

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$4435.00 Non-Budget \$1005.00 Attendance – 48

NEXT SUNDAY (Advent 3)

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

TODAY: 2:30 p.m. – St. Peter's Chorus presents "The Spirit of Christmas" at St. Augustine Church in Humboldt. See posters for more information.

3:00 p.m. – A Very Shekinah Christmas. The North Sky Chorale directed by Richard Janzen is bringing the program. A joint choir from Rosthern and Eigenheim will also be participating. There will be a formal farewell for Ron and Sue. Admission by donation. Goodies to follow.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, December 17

7:00 p.m. – North Star Christmas party. Bring snacks to share & board games.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, December 19

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church. Bring snacks to share.

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 the family of Lenora Penner who passed away on Thursday, December 7. Funeral service will be held at North Star on **Monday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m.** followed by lunch at church.

- 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**.
- Purchase your tickets for the Gift & Thrift Quilt Raffle for two beautiful quilts handmade by our local blanket group by **Dec. 11**. The funds raised go towards MCC's material aid and supporting the continuation of blanket making at the shop.

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.

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 p.m. – RJC Christmas Concert. Join us in celebrating the Christmas season with the RJC Christmas Concert in the RJC Auditorium. Admission by donation. Live-stream option will be available.

Friday, January 19-Sunday, January 21

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

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: As you give this Season of Giving, forget the things that you're about to give. And open your eyes to the goodness of God for enabling you to give. Be glad, for not everyone has something to give. Donations to MC Sask spread your generosity locally, nationwide and globally. Donate at <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

MCC Connects: Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development and peace work by participating in our quilt sale- now at 50% off! 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>

Consider giving the gifts of comfort and joy this Christmas season. You can help meet the basic needs of people around the world by choosing from unique gifts such as goats, gardens, wells, and more. Visit MCC's Christmas Giving page to learn more: mcc.org/Christmas

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Advent 2 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

How will we know ... how long?

Welcome and Announcements

He came down

STJ #31

Call to worship (based on 2 Peter 3:8-15)

Leader: Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with God one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

Women: God is not slow, as some think of slowness,

Men: but is patient with us,

People: not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Leader: The word of our God will stand forever.

People: How shall we live while we wait for salvation? (pause)

All: Together we wait.

Opening Prayer

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry *HWB #183*

Offering

Advent Candle lighting

Away in a Manger (verse 1) (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8

Meditation: Advent waiting

Comfort, comfort, O my people *HWB #176*

Communion

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom *VT #196*

Congregational prayer

Come, thou long-expected Jesus *HWB #178*

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leader – John Bartel

Sound – Steven Lehr

Visuals – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen