

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$770.00 Non-Budget \$1700.00 Attendance – 61

NEXT SUNDAY (Advent 2)

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Communion will be served during worship next Sunday.

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. – Forest Church @ Shekinah. Join Amy Peters around the fire to begin the Advent season in outdoor worship. All are welcome!

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

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 17

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

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:

- Willis and his family want to thank his church family for the incredible support during this difficult time. We celebrated Marlys well.
- 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 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**.

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.

Sunday, December 3 & Monday, December 4

Bethany Chorus, under the direction of Duff Warkentin and accompanied by Verna Olfert, invites you to our concert, "Christmas Notes of Celebration" with special guest Wes Froese, on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 and on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. Entrance is by honorarium at the door. Come enjoy Christmas music and sing some of your favourite carols.

Monday, December 4

Join Micah Mission at Wanuskewin for our learning series, Conversations in the Spirit of Truth & Reconciliation, as we dive into the theme of Justice. Cost:\$30.00. Contact info@themicahmission.org for more info. & to buy tickets

Tuesday, December 5

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Youth Farm Bible Camp will host their annual Christmas Fundraising Supper. Menu is Slow Roasted Beef and Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Salad and all the fixings! Admission is by donation. Come support the camp and learn about the ministry.

Friday, December 8 & Sunday, December 10

St. Peter's Chorus presents "The Spirit of Christmas" at Wynyard Civic Centre on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and at St. Augustine Church in Humboldt on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. See posters for more information.

Saturday, December 9

7:00 p.m. – Mega Menno Christmas with MCC. Join us at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon for a night of making upcycled Christmas decorations, Christmas goodies, and considering how we can foster generosity this season. Pick-up is at 9:00pm, contact Kirsten for more information – youthminister@mcsask.ca.

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.

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: 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 3, 2023
Advent 1 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements
O come all ye faithful

Offering

Candle lighting
O come, O come, Immanuel

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Come thou long-expected Jesus

Luke 1:26-38
To us a Child of hope is born

Children's story
Away in a manger

Luke 2:1-7
Silent night

Luke 2:8-16
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Angels we have heard on high*

Matthew 2:1-12
*Good Christian friends rejoice
He came down*

John 1:1-5, 14
Go tell it on the mountain

Congregational prayer
Benediction
Joy to the world

Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel
Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert
Sound – Steven Lehr
Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

Accompanist – Chris Bergen
Visuals – Kyle Toporchak

