

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY February 11, 2024

Offering – Budget \$2445.00 Non-Budget \$650.00 Attendance – 53

NEXT SUNDAY (Lent 2) February 25, 2024

Meditation – Rose Graber Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

There will be a blessing for PLCF and a

potluck lunch following the morning worship next Sunday, Feb. 25

TODAY: 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.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Lisa will be away on vacation from Wed., Feb. 21-Mon., Feb. 26.

Tuesday, February 20

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

Thursday, February 22

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Lanigan Lodge. Everyone welcome.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, March 3

10:00 a.m. – Child dedication service for Eliza Toporchak.

Friday, March 8 & Saturday, March 9

Everyone is invited to the MC Sask Annual Delegate Session to be held at North Star. We will be exploring the theme of Rekindling Relationship. A working copy of the report book is now available and Registration is open! Go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/11596> for details and to register!

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- 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 delegate session. 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 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.
- You are welcome to join Lisa and others for a time of quiet reflection and prayer for our church at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster on April 22-23. Come for a few hours or overnight. If you would like overnight or meal accommodations, please let Lisa know asap so she can make arrangements.
- Vic & Chris send their greetings and an update on their activities is posted on the bulletin board.
- Hope Aldred sends her greetings to the North Star family.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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. Come out and enjoy sledding down Quill Hill, broomball, snow shoeing and more. Make sure to bring your own lunch and water bottle, we'll attempt to gather at the picnic tables by the Chalet at 1:30pm for some special Mega Menno games. Contact Kirsten, youthminister@mcsask.ca, for more details. (For details see <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/events-archive/winter-family-fun-day>)

Friday, March 8-Sunday, March 10

SMYO leadership event for gr. 10-12, in Drake, SK. Partnering with this year's Annual Delegate Sessions, this is a weekend for senior youth to learn more about the church, get involved, and share their gifts in worship on Sunday morning at North Star Mennonite. Accommodations, food, and transportation are provided. Registration via email is required, ideally no later than March 1. All youth in gr 10-12 are welcome.

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.

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>).

MCC Connects: 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. This month, Training Active Bystanders (TAB) will be facilitated on Tues., Feb. 27 from 7-9 pm at the Main Office. All are welcome to experience a training that helps participants interrupt harm-doing to help people in need. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more info. and to register, visit: <https://mcc.org/events/transformation-tuesdays>

CMU Connects: Xplore – CMU’s Xplore extended education program begins Feb. 20 with courses available both in person and online beginning Feb. 15. Register as an individual or host a church watch party. Visit cmu.ca/xplore.

CommonWord - Virtual launch of the Together in Hope resource collection for facing the climate crisis. Thurs., Feb. 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.

Peace & Possibility, Part I: Tune into a live web event with Maoz Inon, an Israeli peace and tourism entrepreneur with strong Mennonite links. Since his parents were killed by Hamas, Inon’s message of peace has drawn the attention of international media. Feb. 21, 11 a.m. CT.

Peace & Possibility, Part II: Raja Khouri is a Palestinian-Canadian; Jeffrey Wilkinson is an American Jew. Hear them discuss their 2023 book, *The Wall Between: What Jews and Palestinians Don’t Want to Know About Each Other*. Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. CT. Hosted by Canadian Mennonite, Anabaptist World and the Palestine-Israel Network. See canadianmennonite.org/events.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Lent 1 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

God is here among us HWB #16

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

I know not why God’s wondrous HWB #338

Offering/Thy word

Prayer of Confession

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

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

Meditation: “Christ Among us, on this Journey”

When we walk with the Lord HWB #544

Congregational prayer

I am weak and I need thy strength HWB #553

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Sound – Ivan Bartel
Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen
Accompanists – Worship Team
Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel