

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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Pastoral office hours until Thanksgiving:

(Mon. evenings at home) Thurs. 1:00-5:00 p.m.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$1820.00 Non-Budget \$610.00 Attendance – 62

### NEXT SUNDAY (Thanksgiving Sunday)

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

North Star is invited to join PLCF for a Thanksgiving celebration at 3:00 p.m.

with Thanksgiving dinner around 5:00. Dessert contributions would be welcome. See poster for more information.

**TODAY:** 3:00 p.m. – A message from CERT: Prayer walk in Saskatoon as the culmination of the Season of Creation. We will meet at Rotary Park on Saskatchewan Cres. E. at the Peace Prayer Pole. The walk will be approximately 1½ hours (4 km) along the river and it is accessible. This will also serve as the Forest Church for October.

### **COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

#### Thursday, October 12

8:00 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting.

#### Sunday, October 15

There will be a congregational meeting after worship with a vote for the position of pastor.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- If you have items for the Thanksgiving display, please leave them at the front of the sanctuary **by Wednesday evening, October 4.**
- New address for Dan & Esther Laskowski is Box 145 (4030 10<sup>th</sup> Street) Rosthern SK S0K 3R0.
- Mission Fest on October 15 - Please bring in names, timelines, and photos of missionaries that our congregation has partnered with. You can take them to the office or give them to Donna, Carolyn, Tami-Lynn or Denise.
- Please remember to check the sign-up sheets on the Educ. Wing bulletin board if you would like to volunteer to make coffee for after worship or help with Sunday School.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

#### Thursday, October 12

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – Navigating to the Next Normal: Challenges and Opportunities for the Church in Canada: This one-day hybrid conference invites leading thinkers, clergy, and others to creatively engage with issues facing the Church in Canada. As churches emerge from major societal disruption, how has the conversation regarding the future of the Canadian church changed? How do we attend to the key challenges of our time? What opportunities are before us? \$35/person for online participation. Registration information at [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/next-normal](http://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/next-normal)

#### Friday, October 13-Saturday, October 14

RJC Tournament of Memories: RJC's alumni & friends volleyball & soccer in the RJC gym and soccer field. Volleyball players are asked to register with Alex Tiessen ([development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca)) by Oct. 10. Soccer games Oct. 14. Soccer players do not need to pre-register, and a light and dark shirt to play in. Lunch is available for purchase in the RJC dining hall. More info at [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca).

#### Thursday, October 19 & Friday, October 20

Called to Be a Worship Leader workshop at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. When you are asked to worship lead, what are you called to do? How do we decide who plans worship, and how do we do that? What are the joys of this role, and why is it so essential to Christian formation? This interactive seminar will explore these questions and leave you with practical tips and resources. Details and registration at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11422>. See bulletin board for more information.

#### Saturday, October 28

5:00 p.m. – RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - 2023 German-English Academy Awards. Dinner & program begin at 6:00 pm. Celebrating the legacy of musical theatre and the arts at RJC. Featuring performances of musical theatre songs & scenes from RJC musicals past by RJC alumni, friends, and students. Donations support RJC's bursary program. Tickets \$25/person or \$200/table available Oct. 2. Call (306) 232-4222 or visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca) to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** Camp Study Update: Following the completion of our camp study in spring, a sub-committee of Council (Brent Guenther, Christine Epp and Alison Jantz) met with the three camps to discuss next steps and a path forward. These conversations took place with each camp individually, as each camp is uniquely interacting with their own opportunities, challenges, and vision for the future. This work is ongoing, and Council is deeply committed to the work ahead as we work in partnership with the camps. The camp study report can be found at [www.mcsask.ca/campstudy](http://www.mcsask.ca/campstudy)

October 12 & 13 MC Sask and MCCA are partnering with the New Leaf Network to host a Saskatoon hub for The Table conference. Conference participants will hear stories of hope for tired congregations, bear witness to experiments in welcome and inclusivity, and be led through worship and spiritual practices, all aiming to re-anchor in hope for flourishing for the church in Canada and all our neighbors. Keynote speakers include Joash Thomas of International Justice Mission and Hillary McBride, author of *The Wisdom of Your Body*. Visit <https://www.newleafnetwork.ca/thetable/#registration> for more details. And watch for a Saskatoon hub-specific registration option to be posted in the next few days.

**MCC Connects:** MCC's annual Buckets of Thanks is coming up! Consider helping cover the cost of sending 2000 relief kits overseas this year and/or send a group from your church to help pack relief kits. Each kit costs \$58 and helps families who have been displaced by disaster or war. For more information, please visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/buckets>

MCC's annual online Quilt Sale is coming up in November, and we are looking for donations of new and handmade quilts. If you or someone you know would like to donate a quilt, please contact the office at 306-665-2555 or email Karla at [karlakoehn@mccsk.ca](mailto:karlakoehn@mccsk.ca) for more information.

**CMU Connects:** Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended ed program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Join one or more in-person or online courses beginning Oct. 3 & 4. For more information and to register visit [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore).

J.J. Thiessen Lecture – Hear Dr. Willie James Jennings of Yale Divinity School present his talk entitled, *Gathering the pieces that remain: Weaving life together from the fragments of faith, race, and land*. October 27 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons or via livestream. Visit [cmu.ca/jjt](http://cmu.ca/jjt) for details and livestream.

A Time of Reckoning: Telling the CMU Story – Join a two-day symposium on October 27 and 28. Featuring short reflections and dialogue with CMU faculty, alumni, and church voices, participants will investigate what CMU is today and where it's going in light of its mission. More details and free registration at [cmu.ca/timeofreckoning](http://cmu.ca/timeofreckoning).

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**NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Jesus, stand among us*

HWB #25

Call to Worship

*Jesus calls us here to meet him*

STJ #3

Offering

*God, whose farm is all creation*

HWB #391

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

*Let the children come to me (Sunday School for ages 3-12)*

Meditation: "Living with Jesus in Community"

Membership Transfer

Will and Alvie Martens, Kyle Toporchak, Heidi Weber

*Communion Hymn - In the quiet consecration*

HWB #461

Service of Communion

Pastoral Prayer

*Jesus, you have called us*

STJ #70

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr