

### **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

LAST SUNDAY January 14, 2024

Offering – Budget \$1825.00 Non-Budget \$100.00 Attendance – 50

NEXT SUNDAY January 28, 2024

Meditation – David Balzer CMU Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

2023 Receipts are in the mailboxes

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

Monday, January 22

7:30 p.m. – NSMC Annual Meeting. Please check your mailboxes for the Annual Report Booklets to review and bring with you to the meeting.

Wednesday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 27 & Sunday, January 28

CMU Portable with David Balzer at North Star. He will be speaking on the topic of “Social Media: The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful”. There will be a session Saturday evening at 7:30 and two sessions on Sunday morning – one during worship and one during coffee time. We still need an overnight host. Please contact Donna, Carolyn, Denise, or Tami-Lynn.

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

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=bkhBWENaYW5PVUI0SGhYanRUaERNZz09>

Meeting ID: 858 2705 2381 Passcode: 584480

- Jeanette Hanson

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Lent Breakfast with guest speaker David Hepburn. All men welcome.

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:**

- 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 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](http://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. 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. Lunch is available in the RJC Dining Hall on Saturday (\$15/person, 10 & under free). To pre-register, please visit [rjc.sk.ca/tom](http://rjc.sk.ca/tom). We hope to see you there!

Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10

You are invited to a Marriage Investment Weekend at Watrous Philadelphia Church. See poster in Educ. Wing for details.

## 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](http://cmu.ca/experience).

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](http://cmu.ca/xplore).

MHC Gallery invites you to "From Here to There: A Retrospective in Paint-Clay-Glass," an exhibit that celebrates the life and work of Winnipeg artist Alvin Pauls and features original pottery and painting artworks, along with full-scale reproductions of some of Pauls' well-known mural pieces. Until Feb. 24.

CommonWord virtual book launch of *Rudy Wiebe: Essays on His Works* – Join via livestream on Thurs., Jan. 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](http://commonword.ca/go/3730) for livestream link.

CommonWord virtual book launch of *Unburdened: A Lenton Journey Towards Forgiveness* – Join on Zoom on Thurs., Feb. 1 at 7:30 PM CST for a conversation with author Carol Penner as she prepares us for Lent and a journey of forgiveness and healing. Visit [commonword.ca/go/3610](http://commonword.ca/go/3610) to register for the Zoom 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](mailto:mnguyen@cmu.ca). Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and accepted until this position is filled. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment).

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, January 21, 2024  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord* HWB #76

Call to worship

Opening Prayer

*Let there be light, Lord God* STJ #67

Offering

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16

*Heart with loving heart united* HWB #420

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

Meditation: "Part of God's Bigger Picture"

*One is the body* STJ #72

Congregational prayer

*Bless'd be the tie that binds* HWB #421

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel      Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel  
Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert      Pianist – Chris Bergen  
Sound – Kyle Toporchak      Visuals – Friesen Family  
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen