas of plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, mechanical or general construction; experience supervising staff and volunteers, a willingness to uphold Mennonite/Anabaptist practices. Preferred start date is Oct. 2. For more information contact director@shekinah.ca or submit resume to director@shekinah.ca

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!

MCC Connects: We are excited to announce that MCC has a new website! It is easier to use, story-driven, and includes more ways to engage with relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. Take a look around at [Homepage | Mennonite Central Committee \(mcc.org\)](http://Homepage | Mennonite Central Committee (mcc.org))

CMU Connects: CMU Faith Community Matching Grant – Undergraduate students attending CMU who receive financial support from their faith community can have that support matched by CMU up to \$250 per semester, to a maximum of \$500 per year. Visit cmu.ca/church-matching for more information.

CMU's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry (GSTM) – Know of anyone considering graduate-level studies in theology? All GSTM courses are offered in person and online, plus there are seven full-time scholarships available. Visit cmu.ca/gstm for more information.

renew 2024 – Pastor and Church Leader Conference is taking place at CMU on February 5-6, 2024. Our topic this year is “Leading with Hope in Anxious Times.” Visit cmu.ca/renew for information as it becomes available.

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.

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August 27, 2023

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come Away from Rush and Hurry VT #9

Opening Prayer

Praise with joy the world's Creator STJ #16

Children's story

Loving Spirit Offering STJ #34

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15

Meditation: Stories of God's People: Moses - Plans and Promises

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore HWB #229

Pastoral Prayer

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises VT #849

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel
Song Leader – John Bartel Pianist – Chris Bergen
Sound – Steven Lehr Visuals – Kyle Toporchak
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen