

### ***NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH***

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

### **LAST SUNDAY February 9, 2025**

Budget – \$2120.00 Non-Budget – \$1500.00 Attendance – 37

### **NEXT SUNDAY February 23, 2025**

Meditation – Len Rempel (MC Sask) Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

**TODAY:** Potluck lunch to follow the final session. Everyone welcome.

### **THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

#### Tuesday, February 18

6:30-8:30 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church. Check emails for further details.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Remember to check sign-up sheets for **Song of the Week** and **Coffee**
- Community Gift & Thrift Board is looking for a North Star member to sit on the board. This group meets one evening every other month. You do not need to know how to write policy or run a thrift store. Board responsibilities are to represent the community. Talk to Heidi Weber for more details.
- MC Sask is looking for people willing to serve on the MC Sask Council as well as someone willing to serve as secretary to the Council. MC Sask Council is the governing body of the MC Sask organization. This council does the important work of collaborating with MC Sask staff to vision and shape the future of MC Sask and provide support for congregations. Council meets 8 times per year and does not meet in the summer. Meetings are typically held in-person in Saskatoon but Zoom options for participation are also available. Council members may be asked to participate in ad-hoc committees or work outside of meeting times (e.g. Camp Study Committee). Please contact the office for more information.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

#### Monday, February 17

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Shekinah Winter Family Fun Day – Tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating and broomball. Bring a lunch and join us in the chalet for hot chocolate!

### Wednesday, March 5

6:00 p.m. – RJC Grade 9 Open House. Are you a Grade 8 student or parent transitioning to Grade 9? If so, this event is for you! Come to RJC's Grade 9 Open House to learn about our Grade 9 GROW program and the unique opportunities you can find at RJC! Register at [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca)

### Friday, March 7-Saturday, March 8

Registration is now open for the MC Sask Gathering 2025 (AGM) at RJC High School. The theme is "Differences for the Common Good". All welcome to attend. Details available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11890>

### Sunday, March 9

2:00 p.m. – RJC Songs & Sweets: A Fundraising Concert & Cake Auction. We invite supporters, alumni and friends to help us to celebrate the legacy of music and generosity with the RJC community. The afternoon will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery, and feature performances by RJC Singers, Nutana Park Church Kids' Club & Choir and North Sky Chorale. Please RSVP for the event at (306) 232-4222 or [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca). We hope you join us for this lively & fun-filled fundraising event!

### Friday, March 14-Saturday, March 15

6:30 p.m. – "Whodunit Extravaganza". Shekinah is hosting its first ever murder mystery night! Doors open at 6:30, buffet opens at 7:00. Guests will enjoy a gourmet buffet while solving an exciting Whodunit Friday evening. After a peaceful sleep in the Timberlodge, they will solve the second one while enjoying a brunch buffet. Registration is \$155 per person. Register at: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/CSI/ShekinahWhodunitExtravaganza>. Deadline is **February 24**.

### Saturday, March 15

6:00 p.m. – "Puttin' on the Ribs" is happening at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Tickets are \$65/person or \$425/table of 8. RSVP by **March 9**. Tickets available at [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org)

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** Praying for each other: In this season of annual meetings, we pray for each of our congregations. May these meetings and gatherings be times of discernment: seeking God's direction and leading as important discussions take place, motions and budgets passed, and decisions made. My God's spirit move amongst us and continue to guide us as a people committed to following Jesus, our teacher, our friend, and our Lord.

**MCC Connects:** Save the date! MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 14** at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon from 11 am - 3 pm. Stay tuned for more information.

Join the My Coins Count fun! Each year, spare change collected by churches adds up and supports MCC projects around the world. This year, donations from My Coins Count will go towards food projects and can be brought to MCC's Relief Sale Festival in June. Please visit this link for stories, photos, and other resources to share with your congregation: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/my-coins-count>

**CMU Connects:** Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Join one or more in-person or online courses beginning February 18 in topics such as loneliness, Indigenous spirituality and Christian faith, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and more. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from the community. For more information and to register, visit [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore).

CMU Open House – Prospective students of all ages and their families are invited to drop in and take a campus tour, browse our information booths, and chat with our admissions team on **Thursday, February 20** between 6:00–8:00 PM. Visit [cmu.ca/openhouse](http://cmu.ca/openhouse) for more information.

CMU Discover Day – Join us for the full day or the afternoon of **February 28** to discover what it is like to be a CMU student. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, and have lunch and treats on us! For more information and to register, visit [cmu.ca/discover-days](http://cmu.ca/discover-days).

Face2Face at CMU | Anabaptism at 500: Commitment to Scripture – You are invited on **February 27** at 7:00 PM to Marpeck Commons or via livestream for an opportunity to investigate the ways the Bible shaped the 16th century Anabaptist movement at its inception and continues to uniquely define the Anabaptist tradition today. Also featuring the book launch of the Anabaptist Community Bible. Visit [cmu.ca/face2face](http://cmu.ca/face2face) for more information

Midwinter Together: An Evening of Food and Music for CMU alumni (2000-2024) on **Friday, February 28** from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Support student bursaries and reconnect with friends old and new. CMU faculty will host a banquet along the first floor of the castle building, followed by visiting and music in the Blaurock Café. Space is limited. For information and tickets visit [cmu.ca/midwinter-together](http://cmu.ca/midwinter-together).

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Finance Director (full-time, salaried with benefits) as well as other opportunities in Maintenance, Social Work, and Biology. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for details on these and other employment opportunities.

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, February 16, 2025  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*This is the Day*  
*Come, now is the time to worship* STJ #9

Call to worship

Prayer

*Song of the week – Whispering Hope*

Offertory Prayer/Offering

*There's a wild hope in the wind*

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

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Isaiah 55:6-13

Meditation: "Working with Words (in the Light of Faith)"

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet*

Congregational Prayer

*Jesus, be the center* STS #31

Benediction

***Everyone is invited to join in the Potluck lunch following the final session.***

Meditation – Paul Doerksen (CMU)      Worship Leader – Donna Friesen  
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr      Accompanists – Worship Team  
Sound – Kyle Toporchak      Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr  
Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel