

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

December 22, 2024

Budget – \$3138.00 Non-Budget – \$1300.00 Attendance – 51

December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve)

Offering – \$2010.00 Attendance – 59

LAST SUNDAY (Brunch Potluck) December 29, 2024

Budget – \$1550.00 Non-Budget – \$750.00 Attendance – 35

NEXT SUNDAY January 12, 2025

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. – Forest church @ Shekinah. Come join us around the fire as we take our first crack at the theme for 2025: To Everything there is a Season. All are welcome!

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR

Monday, January 20

7:30 p.m. – Church Board meeting.

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.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Susan Neufeld's Regina address and phone number are available from the church office.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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.

As the year draws to a close, 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> (new)

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
Epiphany Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:00 a.m.
Together on the Journey

Welcome and Announcements

Longing for light

STJ #54

Call to worship (based on Luke 2:41–52)

Leader: Jesus, grant that we may learn from you as long as we live,

People: that we would mature in wisdom and years.

Leader: Just as you listened and questioned, grant us humility

People: that we would sit among the teachers.

Leader: We look to you, Emmanuel,

All: Jesus, teach us how to learn.

Prayer

Love Has Come

VT #258

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Candle lighting

Response: All: As a mirror reflects what is around it, may we have eyes to see what God is doing in our midst, so that we may grow in faith, wisdom, and continued learning.

Thou, O Christ, my Lord and King

STS #35 (v. 1-5)

Away in a manger (Sunday School for ages 3-12)

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Scripture: Proverbs 2:1-10

Meditation: "Nurturing Faith on the journey"

Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

STS #32

Congregational Prayer

See Whose Glory Fills the Skies

VT #274

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Leona Ewert

Sound – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Pianist – Heather Kroeker

Visuals – Donna Friesen

