

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastoral office hours until the end of September: (Mon. evenings at home)

Thurs. 1:00-5:00 p.m.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$1500.00 Non-Budget \$1000.00 Attendance –

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

TODAY: After-worship Coffee Time will reconvene in the Educ. Wing. Please take note of the sign-up sheet on the Educ. Wing bulletin board if you would like to volunteer to make coffee.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, September 13

9:00 a.m. – You are invited! to another Zoom call with Werner and Joanne De Jong as they serve at the Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia. Many of you are part of congregations that support the work of the De Jong's. Some of you are individuals that do so. All of you are welcome to listen, ask questions and learn about what God is doing in Ethiopia. You may have heard about more conflict in the news and as Werner and Joanne talk to people from various areas of the country, they will be able to update us on what is happening in various places. You will hear about the new school year and the plans that they have for that.

Zoom link will be sent out two days before the event.

I also want to express my gratefulness for your faithful giving in this fiscal year. It really is remarkable that so far (April to July expenses and income) 100% of expenses for the De Jong's has been covered by designated giving for their support. I appreciate this so much! It is evidence of your care for the Meserete Kristos Church and for Werner and Joanne, as well. Please keep up the good work! We are well on the way to finishing the year (March 30, 2024) with the same 100%. Any designated funds received in excess of expenses will go toward supporting students at the Meserete Kristos Seminary. Looking forward to meeting you on September 13th and hearing about the impact of your generosity!

Blessings as you serve, Jeanette Hanson

Thursday, September 14

7:00 p.m. – Lanigan & District Foodbank Annual Meeting, 1 B-40 Downing Drive. Come see our new facilities and get an update on the work of our local food bank. Thanks again to all churches for your continued support throughout the year. - Jeanette Warrian, Chairperson, Lanigan and District Foodbank

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Friday, September 22 (*Note date)

Koinonia will meet to travel to Rosthern to tour the Tabernacle and Corn Maze. Further details will be announced.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Sunday School for ages 3-12 will resume meeting during the worship time. There is a sign-up sheet on the Educ. Wing bulletin board if you would like to help with the 3-5 year old class (4 children?). There would be no preparation involved and would involve supervising play/snack (provided) time for the children in a separate classroom after the initial welcome/story class time combined with the 6-12 year olds (approx. 15-20 min.). If no helper is available on a Sunday, there will be no class for age 3-5.
- Please check your email or the bulletin board for an updated note about Care Groups. The Advisory Board needs to hear back from all involved so that we know how to proceed. Please email or write back with your preferences.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 p.m. – RJC Opening Program. Join us in the RJC auditorium as we celebrate the start of the new school year. Featuring music and reflections by RJC students, staff and community members. Admission by donation. A live-stream link will be made available on our website.

7:00 p.m. – The MC Sask Walking the Path group invites you to the inaugural episode of The PBA Cultural Café at the Nutrien Wonderhub in Saskatoon. This Episode will cast a spotlight on Indigenous cultures and feature esteemed guests, including Dr Sharon Acoose, Lyndon Linklater and Lararr Okesikewiyin, who will share insights into their traditions, history and unique identities. Details and free registration can be found at <https://www.saskculture.ca/events/2036>

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.***

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MCC Connects: 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 for more information.

CMU Connects: Xplore – Xplore offers life-long learning courses that investigate dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Join one or more of our offered courses (in-person or online) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Courses will begin on October 3 and 4. For more information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

September 10, 2023

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come, now is the time to Worship.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord

HWB #76

Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning when it was very quiet, the Word was with God,

Congregation: and the Word was God.

Leader: In the beginning when it was very dark, God said, "let there be light",

Congregation: and there was light.

Leader: And when the time was right, God sent His son.

Congregation: Christ came among us and is one of us.

Leader: Teach us, O God, how we are to love. Amen.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

HWB #37

Scripture: Psalm 98:1-8; Matthew 22:36-40

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

Offering

Meditation: Stories of God's People

Love the Lord your God

We are one in the Spirit

Pastoral Prayer

Go now in Peace

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Visuals – Friesen Family