

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY, September 29, 2024

Budget - \$900.00 Non-Budget - \$800.00 Attendance - 40

NEXT SUNDAY, October 13, 2024

Thanksgiving Sunday

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

There will be **NO** Sunday School for the children.

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. - Forest Church at Shekinah. Ed Olfert will bring stories and reflections and Curtis Wiens will bring communion to outdoor worship. All are welcome!

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Care groups - New groups have been made and you should have received the new list in an email. If you did not receive the email, please ask Lisa. You are encouraged to set the date for your first care group meeting ASAP.
- Thanksgiving display - As per tradition, you are invited to bring your thanksgiving display items (produce, flowers, fall decor, or just a symbol of something you are thankful for) to the church before the Sunday morning service and leave them up front as you wish for them to be displayed.
- Canadian Mennonite subscriptions: All who attend North Star may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite. Please note, starting April 2024, Canadian Mennonite magazine is printed monthly. Current subscribers have the first opportunity to receive one email a week with select stories, interviews, and news from behind-the-scenes. If you already receive Canadian Mennonite as a PDF every second Friday, the new service is already included in your subscription. **If you currently only receive your magazine by mail, don't miss out! Ask the church office to add your email address to your subscription.** We can add up to two email addresses per household. If you wish to continue receiving the Canadian Menn., please make cheque payable to North Star for **\$20.00 by October 20** and mark it "for Canadian Mennonite" and leave it in Mary Jean's mailbox. If you do not wish to receive it any longer, please email the office so we can take your name off the list. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital or both), please contact the office by **October 20**.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Sunday, October 6

7:00 p.m. - Growing Justice: Palestinian Olive Harvest Event: "Biblical History and Promised Land" - A presentation by Biblical scholar Rev Bill Richards: The Ethics of Reading Biblical History: Cover Stories on Stolen Land at Grace Westminster United Church, Saskatoon.

Tuesday, October 15

7:30 p.m. - Growing Justice: Palestinian Olive Harvest Event: "Listening for God's prophetic voice amongst the people of the land" at Grosvenor Park United Church, Saskatoon. Rick Block (SK Regional Rep) and Miriam Harder (Senior Program Officer for the Middle East region) from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will share historical and current contexts from Canada and the Palestinian Territories in how land, identity and conflict can create tragic circumstances, but also springs of hope, resilience, and unity. Hosted by LSRC Just Peace Palestine/Israel working group and the Mennonite Central Committee of Saskatchewan.

Saturday, October 26

RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - The Tonight Show at RJC! With Your Host: Corey Ginther (1990). Join us for an evening of conversations and entertainment with RJC alumni, friends, and students. \$25/person or \$200/table. Tickets on sale **October 1**. Call (306) 232-4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca.

Wednesday, October 30

RJC Spend-a-day. Students in Grades 8-11 who would like to experience a day in the life of an RJC student are invited to join us. Email Alex at admissions@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222 for more information or to register.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC SASK CONNECTS: MC Sask is seeking an Interim Youth Minister/Worker on a contract basis until mid-July 2025. Averaging 10 hours/week, this position will involve coordinate and working with youth pastors, leaders, and sponsors on province-wide and regional youth events such as MegaMenno and youth retreats, including travel to the 2025 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letter and resume to Len Rempel at minister@mcsask.ca. A full job description is available at www.mcsask.ca

MC Canada Connects: Mennonite Church Canada's Joint Council (governing board) meets together in Winnipeg, MB, October 4-6. Pray for safe travels as council members travel from the five Regional Churches. Pray also for God's presence to be felt and wisdom to be known in their discernment.

InCERT – delivered from MC Sask's Climate Emergency Response Team Do you need some uplifting stories about climate change? ClimateHero (<https://www.climatehero.org/en>) has some good news to share. Good news #1: Oslo has successfully implemented a climate budget that helps the city systematically reduce its emissions and improve the quality of life for its residents. Read the story here: https://theprogressplaybook.com/2024/07/26/how-oslo-is-building-a-cleaner-city-using-its-climate-budget/?__s=xxxxxxx

MCC Connects: Thank you to everyone who participated in this summer's School Kit Challenge! With your donations of money and supplies, we were able to send 604 school kits to families around the world who struggle to access basic school supplies and get the education they need. To learn more about School Kits, please visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school>.

The MCC Saskatchewan board of directors is seeking potential members to participate in the governance of MCC resources and activity in Saskatchewan. If you or someone you know is interested in serving the mission of MCC as a board member, please request a board application package by emailing saskoffice@mccsk.ca or calling the MCCS office at 306-665-2555.

CMU Connects: CommonWord Book Launch: Tending Tomorrow: Courageous Change for People and Planet – On **October 17** at 7:00 PM, author Leah Reesor-Keller, Sandy Plett, and Moses Falco discuss pathways for Christians seeking courage amid environmental and social upheaval. Join in person at Marpeck Commons or watch the livestream at commonword.ca/go/3579.

J.J. Thiessen Lecture Series: CMU invites you to hear Dr. Bruce Hindmarsh from Regent College, on **October 22-23** at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM on both days in the CMU Chapel. The first lectures will focus on the spiritual life of early evangelicals (1700s) and its relevance today. The second day will include a presentation (with film excerpts) and discussion on "Amazing Grace" with its author, John Newton. All events are free and open to all. More information and recordings available at cmu.ca/jjt.

Anabaptist Community Bible Have you pre-ordered your copy of the Anabaptist Community Bible? Available in 3 editions at a special discounted price until October 15. Visit commonword.ca/go/bible500 for more information and to place your order.

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Sunday, October 6, 2024
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Morning has broken HWB #648
All things bright and beautiful HWB #156

Call to Worship

Prayer

For the beauty of the earth HWB #89

Offering Prayer

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us HWB #352

Let the children come to me (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Scripture: Genesis 1:24-28; Psalm 23; Luke 15:1-7

Meditation: "National Farmer's Day"

God of the Bible STJ #27

Congregational Prayer

Amazing grace HWB #143

Benediction

Meditation – Kyle Toporchak
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Sound – Ivan Bartel
Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman
Worship Leader – Donna Friesen
Pianist – Chris Bergen
Visuals – Donna Friesen