

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

LAST SUNDAY February 25, 2024

Offering – Budget \$1725.00 Non-Budget \$400.00 Attendance – 74

NEXT SUNDAY (Lent 5) March 17, 2024

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

**TODAY:** 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](mailto: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](http://rjc.sk.ca/sweets).

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Thank you to all volunteered to help with the ADS this week. All was much appreciated by the MC Sask family that participated in the sessions.
- 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.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

#### Tuesday, March 19

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Youth Farm Bible Camp Annual Vereniki Fund Raiser. Admission is by donation and the menu includes Vereniki (two types), Farmer Sausage, Cream Gravy, Fruit Sauces, Coleslaw, and soft serve ice cream. More information at <https://www.yfbc.ca/march> and read an article about how Anabaptist Theology impacts Spiritual Formation at YFBC (same link).

#### Saturday, April 6

6:00 p.m. – Shekinah Retreat Centre and Carmen Corner Meats are "Puttin on the Ribz '24. For more information and to purchase tickets see [shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://shekinahretreatcentre.org) or call (306) 945-4929.

## **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** You are invited to join Give it up for the Earth! It's a national faith-in-action campaign during Lent 2024, that raises awareness about the climate crisis and mobilizes people across Canada to make a difference through:

- Pledging to reduce personal and household emissions
- Committing to include God's creation in our prayer and our spiritual understanding
- Connecting with Indigenous communities around creation care
- Calling on the federal government to set more scientifically realistic emissions targets and to plan for a truly just transition, through a letter-writing campaign. More at <https://cpj.ca/fortheearth/>

**MC Canada Connects:** Mennonite Church Canada is urgently appealing for relief funds for Meserete Kristos Church (MKC) in Ethiopia. MKC leaders and adherents have lost their lives in the crossfire of a violent tribal conflict that began in the western region of Ethiopia in 2018. Civil war, drought and continuing violence have led to severe hardship for MKC congregations and leaders in the area. Please consider donating to help them: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/MKC-relief>

Give it up for Lent. Consumption. Our North American habits of over consumption are responsible for driving much of our Climate Change woes, by way of producing, transporting, disposing of waste created, and by supporting unjust employment practices around the globe. Annie Leonard explained it well, back in 2007 in this engaging video:

<https://www.storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/>

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:** Save the date! MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 15** at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon. Stay tuned for more information and visit the website at this link: <https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>

Attention gardeners! Do you start your plants from seed? If yes, then this message is for you - we are bringing the plant sale back to the MCC Relief Sale Festival and would love for you to help us out by donating bedding plants, vegetable plants, shrubs, house plants or any other plants you love. Plant a few extra seeds, donate them to MCC and make a difference. If you are interested in partnering with us in this way, please contact Phyllis Goertz at [p.goertz@sasktel.net](mailto:p.goertz@sasktel.net) or call the office at 306-665-2555. Keep an eye on our website [mccskreliefsale.com](http://mccskreliefsale.com) for more updates.

**NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Lent 3 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship* STJ #9

*Oh, How Good It Is*

Call to Worship

*A Little Like Yours/Offering*

*Let the children come to me* (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Scripture: Romans 12:4-5

*We Are One in the Spirit* VT #387

Meditation: "Rekindling Relationships"

*Oh, How Good It Is*

Congregational prayer

*There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* VT #828

Benediction

Meditation – Kirsten Hamm-Epp      Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leaders – Tami-Lynn Lehr/Kirsten Hamm-Epp

Accompanists – Worship Team

Sound – Will Martens

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman