

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY January 28, 2024

Offering – Budget \$1240.00 Non-Budget \$1200.00 Attendance – 50

NEXT SUNDAY February 11, 2024

Meditation – Denise Bartel (Sharing Can. Food Grains Bank tour to Malawi)

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. – Forest Church at Shekinah Give praise to the one who created these beautiful winter days! All are welcome!

THIS WEEK 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

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

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:

- 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.
- 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 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

MC Sask Connects: 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>

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. 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:

Discover Music Day – Prospective music or music therapy students are invited to learn more about studying music at CMU with a campus visit day on Friday, February 9. Visit cmu.ca/discover-days for details.

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.

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.

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 for more information.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

We Praise You, O God
Our God is an Awesome God

Call to worship

Opening Prayer

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Offering

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

They that wait upon the Lord HWB #584*Let the Children Come to Me* (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Meditation: "Mark 1:29-39"

Healer of our every ill HWB #377

Congregational prayer

This Little Light of Mine

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel