

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastoral office summer hours: Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

LAST SUNDAY, July 14, 2024

Budget - \$700.00 Attendance – 51

NEXT SUNDAY, July 28, 2024

Meditation – “Summer Psalms 4” Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

You are invited to read Psalm 117 in preparation.

TODAY: 10:00 a.m. – You are invited to the installation of Len Rempel as the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Executive Minister at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Notes of welcome/encouragement can be sent to mcsask@mcsask.ca with "installation" in the subject line.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, August 4

10:00 a.m. – Potluck brunch in the church basement. Everyone welcome.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to family and friends of Rory Anderson who passed away on Tuesday, July 9. Celebration of Life to be held Friday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jansen Community Hall.
- Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for 3 cooks for Wednesday, July 31 and Thursday, August 1 (with the options to stay to help with breakfast on August 2). There is a head kitchen convenor for the week, and several cooks coming from Tiefengrund for the first half of the week. The volunteer cooks are staying in the Timberlodge so that they have access to cool sleeps and warm showers. If anyone is available to help out for a day or two that would be appreciated, please contact Audrey Kampen (audrey@shekinahretreatcentre.org)

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for a energetic and creative personality to lead the Shekinah Summer Camp and Shekinah School Programming. If you are interested and feel your skill sets match the job description, please feel free to apply now. Details can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/shekinahprogramdirector>. Deadline is **July 30th**.

Save the date to Celebrate Shekinah's 45th Anniversary! Sunday, **September 8** from 2:00 - 6:00! There will be singing, activities, craft, farmer sausage on a stick and birthday cake! Watch for more details!

MC Sask Finance Update: Our organization has a balanced budget line (revenues = expenses) of \$555,000 annually, or approximately \$47,000 per month. Our revenue sources are congregations of 70%, individuals 13% and other areas the remaining funds. To date our revenues are 25%, and our expenses are 36% of our annual budget. The good news are our expenses are less than the approximately 50% at mid-year but our revenues are significantly lower. What can the congregations and its members do? Firstly, Thank You!!! to those who donate. We appreciate your continued support of MC Sask. We gladly receive donations from individuals and organizations, with options for one time or scheduled donations. If you prefer to donate by e-transfer or credit card, you can find links on our website at www.mcsask.ca. While you are there check out some of the things that we are doing on your behalf.

Tim Wiens, Finance Chair

MC Sask is pleased to be able to offer four, \$1,000 scholarships to those pursuing Anabaptist education through schools or service programs that offer faith-based training and education rooted in the words and actions of Jesus. Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 MC Sask Education Scholarship. Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is **July 31, 2024**. Visit www.mcsask.ca for application forms and full eligibility details.

MC Canada Connects: In anticipation of Gathering 2025

(<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44877>) in Kitchener, ON, MC Canada has hired Steve Cox as Event Planner and Audrey Wichert as Youth Gathering Coordinator.

You have until the end of July to review Mennonite Church Canada's draft Guiding Ministerial Leadership in Mennonite Church Canada Policy (GMLC). View policy and provide feedback: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/gmlc>

MCC Connects: In its 7th season, Grow Hope Saskatchewan is helping to support the work of MCC and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide emergency food supplies and long-term food security. With your donations, 169.5 of the 428 available acres have been sponsored so far this year! As little as \$15 can provide food assistance to one person for a month, and \$350 can sponsor one acre and support up to 200 people. To hear stories and for more information and to help sponsor the remaining acres, please visit: <https://www.growhopesk.ca/>.

You are invited to attend our 1st annual All-Ages Practice Peace Summer Camp on August 7 & 8 from 10-3pm at the MCC office building (and park across the street if weather permits). Join us for a hands-on summer learning experience focused on peaceful conversations and interactions. Open to all

ages, with engaging exercises for everyone. Perfect for professional development, personal growth, and family fun! Details and registration available at <https://mcc.org/events/practice-peace-summer-camp>

Join The School Kit Challenge in August and help support 24,000 children! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many children can't get the education they need. To learn more about this challenge and to download a fun activity guide, please visit: www.mcc.org/school-kit-challenge
Additionally, here is a link to a 'School Kit Unboxing': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO7NOs7Qrv8>

Are you a young adult, or know a young adult, who is interested in exploring what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus in a complicated world? MCC's Seek program is a Christian discipleship program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for young adults aged 18-20 that runs from January to June every year. All assignment-related costs are covered for this unique opportunity to live in community, dig deep into the word of God, and explore the richness of Cambodian culture. Applications are now open, and the deadline to apply is **August 31**. Learn more at: www.mcc.org/seek

CMU Connects: Pre-sales for MennoMedia's Anabaptist Community Bible have begun at CommonWord. Celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism by purchasing your copy of this commemorative Bible at commonword.ca/go/bible500.

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Sunday, July 21, 2024

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

O sing to the Lord STJ #12 (v. 1, 2, 4 & 5)
I to the hills will lift my eyes HWB #169

Call to Worship

Offering Prayer

They that wait upon the Lord HWB #584

Offertory

Scripture: Psalm 121

Meditation: "Summer Psalms: Where does my help come from?"

Will you come and follow me STS #39

Congregational Prayer

Sent Forth by God's Blessing VT #812

Benediction

Meditation – MCBC (Mary Barg) Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel
Song Leader – Leona Ewert Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Visuals – Friesen Family Sound – Kyle Toporchak
Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel