

### **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

LAST SUNDAY January 21, 2024

Offering – Budget \$1310.00 Attendance – 51

NEXT SUNDAY February 4, 2024

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

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

Wednesday, January 31

7:00 p.m. – Prayer Sisters Game Evening in the church basement. Sign-up sheet for this year is in the Education wing or tell Vicky.

### **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. Registration now open! Go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/11596> for details and to register!

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Our sympathy is extended to Eleonora Schmidt and family on the passing of her son, Tony, on Sunday, January 21. A funeral service will be held at the Nokomis Centennial Hall on Monday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thank you for the prayers and messages of condolence our family received after the sudden death of our son-in-law Roy. Thank you for attending the funeral service or watching online. We feel blessed knowing you care. – Beatrice and Henry
- There are copies of the new constitution available on the foyer shelf. Please help yourself or if you would like an email copy, please contact the office.
- If anyone has book suggestions for the church library, please give your suggestions to Carolyn, Donna, Denise, or Tami-Lynn.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

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>.

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. Deadline to apply is February 15. Learn more at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/volunteer/salt>.

**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 education program begins February 20 with new courses on the life and work of Walter Brueggemann, the Bible and the war in Gaza, and more. Courses are available both in person and online. 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.” This exhibit 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. Exhibiting until February 24.

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).

#### FOR PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS

renew 2024 – Registration is now open for CMU's annual pastor and church leader conference addressing the topic “Leading with Hope in Anxious Times.” Four keynote speakers with diverse ministry leadership experience will offer biblically grounded theological perspectives on hope. In person at CMU and online February 5–6. Visit [cmu.ca/renew](http://cmu.ca/renew) for more information.

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Come, now is the time to worship*      *STJ #9*  
*The greatest command*

Call to worship

Opening Prayer

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      *HWB #37*

Offering

Scripture

*A Little like yours*

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

Meditation: "Social Media: The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful"

*Be thou my vision*      *HWB #545*

Congregational prayer

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*      *HWB #324*

Benediction

Meditation – David Balzer

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Amy Wildeman, Myrven Kline

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

Accompanists – Worship Team

Visuals – Friesen Family