

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY January 5, 2025

Budget – \$2000.00 Non-Budget – \$800.00 Attendance – 51

NEXT SUNDAY January 19, 2025

Meditation – “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR

Monday, January 20

7:30 p.m. – Church Board meeting.

Thursday, January 23

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Lanigan Lodge. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, January 26

Larry Epp will be our guest speaker.

Monday, January 27

7:30 p.m. – NSMC Annual Meeting. Please have reports handed in or emailed to the office by **January 15**. There are a number of positions open so please consider volunteering your time to serve in these positions as well as for sound, visuals, camera, worship leader, song leader, accompanist, etc. We need to have more volunteers trained for these positions. Contact the office if you want more information.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, January 17

5:30 p.m. – Prospective families & students in Grades 5-11 are invited to RJC's Open House! The event will include dinner, a school and dormitory tour and a student variety show, "Friday Night Live". Each stop of the tour will provide an opportunity to learn more about RJC's academics, athletics, arts, faith and community programming, including information specific to our Grade 9 GROW program and other grade-based initiatives. Interested students and families are invited to pre-register at rjc.sk.ca/openhouse.

Friday, January 24

2:00 p.m. – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 service at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Lanigan prepared by all churches in the Drake, Jansen & Lanigan Ministerial. Theme is “Do you believe this?” - John 11:26. Coffee to follow. All are welcome.

Friday, January 31-Saturday, February 1

Join the fun at RJC's Alumni & Friends basketball and curling tournament. Come and play or watch the face-paced action in the RJC Gymnasium or at the Rosthern Curling Club (Jubilee Sports Centre). Cost to play is \$25/person, and lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC Dining Hall on Saturday (\$15/person, 10 & under free). To pre-register please visit rjc.sk.ca/tom. We hope to see you there!

Friday, January 31-Sunday, February 2

It is with much joy and anticipation that we finalize plans for the 2025 MC Sask Youth Retreat at the Shekinah Retreat Centre. We are so excited to have a weekend of worship, community-building, and fun! We hope your youth can plan to join us! This year we managed to keep Kirsten Hamm-Epp around for a little longer as our speaker, and we also anticipate the retreat band (Zac Schellenberg and Clay Buhler) to make an appearance! Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11925>

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Save the date! The MC Sask Gathering 2025 (annual delegate sessions) will be held at RJC High School on **March 7 & 8, 2025**. The theme is "Differences for the Common Good". All welcome to attend. More details available soon!

On behalf of the Bethany Manor Music Committee, we welcome choristers to join us in song beginning **Wed., Jan. 15**. Rehearsals Wednesdays, from 1:30p.m.-3p.m.at 110 La Ronge Rd. We will present concerts on April 5th and 6th under the direction of Andrea Johnson. Please come and join us as we celebrate the gift of song! For further inquiries, please call 306-229-3288.

Beginning on **January 18** the Anabaptism at 500 Read-a-thon will be available to stream online and will conclude on January 21, 2025, with a live-streamed worship/celebration in Goshen, Indiana (USA) as we read together the final passage from Revelations and celebrate the launch of the Anabaptist Community Bible. Available at info@MennoMedia.org.

Please consider the ways your gift to MC Sask extends beyond the ministries within our province to Mennonite Church Canada and its nationwide and international ministries. Together we support the work of International Witness, CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre, Indigenous Relations, and Climate Action. Thank you for being a part of all these

significant ministries. We are currently \$44,000 behind in our budget.
Contributions can be made at <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

MCC Connects: Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development and peace work by participating in our quilt sale- now at 50% off! Each of these beautiful quilts have been sewn by generous donors and you can explore the collection of quilts at this link: <http://www.mccskquiltsale.com>

Mail delivery this Christmas has been impacted by the postal strike, and we are concerned what that might mean for families caught in conflict around the world. These delays can affect the critical support MCC provides – like portable heaters for families displaced by war and facing freezing temperatures. Please consider alternative ways to give: donate online at mcc.org; call us at 306-665-2555; drop off a cheque at your nearest MCC Thrift Shop prior to holiday hours or visit us at 600 45th Street West in Saskatoon. Thank you for everything you've already done to help people in crisis. Your support is needed and deeply appreciated.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, January 12, 2025
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

God of the Bible STJ #27
Oh how good it is

Call to worship (based on Psalm 66)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth,

People: Sing out the praises of God.

Leader: Come all you people and know the joy of the Lord,

People: The love of God is greater than the tongue can tell!

Leader: Bless the Lord all you people, bless his Holy Name!

People: We praise, and worship, and honour, and glorify Your name O Lord!

Prayer

Song of the week
Offertory Prayer/Offering

For God so loved us HWB #167
Let the children come to me (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Scripture: Psalm 150; Colossians 3:16-17

Meditation: "Nurturing our Faith through Music"

Jesus loves even me

Congregational Prayer

You shall go out with joy HWB #427

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr Accompanists – Worship Team
Sound – Steven Lehr Visuals – Donna Friesen
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen