

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

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

#### **LAST SUNDAY February 16, 2025**

Budget – \$969.88 Non-Budget – \$200.00 Attendance – 50

#### **NEXT SUNDAY March 2, 2025**

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

### **COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

#### Tuesday, March 4

7:00 a.m. – Men's Shrove Tuesday Breakfast. All men welcome.

### **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. 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:**

#### Thursday, February 27

Introducing Reserve 107: A Path Forward, the sequel to Reserve 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies. This documentary shares the ongoing story of the Stoney Knoll First Nation, Mennonites, and Lutherans as they work together to right the wrongs of the past. Premiere showings will be held in Saskatoon at 7:00 p.m. on **February 27** at St. Thomas More College and at 3:00 p.m. on **March 2** at Lakeview Free Methodist Church. Additional regional screenings will be announced. For more information, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/reserve-107-path-forward-premiere-screenings>.

#### Tuesday, March 4

5-6:30 p.m. – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Knox United Church, Lanigan. Adults: \$15; 10 & under: \$5; 5 & under: Free

#### 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

2025 MC Sask Gathering (annual delegate sessions) at RJC High School. A working copy of the report book, complete with agenda is now available! Check it out and register 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:** Pray for our sisters and brothers across the nationwide church as we enter the season of annual meetings. MCBC is holding their annual general meeting on February 22 in Chilliwack; MCM is holding their gathering from Feb 28 – March 1 in Steinbach; and MCA has their ADS from March 14-16 in Calgary. MCEC will have an online gathering in April. May God's spirit be present in the planning and preparations and guide the discussions and decisions at these gatherings

**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:** 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

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).

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).

CommonWord Book Launch: The Word Fulfilled: Reading the Bible with Jesus – On **Thursday, March 6** at 7:00 p.m. Michael Pahl and guests Janessa Naylor-Giesbrecht and Phil Campbell-Enns will discuss how Jesus read his Bible, and what that means for how we should read ours. Join in person or via livestream at [commonword.ca/go/3820](http://commonword.ca/go/3820).

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

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, February 23, 2025  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT #1  
*Jesus calls us here to meet him* STJ #3

Call to worship

Prayer

*Song of the week – All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Offertory Prayer/Offering

*God, Be the Love* VT #43

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

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2; Luke 3:21-38

Meditation: "Finding our place in the Anabaptist Story"

*The love of God* STJ #44

Congregational Prayer

*We are people of God's peace* HWB #407

Benediction

Meditation – Len Rempel (MC Sask)      Worship Leader – Irene Bartel  
Song Leader – John Bartel  
Sound – Kyle Toporchak      Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr  
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen