

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY March 17, 2024

Budget – \$970.00 Non-Budget – \$1000.00 Attendance – 38

NEXT SUNDAY (Easter Sunday) March 31, 2024

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6:00 p.m. – We will have a light supper together with a worship service and communion. There is a sign-up sheet for sandwiches on the education wing bulletin board.

Good Friday, March 29

10:00 a.m. – Walk to the Cross hosted by the Lanigan Area Ministerial. Please come to the vacant lot beside the Thrift Store if you are walking or go to the Lanigan Community Centre at 10:00 a.m. Both groups will be engaged in worship and end together as we remember how much Jesus loves us. See the poster for more information.

Easter Sunday, March 31

6:30 a.m. – Sunrise service at Ivan and Irene's. Enjoy a campfire, scripture reading and singing. Bring something to share for a simple breakfast at the farm.

10:00 a.m. – We will have a special Easter Sunday worship service at the regular time. There will be NO Sunday School for the children.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, April 14

10:00 a.m. – We will celebrate the birth of Eliza Rose Toporchak with a child dedication during the morning worship. Remember to support Kyle, Vicky and family in your prayers.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to Betty Ann Howat and family on the passing of husband and father, Gordon Howat, on Friday, March 15.
- Our congratulations to Brad & Rachel Bergen on the birth of their daughter, Autumn Faith, on Sunday, March 17.

- Harold Regier and Edith Fransen have requested to have dual membership in North Star and Nutana Park Mennonite Church, understanding that they will be worshipping and being part of the Nutana Park community and congregation. They will be received as members on Sunday, April 7. We wish them God's blessing as they join with a new church family.
- 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:

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: For highlights, pictures and documents from the 2024 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions visit <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602>

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: As part of the Climate Action for Peace campaign, MCC has put together a free calendar of climate actions you can take each day in the month of April. Visit this link for actions, prayers, and other activities that can help address climate change: <https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/climate-change/climate-action-peace/get-involved/month-climate-action-peace>

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.

CMU Connects: Germinating Conversations: Sustainable Food Production – CMU invites you to join Dr. Mario Tenuta and three farmer respondents in a conversation on soil, fertilizer, greenhouse gases, and climate change on Friday, April 5 at 7:00 PM in CMU's Great Hall and online. Presented by CMU, MCC, Foodgrains Bank, and A Rocha Canada. Visit cmu.ca/events.

Full-Time (Permanent) Employment Opportunity – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Residence Director (full-time, salaried with benefits). Visit cmu.ca/employment for details on this and other employment opportunities.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

Oh how good it is

Call to Worship

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Christ among us, humble and riding on a donkey.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Christ among us, God's light shining on us!

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Christ among us, showing the way of a servant.

Hosanna, loud hosanna

HWB #238

Scripture: Mark 11:1–11 (Dramatized reading)

Majesty/Palm Branch procession (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: When we get caught up in embracing the world's power,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we lose sight of the humble donkey and put our trust in horses of war,

People: remind us of this Palm Sunday.

Leader: When we begin to get sucked into the darkness of the "now,"

People: bring us once again the peace of looking toward the "not yet."

Offering

Scripture: Philippians 2:5–11

Meditation: "Christ among Us, the Way of a Servant"

All hail the power of Jesus name

HWB #106

Congregational prayer

My soul cries out

VT #412

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Will Martens

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen