

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

LAST SUNDAY April 14, 2024

Budget – \$1520.00 Non-Budget – \$1200.00 Attendance – 55

NEXT SUNDAY April 28, 2024

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Worship Team

**TODAY:** 2:00 p.m. (Sask. Time) – RJC at CAMS National Music Festival in Winnipeg. Gala Concert, Jubilee Place (MBCI). Watch livestream of concert at <https://www.youtube.com/@mennonitebrethrencollegiat1882>

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- 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.
- 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.
- Pastor Norman at PLCF asked that this message be passed on to North Star: *“we were invited to to visit their facility and it just went from there and we praise the Lord for their help that they have extended to us. It’s not always known, but through all the seasons, all the things that we need, North Star Mennonite Church has been so gracious to us and very supportive and we will always be grateful to them. We will always be indebted to North Star and I feel strongly that they are our brothers and sisters in the Lord, connected together by the bond of the love of Jesus Christ.”*

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### Wednesday, May 22

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – RJC Spend-a-day. Prospective students in grades 8-11 are invited to live a day in the life of an RJC student. Shadow a current student, attend class, chapel, a music class, lunch in the dining hall, and an afternoon of activities planned by student leaders. Register by contacting Alex Tiessen at [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca).

### **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.

RJC is hiring a Girls' Dormitory Dean for 2024/25! RJC dormitory deans provide support, supervision and mentorship to students who live in our dormitories and provide leadership to our campus and community programming. To apply, or for more information and a full job description, visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca), or contact the president, Ryan Wood, at [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca).

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](http://micahmission.org)

**MC Canada Connects:** April 21-28 is Earth Week 2024 – Let's get on the map! MC Canada partner in climate action – For the Love of Creation – has invited us to join a nation-wide movement through local actions across the country to pray, learn, and act! Learn more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44769>

**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](mailto:heatherpeters@mccsk.ca) or 306-665-2555.

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.

**CMU Connects:** 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](http://cmu.ca/springatcmu) for more information and for the event livestream.

The MHC Gallery invites you to their newest exhibit, "Into the Night: Lullabies and Morning Songs for a Troubled Earth." Featuring work by River on the Run Artist Collective and special guests, this exhibit runs from Friday, April 19 to Saturday, June 1. Visit [cmu.ca/gallery](http://cmu.ca/gallery) for more information.

Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Residence Director (full-time, salaried with benefits) as well as other opportunities in teaching, Athletics, Student Life, and Enrolment. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for details on this and other employment opportunities.

#### Prayer of Confession

ALL: Faithful One, We have erred. We have caused the extinction of species, of cultures, of language, and turned our backs to your Goodness and each other.

In our darkness, help us find courage to grow in understanding of ourselves, each other, and our blessed Earth. In our mistakes, help us find wisdom to change our ways and make things right. In our guilt and fear, help us find freedom to live simply, speak bravely, and act justly. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

*Jesus calls us here to meet him* STJ #3

Opening prayer

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 96:11-13)

**ONE:** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

**ALL: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

**ONE:** Let the field exult, and everything in it.

**ALL: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord!**

**ONE:** Let us sing for joy before the Lord!

Prayer of Confession (see back page)

*God of the earth, the sky, the sea* HWB #53

Offering

*Let the Children Come to Me* (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Scripture: Psalm 96; Mark 16:14-15

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

Meditation: "A Reunion dinner mandate: Good news for all creation"

*New earth, heavens new* HWB #299

Congregational prayer

*You shall go out with joy* HWB #427

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – John Bartel

Visuals – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman

Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

Sound – Steven Lehr