

24RTH 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 \$3620.00 Non-Budget \$750.00 Attendance – 67

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartl

We will be observing Communion and

will acknowledge membership transfers of

Kyle Toporchak, Alvie & Will Martens, and Heidi Weber

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – The MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting via Zoom. **You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate**, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to saskoffice@mccsk.ca. Our guest speaker is Charles Conklin, the MCC Representative for Cambodia and Myanmar. He will be speaking about realities and responses to climate change in the region, to highlight MCC's new advocacy campaign, Climate Action for Peace. 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 have 3 delegates.

Thursday, September 28

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Lanigan Lodge. Everyone welcome.

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.**
- 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:

Saturday, September 30

7:00 p.m. – Mega Menno Kick-Off! Join us as we start the year off getting to know one another and acknowledging the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Participants are encouraged to wear an orange shirt. At the MCC SK office in Saskatoon, open to all youth in gr. 6-12. Contact Kirsten for more information, youthminister@mcsask.ca, hope to see you there!

Sunday, October 1

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 1 ½ hours (4 km) along the river and it is accessible. This will also serve as the Forest Church for October.

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

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) 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 available for purchase in the RJC dining hall. More info at 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/table or \$200/table available Oct. 2. Call (306) 232-4222 or visit rjc.sk.ca to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MCC Connects: Sept. 30 marks the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, and in honor of this day we encourage your church community to attend reconciliation events in your area or to watch the film Reserve 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies at this link: <https://www.reserve107thefilm.com/>.

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 – 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.

CMU Discover Day – Full or half-day options on Oct. 20. Prospective students tour the CMU campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, ask questions and have lunch and treats on us! Visit cmu.ca/experience.

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 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.

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NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

September 24, 2023

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come, Christians, Join to Sing VT #28

Call to Worship

He came down STJ #31

Offering

Help us to help each other HWB #362/VT #722

Scripture: Luke 4:14-22a

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

Meditation: "Living for Jesus- care for the poor and oppressed"

Sing a New World into Being VT #809

Pastoral Prayer

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises VT #849

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Leona Ewert

Sound – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

Pianist – Heather Kroeker

Visuals – Friesen Family