

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 4) March 10, 2024

Meditation – SMYO Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. – Forest church at Shekinah explores themes of Lent in outdoor worship with guidance from Ric Driediger. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 a.m. – Koinonia will meet at church for spring cleaning before the ADS on March 8-9. Anyone interested in helping with the project is welcome to join. Come for as much time as you can manage. Bring a bag lunch and cleaning supplies of your choice.

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. A resolution has been put forward by the MC Sask Camps Subcommittee. Their report and the resolution can be found on pages 12 & 13 of the 2024 MC Sask ADS Report Book which can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11596>. You are encouraged to review the report and resolution prior to the ADS Sessions. **Friday evening worship is open for anyone to attend. If you are planning to attend any of the Saturday sessions you must register even if you are not a delegate (including volunteers).** Go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/11596> for details and to register!

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.

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.
- 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.
- All is well here. I've had a bad chest cold but am feeling improved. We went on an overnight trip to a remote mountain village which was quite an experience. We will share about it sometime. We feel God's presence here so clearly and pray that you and Prairie Light will have a meaningful time of worship and blessing together tomorrow!
- Vic and Chris

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects:

MC Canada Connects: 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/>

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.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

All: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.

Leader: We speak because you spoke first, bringing voice to the brightness of the sun and singing the airy darkness of the sky. You spoke this earth from end to end, and speaking must have given you pleasure, for you said, "It was good."

People: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.

Leader: Year after year you have poured forth speech: passing stories and statutes down through hands and lips. From you we learned to speak, and speaking, we spoke to you— singing songs of consolation that would become your psalms to us; writing poems our children's children would hear as the voice of God.

People: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.

Leader: Your law, O Lord, is perfect. Your Word is the one that endures. We seek the grammar of your justice in the words that you spoke before. Speak here now; speak here once more.

All: And may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God. Amen.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Lent 3 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Here in this place HWB #6
My hope is built on nothing less HWB #343 v.1,2,3

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19) (on back page)

Offering

Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 19)

Leader: We often miss the beauty in your work, God.

People: Forgive our distracted hearts.

Leader: When we put our trust in other things,

People: remind us of your love and care.

All: Bring joy to us once again.

Leader: May the meditations of our hearts

People: be pleasing on your sight,

All: our Rock and our Redeemer.

Jesus, friend so kind and gentle HWB #621

Children's story

Child dedication

Jesus loves me (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

Meditation: "Christ among us, showing us the way"

I know not why God's wondrous HWB #338

Congregational prayer

Go now in peace

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Will Martens

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen