

### **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

#### LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$1330.00 Attendance – 40

#### NEXT SUNDAY (Advent 1)

Christmas Hymn Sing Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel

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

Thursday, November 30

2:00 p.m. – Funeral service for Marlys Jantz.

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

Sunday, December 10

10:00 a.m. – Advent 2: Communion will be served during worship.

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. – Advent 4: Christmas brunch potluck in the church basement.

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve service.

Sunday, December 31

3:00 p.m. – Joint service with PLCF. There will be no morning worship.

Monday, January 15

7:30 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting.

Monday, January 22

7:30 p.m. – NSMC Annual Meeting.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our sympathy is extended to Willis Jantz & family on the passing of Marlys on Wednesday, Nov. 22.
- If you are interested in being on a planning committee for the MC Sask Annual Delegate Session to be held at North Star on March 8 & 9, 2024, please contact the office **ASAP**.
- The Community Gift & Thrift is having a Quilt Raffle for two beautiful quilts handmade by our local blanket group. The funds raised from the raffle go towards MCC's material aid and supporting the continuation of blanket making at the shop. Purchase your tickets at the shop. The end date is **December 11th**.
- Check the MCC Christmas Giving Guide <https://mcc.org/christmas> for gift ideas that make a difference in people's lives.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

Until Friday, December 15

Bakeless Bake Sale Annual Fundraiser. Sponsored by Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary. Donations can be made by: Cheque payable to Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary and left at the Community Gift & Thrift Store or the Lanigan Pharmacy Or Mailed to: Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary, Box 76, LANIGAN SK S0K 2M0. Note: Donations of \$20 or greater will be receipted through the Town of Lanigan. See posters for details.

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 p.m. – Canadian Mennonite presents, “Answering the Call: Three Young Pastors Reflect on Ministry,” an online discussion. Guests Curtis Wiens, Kennedy Froese and Elshaday Baraki will discuss their call to ministry and what they enjoy about being leaders in the church. Register today at: [www.canadianmennonite.org/events](http://www.canadianmennonite.org/events)

Friday, December 8 & Sunday, December 10

St. Peter's Chorus presents “The Spirit of Christmas” at Wynyard Civic Centre on Friday and at St. Augustine Church in Humboldt on Sunday. See posters for more information.

Saturday, December 9

Mega Menno Christmas with MCC

Sunday, December 10

3:00 p.m. – A Very Shekinah Christmas with North Sky Chorale conducted by Richard Janzen. There will be a formal farewell for Ron and Sue. Goodies to follow. Admission by donation.

Friday, January 19-Sunday, January 21

Mega Menno Winter Retreat at Shekinah, partnering with RJC High School and Mennonite Church Alberta!

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**Mennonite Action** is holding a national organizing call on November 28th at 8pm EST on Zoom. Mennonite Action is a movement of Mennonites bonded by a common belief that we must be public about our peace values. We believe that Mennonites have a responsibility to use our voices as powerfully as possible for the cause of peace and justice. With your help, over 500 Mennonites from across Canada and the US will join together to grieve the ongoing violence, to call for a ceasefire and an end to the occupation of Palestine, and to gather together as a community to prepare to take action. Now is the time to get involved. To learn more and sign up for the national organizing call, visit [mennoniteaction.org](http://mennoniteaction.org)

**MC Sask Connects:** MC Sask is pleased to announce the hiring of Len Rempel as our new Executive Minister. Len is currently pastoring at Warman Menn. and Pleasant Point Menn. He will replace Gary Peters, who is currently serving as Interim Executive Minister for MC Sask since March 2023. This leadership transition will take place in early June 2024. Watch for more information and a full interview with Len in the next few weeks. We invite you to pray for Len, Pleasant Point MC, Warman MC, Gary, MC Sask Staff, and the Council as we look toward the future.

Sharon Schultz, Interim Moderator, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

Nov 28: Remember MC Sask in your giving Tuesday donations to spread your generosity locally, nationwide and globally. Donate at <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

Shekinah is still recruiting for a permanent full time Executive Director. For more information, please contact Phyllis Goertz, board chair, [p.goertz@sasktel.net](mailto:p.goertz@sasktel.net) or 306 242 8367.

**MC Canada Connects:** Christmas at CommonWord – Christmas Sale is on from November 25 to December 1. Prepare for the season with gift-giving ideas like fair-trade coffee, Advent/Christmas books, other books to gift, and Indigenous gifts. Visit us online at [commonword.ca](http://commonword.ca).

**MCC Connects:** Are you a young adult, or know a young adult, who is interested in being immersed in a new culture, and growing in ways you never imagined? MCC's SALT program (Serving and Learning Together) is a cross-cultural service experience that runs from August to July every year, providing a wide variety of areas to serve in such as education, agriculture, healthcare, information technology, peace, and more. All assignment-related costs are covered, student loan fees are covered, and there are low fundraising expectations. Apply now and learn more at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/volunteer/salt>.

Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development and peace work by participating in our quilt sale! Each of these beautiful quilts have been sewn by generous donors and you can explore the collection of quilts at this link: <http://www.mccskquiltsale.com>

**CMU Connects:** Christmas at CommonWord – The Christmas Sale is on from November 25 to December 1 with seasonal gift-giving ideas like fair-trade coffee, Advent/Christmas books, other books to gift, and Indigenous gifts. Visit us online at [commonword.ca](http://commonword.ca).

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

Sunday, November 26, 2023  
Remembrance/Eternity Sunday  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*My hope is built on nothing less* HWB #343  
*We will follow* STS #40

Call to Worship (HWB #805)

Prayer

*Shall we gather at the river* HWB #615

Scripture: John 14:1-7; Psalm 139:13-18

*Offering*

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

Meditation: "In my father's house"... are many quilts

Celebration of Remembrance

*Children of the heavenly father* HWB #616

Congregational Prayer

*Soon and very soon* HWB #612

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel  
Song Leader – Leona Ewert  
Sound – Will Martens  
Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman  
Worship Leader – Jim Ewert  
Accompanists – Heather Kroeker  
Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel