

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY March 10, 2024

Budget – \$3065.00 Non-Budget – \$1755.00 Attendance – 54

NEXT SUNDAY (Palm Sunday) March 24, 2024

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

There will be a child dedication service for Eliza Toporchak during the worship service. Remember to support Kyle, Vicky and family in your prayers.

TODAY: 7:00 p.m. Celebrating the Saints! Mega Menno event. We'll meet at at Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon (use the side door by the Sunday School wing) and are really excited for fun night as we learn about Saint Patrick and other saints.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Friday, March 29

10:00 a.m. – Good Friday Walk with the Cross in Lanigan. Hosted by the Lanigan & Area Ministerial. See poster for more information.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- 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 or call (306) 945-4929.

Saturday, April 20

7:00 p.m. – Mega Menno Party with the Poovongs! At Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon.

Friday, May 17-Sunday, May 19

Mega Menno Retreat 2.0 at Shekinah.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Join in a global movement of prayerful pilgrimage in solidarity with the people of Gaza and all those caught in violence since October 7. Over two days, March 23-24, we will walk the length of Gaza in and around Saskatoon, beginning and ending at First Mennonite Church, as part of the global Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage. Visit Details available at <https://mcsask.ca/gazapeacepilgrimage> or email Josh Wallace at churchengagement@mcsask.ca for more details.

The Shekinah board is pleased to announce that Sharon Murugiah will be starting as permanent full time Executive Director on March 4. Sharon worked for many years in Sri Lanka with World Vision's child sponsorship program. He has an MBA, a Project Management certificate and a diploma in IT networking. His skills will be well used at Shekinah. We are grateful for this answer to prayer. Please join the board in welcoming and supporting Sharon to this important role in our church community.

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/>

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 or call the office at 306-665-2555. Keep an eye on our website mccskreliefsale.com for more updates.

Call to Worship (based on Jeremiah 31:31–34; John 12:20–33)

Leader: “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord!’ because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest.”

People: This new covenant is being offered to us.

Leader: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

People: Death must come before resurrection. A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can become life for many.

All: This new covenant is being offered to us: to lay down our life and follow.

Leader: The life-giving ways of God placed within our minds and written on our hearts, where we are forgiven and our sins remembered no more, where we are God’s people and God is our God.

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Sunday, March 17, 2024

Lent 5 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

*New earth, heavens new
Jesus, be the center*

*HWB #299
STS #31*

Call to Worship (based on Jeremiah 31:31–34; John 12:20–33)

O Love that will not let me go

HWB #577

Prayer of Confession (adapted from Psalm 51)

Leader: O God, we gather before you, seeking your mercy. Hear us, we pray.

People: We confess that we sin against you.

Leader: O God, wash us, make us clean, create in us a new spirit.

People: Stay close to us, restore us to your truth.

All: So that we can cry out with joy, cleansed in your abundant mercy.

Offering

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

Scripture: Psalm 119:9–16; Hebrews 5:5–10

Meditation: “Christ among Us, the New Covenant”

In the bulb there is a flower

HWB #614

Congregational prayer

Here I am, Lord

VT #545

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen

Song Leader – Leona Ewert

Sound – Will Martens

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Pianist - Heather Kroeker

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel