

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY January 7, 2024

Offering – Budget \$2550.00 Non-Budget \$1950.00 Attendance – 47

NEXT SUNDAY January 21, 2024

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, January 15

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

Tuesday, January 16

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets at the home of Alvie Martens. New members always welcome. We will meet at church at 1:45 for those who wish to carpool.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, January 22

7:30 p.m. – NSMC Annual Meeting. There are a number of positions open so please consider volunteering your time. Contact the office if you want more information.

Wednesday, January 24

1:30 p.m. – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – an ecumenical service at North Star.

Friday, January 27 & Saturday, January 28

CMU Portable with David Balzer at North Star. We need volunteers to drive and host speaker David Balzer. He will need to be picked up in Saskatoon at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 and a ride back to Saskatoon on Sunday, mid afternoon. We also need an overnight host and a host for Sunday noon lunch. Please contact Donna, Carolyn, Denise, or Tami-Lynn.

Saturday, February 10

10:00 a.m. – Zoom meeting to connect us with Joanne and Werner De Jong and with what is happening in Meserete Kristos Seminary and their ministry in Ethiopia. As you plan for giving in this new year, I want to thank you for the generous and faithful giving of 2023. As of the last report received, all of the expenses of ministry in Ethiopia so far were covered by donations designated to this ministry! We are so grateful to you for continued support! Our fiscal year ends March 31 so I will give you a year end update in April.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85827052381?pwd=bkhBWENaYW5PVUI0SGhYa nRUaERZNz09>

Meeting ID: 858 2705 2381 Passcode: 584480

- Jeanette Hanson

Friday, March 8 & Saturday, March 9

MC Sask Annual Delegate Session to be held at North Star. We will be exploring the theme of Rekindling Relationship. Details available soon!

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to Henry & Beatrice Bergen and daughter Becky and family on the passing of Becky's husband, Roy Niessen, on Thursday, Jan.11.
- If anyone has book suggestions for the church library, please give your suggestions to Carolyn, Donna, Denise, or Tami-Lynn.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, January 19-Sunday, January 21

2024 MC Sask Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre has been Cancelled.

Friday, January 19

5:30 p.m. – Prospective students & families are invited to RJC's annual Open House & "Friday Night Live" student variety show. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. with a school tour at 6:00 p.m. followed by Friday Night Live at 7:00 p.m. Pre-register at rjc.sk.ca/openhouse. Open to students in Grade 7-11.

Friday, January 26-Sunday, January 28

Shekinah Wellness Weekend. Pre-registration is required. Guided activities, both indoors and outdoors, such as social gatherings, interpretive walks, fitness and yoga sessions, and evening campfires, await you. With the arrival of snow, the excitement of tubing adds an extra touch of adventure. This weekend experience is meant to nourish your mind, body, and soul by providing opportunities to immerse yourself in nature, enjoy good company, engage in physical activity and savor nutritious meals. Everything is a choice, and you can choose to relax or embark on adventures at your own pace.

Friday, February 2 & Saturday, February 3

RJC's Alumni & Friends basketball and curling tournament. Play or watch the face-paced action in the RJC Gym or at the Rosthern Curling Club (Jubilee Sports Centre). Cost to play is \$25/person, and lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC Dining Hall on Saturday (\$15/person, 10 & under free). To pre-register please visit rjc.sk.ca/tom. We hope to see you there!

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MCC Connects: Join MCCS for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to learn peace practices for everyday life. This month, Forced to Flee will be facilitated on Tuesday, January 30 from 7-9 pm at the Main Office. All are welcome to experience a simulation that transforms thinking and inspires action around conflict, migration, and refugees. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/transformation-tuesdays>.

CMU Connects: CMU Discover Day on February 2. Tour the CMU campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, learn about financial aid, ask questions, and have treats on us! Visit cmu.ca/experience.

2024 John and Margaret Friesen Lecture Series – “Revisiting the Mennonite Experience in Ukraine,” featuring Dr. Nataliya Venger, Professor of History and Chair of the World History Department at the Dnipropetrovsk University of Ukraine, takes place on Thursday, January 18 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Visit cmu.ca/friesenlectures for more information and lecture locations.

Xplore – CMU’s Xplore extended ed program that 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 February 20. Register as an individual or host a church watch party. For more information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

CommonWord virtual book launch of Rudy Wiebe: Essays on His Works – Join us via livestream on Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 PM CST for a panel discussion with editor Bianca Lakoseljac and contributors Margaret Atwood, Paul Doerksen, and others about the literary influence of Rudy Wiebe. Visit commonword.ca/go/3730 for livestream link.

Full-Time Employment Opportunity – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a full-time Admissions Counsellor (salaried with benefits). Direct inquiries to Michelle Nguyen at mnguyen@cmu.ca. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and accepted until this position is filled. Visit cmu.ca/employment.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, January 14, 2024
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship

Leader: "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

People (singing refrain) "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

Leader: Listen, God is calling you to witness and serve.

John: "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

People (singing refrain) "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

Leader: God has searched for you and found you. God has healed your sorrows and wounds. Open your hearts to God’s magnificent love.

People: Come, Lord, come into our lives. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT #1

Scripture: John 1:43-51

Offering

We will follow STS #40

Let the Children Come to Me (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Meditation: "Guided to Jesus"

Jesus calls us here to meet him STJ #3

Congregational prayer

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore HWB #229

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Irene Bartel
Song Leader – John Bartel Pianist – Chris Bergen
Sound – Kyle Toporchak Visuals – Friesen Family
Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel