

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastoral Office winter hours: Tuesday afternoons (1-5) and Thursdays (10-5)

LAST SUNDAY, November 10, 2024

Budget - \$4020.00 Non-Budget - \$750.00 Attendance – 58

NEXT SUNDAY (Memorial Sunday) November 24, 2024

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, November 19

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets in the church basement to share a time of fellowship, reorganizing and do a small craft.

Sunday, November 24

10:00 a.m. – Memorial Sunday where we will remember those from, or with connections to, our community who have passed away during the past year – Lenora Penner, Roy Niessen, Tony Schmidt, Gordon Howat, Mary Ann Bartel, Philip Bartel, Martha Friesen, Wesley Zacharias, Rory Anderson, Kevin Lehr, and Ches Bartel. Please contact the office if there are others you wish to be remembered. There will be a time to name others during the service as well.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Starting Tuesday, November 19, Lisa's office hours will be Tuesday afternoons (1-5) and Thursdays (10-5) for the winter months.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Monday, November 18-Wednesday, December 18

Bakeless Bake Sale Annual Fundraiser sponsored by Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary. Donations can be made by cash, e-transfer, or cheque payable to *Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary*, and left at the Thrift Store, Lanigan Pharmacy, Petals & Paints Or Mailed to: Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary, Box 746, LANIGAN SK S0K 2M0. Note: Donations of \$20 or greater will be receipted through the Town of Lanigan. See posters for details.

Sunday, December 1

2:00 p.m. – The Horse's Mouth (from Humboldt) will be presenting a musical concert: Christmas Celtic style at Knox United in Lanigan. Admission: \$20.00 at the door.

3:00 p.m. – A Very Shekinah Christmas. Enjoy Christmas goodies and the beautiful harmonies of Golden Hour. Funds raised go towards the purchase of additional snow removal equipment.

Wednesday, December 4

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting their annual Christmas Fundraising Supper. Menu is Slow Roasted Beef and Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Salad and all the fixings! Admission is by donation. Come support the camp and learn about the ministry.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Shekinah's firewood blitz: Shekinah has deadfall! Do you have a chainsaw and friends that enjoy spending a few hours out in the beautiful crisp fall air? Contact Kent at 306 945-4929 to let him know when you would like to come out and help prepare Shekinah for winter!

The Youth Farm Bible camp is asking for donations of used Christmas decorations, artificial trees 🌲, blacksmith items, antique bowls, vases, table wear, fabric materials, feed bags, etc to help create a Bethlehem scene at our annual corn maze Christmas event in December. Contact Jacob at 306-212-0325 or jacob@yfbcc.ca

As Katharine Hayhoe reminds us in her book *Saving Us*, the single most effective strategy in addressing climate change is to talk about it. Val Regier of Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon tells about a group that meets regularly to have that intentional conversation. You can read her story at <https://mcsask.ca/Climate-action-group-at-MRMC>

MC Canada Connects: "Bethlehem Then and Now" available for Advent. This series of six short meditations connects the biblical Christmas stories with the contemporary situation in Palestine, including Israel's war on Gaza--a timely reminder that God comes to us in the struggles of human history and personal experience. The seven-page resource can be used for personal reflection and church worship times, or as a seasonal handout in your congregation. It is available as a free download from The Mennonite Church Canada Palestine-Israel Network at www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45062

MCC Connects: Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development and peace work by participating in our quilt sale! Each of these beautiful quilts have been sewn by generous donors and starting **Monday, November 18** you can explore the collection of quilts at this link: <http://www.mccskquiltsale.com>

Consider giving the gifts of comfort and joy this Christmas season. You can help meet the basic needs of people around the world by choosing from unique gifts such as goats, gardens, wells, and more. Visit MCC's Christmas Giving page to learn more: <https://mcc.org/christmas>

CMU Connects: CMU Discover Weekend – Do you live outside Winnipeg and want to learn more about CMU? Come to our Discover Weekend on November 28-30. You'll experience all the excitement of Discover Day, plus two nights in residence and an off-campus excursion to get to know Winnipeg. Visit cmu.ca/experience for more information and to register.

MHC Gallery invites you their newest exhibit "No Place Like Home - Beyond the Walls." Featuring work by 16 artists from the hARTE Trail Studio Tour collective, this exhibit explores the idea that true home is not just a place, but a feeling of connection and belonging. The exhibition runs until **December 21**. Visit cmu.ca/gallery for more information.

CommonWord Book Launch: Ice: Moments: Landscape, Photography, Climate – Join us on **Wednesday, November 27** at 7:00 PM as we celebrate the photographic and scientific work of Klaus Hochheim and talk about what's next in climate change activism and in the astonishing world of ice. Visit commonword.ca/go/3903 for more information and the livestream.

Christmas at CMU – Create your own concert by wandering CMU's heritage building while enjoying music by CMU ensembles, festive decor, cookies, and hot apple cider. **November 30** at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Come between 1:00-7:00 PM and also visit our Christmas Market in Marpeck Commons featuring 20+ vendors and CommonWord's annual Christmas sale. Visit cmu.ca/christmas for details.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, November 17, 2024
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come, Christians, Join to Sing VT #28
O sing to the Lord STJ #12 (v.1-4)

Call to Worship

Prayer

God of the Bible STJ #27

Offertory Prayer

Offering

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

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-19

Meditation: "Living a Life of Holiness"

Let there be light, Lord God HWB #371

Congregational Prayer

Sent Forth by God's Blessing VT #812

Benediction

***There will be a potluck lunch following the service.
Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch.***

Meditation – Rick Guenther Worship Leader – Donna Friesen
Song Leader – John Bartel
Sound – Ivan Bartel Visuals – Kyle Toporchak
Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman