

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY February 4, 2024

Offering – Budget \$1425.00 Attendance – 51

NEXT SUNDAY (Lent 1) February 18, 2024

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, February 13

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

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 p.m. – Koinonia will meet at Irene's. (**Note change of location and time)

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:

- Thankyou for the prayers, messages of condolence and gifts of food our family has received after the passing of Tony. Thankyou also for those who were able to attend the memorial to offer support and comfort. All was gratefully appreciated. – Eleonora & family
- Please check the sign-up sheet on the Educ. Wing bulletin board to see where you can help with the tasks and food items needed for the MC Sask AGM on March 8 & 9. There may be a few changes (more or less needed) when we find out how many are registered.
- MC Sask would like to know **ASAP** how many spaces we have for billeting guests for the AGM on March 8-9 so they can put it as an option. If you can offer any space in your home, please let me know **TODAY** how many guests you can host.
- Rejoice booklets are in your mailboxes.
- If anyone has book suggestions for the church library, please give your suggestions to Carolyn, Donna, Denise, or Tami-Lynn.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, February 13

5:00-6:30 p.m. – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Knox United Church, Lanigan. Adults: \$12.00; Kids (10 & under): \$5.00; Kids (5 and under): Free

Sunday, February 18

2:30 p.m. – Dr. Deirdre Nunan will be sharing at Knox United Church, Lanigan, about her experiences when her work as a trauma orthopedic surgeon took her to Afghanistan – and how her friends and colleagues in Gaza continue to provide medical care while under attack. She will be speaking from her own experiences rather than on behalf of any organization. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and socialize.

Monday, February 19

11:00 a.m. - 4:00: p.m. – Shekinah Winter Family Fun Day and Mega Menno Winter Fun Day! Join us at Shekinah Retreat Centre for a day of fun in the snow. Come and go throughout the day, youth will meet around the picnic tables at lunch for a couple of special youth activities. Contact Kirsten, youthminister@mcsask.ca, for more details. (For details see <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/events-archive/winter-family-fun-day>)

Sunday, March 10

7:00 p.m. – RJC Songs & Sweets. Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at a fundraising concert and cake auction at RJC High School. Featuring performances by RJC Singers & Bass Choir, RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, with special guests Elixir Ensemble: chamber music for piano & strings. The evening will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery. YOU are invited to sing in the alumni & friends choir. One rehearsal will take place at RJC the afternoon before the event on March 10. Email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca if you would like to participate in the choir. Rush table seating, no tickets required. More information available at rjc.sk.ca/sweets.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Shekinah asks for continued prayers. We are grateful to Amy Peters for her excellent work as Interim Executive Director from October to January. Please keep Audrey Kampen in your prayers as she takes on the role of Interim Executive Director. While we are grateful for all who have helped as we continue to search for a permanent full time Executive Director, constantly changing who is in the position has its drawbacks.

The Youth Farm Bible Camps 3E Internship Program has recently returned from Spain and will be leaving soon to serve in Nicaragua. The 3Es of the program stand for Equip, Empower and Extend. Equip is all about spiritual formation and the trip to Spain was a journey for the soul. Learn about it from the blogs at <https://www.3einternship.com/blog>

MC Canada Connects: Join MC Canada Climate Action and Indigenous Relations for a joint nationwide, online book study – Thursdays, March 7-April 11, 7 p.m. CDT (8 ET / 6 MT / 5 PST). More info and registration (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/31851>). “This book study will reveal how climate activism is inseparable from Indigenous justice and will deepen your commitment to solidarity with Indigenous peoples.”

MCC Connects: Experience the joy of giving this winter! Join MCC in spreading warmth and comfort by contributing a handmade comforter. Our goal is to donate 7,000 blankets to countries including Iraq, Syria, and Ukraine by February 29. Be a part of the Great Winter Warm-Up and make a difference! Please visit this link for more details: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up>

MCC is looking for fabric, as well as sewists, to sew essential items for material resources like comforter tops, kit bags, baby gowns, t-shirts, and reusable menstrual pads. If you have a passion for sewing and have some time or fabric to spare, or know someone who does, join us in stitching together for a cause! For more information on how you can contribute to this rewarding initiative, please contact Karla Koehn at 306-665-2555.

Join MCCS for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to learn peace practices for everyday life. 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: Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended education program begins February 20 with courses such as “Reconciling Witness in a Polarized World”, “Creating a Spiritual Container for Values and Practices”, “Disability, Theology, and the Church” and “The Letter to the Ephesians”. Courses are available both in person and online beginning February 15. Register as an individual or host a church watch party. For more information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

CommonWord - Virtual launch of the Together in Hope resource collection for facing the climate crisis. On Thursday, February 29, 7:30 PM (CST) join the members of the MCCCanada Climate Action group as they launch a new collection of resources designed to help us walk together to face the climate crisis in hope. Register for the Zoom event at commonword.ca/go/3801.

Midwinter Together: An Evening of Food, Music, and Books for CMU-era alumni (2000-present) on Friday, March 1 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Support student bursaries and reconnect with friends old and new. CMU faculty are hosting a banquet down the first floor of the castle building, followed by visiting in the Blaurock Café with music from CMU alumni Jesse Krause, Thomas Krause, and friends. Space is limited. For information and tickets visit cmu.ca/midwinter-together.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Jesus calls us here to meet him STJ #3

Call to worship

Prayer

Praise with joy the world's Creator STJ #16

Offering

Let justice flow like streams STJ #66

Reading from God's word: James 2:15-17; Matthew 25:35

Sharing experience - Canadian Food Grains Bank tour to Malawi

Brothers and sisters of mine HWB #142

Congregational prayer

Lord, whose love in humble service HWB #369

Benediction

Sharing – Denise Bartel

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leader – John Bartel

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen