

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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Pastoral office hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 1:00-4:00 p.m. begin Oct 17.

### LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$3020.00 Non-Budget \$1210.00 Attendance – 50

### NEXT SUNDAY (International Witness Sunday)

Meditation – De Jong video sermon Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

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

**TODAY:** 3:00 p.m. – North Star is invited to join PLCF for a Thanksgiving celebration with Thanksgiving dinner to follow. Dessert contributions would be welcome. See poster for more information.

### **THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

***Lisa will be away from the office from this afternoon until Mon., Oct. 16.***

#### Thursday, October 12

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

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

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

#### Sunday, October 15

10:00 a.m. – Mission Fest - 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.

#### Tuesday, October 17

Koinonia service evening at Community gift & thrift. Meet at 5:30 for a short meeting and devotional. Please bring your own supper. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

#### Sunday, October 22

10:00 a.m. – MCC Sunday. MCC (Erika Thorgersen & Karla Koehn) are preparing a hands-on worship service for us, including stories from Karla's recent material resource trip to Zambia, as well as packing some MCC kits. Service followed by a potluck.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- 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**

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, stir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

(by Samuel F. Pugh)

**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/store/thetable2023skhub>

**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:** CMU Discover Day – Full- or half-day options available on October 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](http://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](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).

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Thanksgiving Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*For God so loved us  
For the beauty of the earth*

Call to Worship

Prayer

*Come, ye thankful people come* HWB #94

Litany of Thanksgiving (inspired by Psalm 96)

*Offering – How Great Thou Art*

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

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

Meditation: "Living Gratitude"

*Now thank we all our God* HWB #86  
*Jesus, we just want to thank you*

Congregational Prayer

*We gather together* HWB #17

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel  
Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin  
Sound – Ivan Bartel  
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen  
Worship Leader – Irene Bartel  
Pianist – Chris Bergen  
Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr