

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY April 7, 2024

Budget – \$2200.00 Non-Budget – \$600.00 Attendance – 43

NEXT SUNDAY April 21, 2024

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, April 16

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church to make MCC Kits.

Thursday, April 18

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Lanigan Lodge. *Note date change.
Everyone welcome.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Ann Bartel who passed away in Coaldale, AB on Saturday, April 6. Her funeral service will be held at North Star on Saturday, May 25.
- Please check the Lost & Found bin in the Education Wing for items you may be missing. Anything not claimed by **April 30** will be donated to the Thrift Store.
- Minutes of the North Star Board meetings are posted on the bulletin board. The minutes will no longer be put in your mailboxes but if you would like a copy, please contact the office.
- The worship team encourages all Care Groups to lead us in the sermon part of Sunday worship one time this year. So put on your thinking caps and discuss at your next care group meeting how this might look for your group. Pick a Sunday in July, August or September. Let Lisa or one of us know what Sunday would work for you. Thanks. - Lisa, Donna, Gayle and Irene
- You are welcome to join Lisa & others for a time of quiet reflection and prayer for our church at St. Peter's Abbey, 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:

Friday, April 19

7:00 p.m. – Mega Menno Event – Party with the Poovongs! Meet MC Canada Witness Worker Tom Poovong and his co-workers, Pastors Khampane and Thippawan. We'll hear about life in Thailand, and learn some Issan worship and dance moves, and share some of our own favourite worship songs as well.

Sunday, April 21

3:00 p.m. – RJC at CAMS National Music Festival in Winnipeg. Gala Concert, Jubilee Place (MBCI). Watch livestream of concert at <https://www.youtube.com/@mennonitebrethrencollegiat1882>

Friday, May 3

1:30 p.m. – Please join us at Knox United Church, Lanigan for World Day of Prayer 2024, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. More information about our service is available from jeanettewarrian@gmail.com. This service is organized by Lanigan and District Ministerial Churches.

Friday, May 17-Sunday, May 19

Mega Menno Retreat 2.0 at Shekinah.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Thursday, April 25, 6-8 pm – Join us at Rosthern Menn. for a dessert buffet. Choose from many delicious desserts, including gluten-free options. Hosted by Eigenheim Mennonite Church. Admission by donation. Proceeds will provide support for refugee families.

Micah Mission, an ecumenical restorative justice organization in Saskatoon, works to transform the lives of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals. This Easter season remember those affected by our justice system as Jesus did upon the cross during the crucifixion by participating in our *Remember Me Campaign on Apr. 28*, an opportunity for individuals or families to simply contribute \$5 towards our ministry so that we can continue providing our programs and services. Learn more: micahmission.org

MC Canada Connects: Please check the bulletin board for updates on Werner & Joanne DeJong's work in Ethiopia. MC 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>

Want to travel to Germany in 2025??

MC Canada is looking for 5 young adults (one per region) interested in representing us at the Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit in Germany from May 30 – June 1, 2025. Application deadline is April 15!

Contact youthminister@mcsask.ca for more information, and to apply go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44786>

MCC Connects: Starting April 22, MCC will be running a ten-week peer-support group called You are Not Alone for women who have experienced abuse in intimate relationships. This will be offered as a hybrid program, participants can meet either over Zoom or in person in Saskatoon for empowering discussions and to receive resources to assist in the healing process. For more information, please contact Heather at heatherpeters@mccsk.ca or 306-665-2555.

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: Let's Get Dirty: The Lowdown on Earth's Fabric in your own Yard – a Face2Face panel discussion on **Tuesday, April 16** at 7:00 PM at CMU and via livestream. Hear from scientists, researchers, and farmers about the untapped potential that's in your very own yard. Visit cmu.ca/face2face.

All are invited to Spring at CMU on **Friday, April 26** at 7:00 PM in the Loewen Athletic Centre. Attend in person or via livestream to hear graduating student presentations and CMU choirs. Reception to follow. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information and for the event livestream.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

Morning Has Broken HWB #648
Spirit, working in creation STJ #10

Call to Worship

Offering – Kaleb Martens Bartel

Children of the heavenly Father HWB #616

Child Dedication for Eliza Toporchak

Let the Children Come to Me STS #47

Children leave for Sunday School (ages 3-12)

Scripture: John 6:1-14

Meditation: "Faith of a Child"

In the bulb there is a flower HWB #614

Congregational prayer

Jesus, friend so kind and gentle HWB #621

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel
Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert Pianist – Chris Bergen
Visuals – Kyle Toporchak Sound – Steven Lehr
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen