

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY February 23, 2025

Budget – \$3250.00 Non-Budget – \$300.00 Attendance – 48

NEXT SUNDAY Lent 1 March 9, 2025

MC Sask ADS with Fanosie Legesse, Intercultural Minister at MCEC

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. – Forest Church @ Shekinah. Josh Wallace will be our guide through outdoor worship under the theme "Hope In and Out of Season" based on 1 Peter 3:15 and 2 Tim. 4:2. Come experience the beauty of this late winter season; all are welcome!

3:00 p.m. – 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. For more information, see <https://mcc.org/events/reserve-107-path-forward-premiere-screenings>.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, March 4

7:00 a.m. – Men's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast with devotional by Dieter Penner. All men welcome.

Thursday, March 6

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

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, March 23

10:00 a.m. – Ric Driediger will be our guest speaker. There will be a soup lunch (soup, buns, dessert) following the service. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Educ. Wing bulletin board.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our congratulations to Kyle & Vicky Toporchak on the birth of their baby boy, Dawson J (7 lb. 1 oz.) born February 24. We wish God's blessings for their family as they adjust to the new addition.
- 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.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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 to learn about our Grade 9 GROW program and the unique opportunities you can find at RJC! Register at 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. 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. We hope you join us!

Friday, March 14-Saturday, March 15

6:30 p.m. – "Whodunit Extravaganza". Shekinah is hosting its first ever murder mystery night! Registration is \$155 per person. Register at: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/CSIShekinahWhodunitExtravaganza>.

Saturday, March 15

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

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Can. Menn. Connects: Spirit and screen. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of Apple, Insta and Google.... Canadian Menn. magazine invites you to do a digital detox experiment this Lent. Starting March 5, cut screens back in some way and fill the gap with something holy. Then be in touch. We'll bring detoxers together by teleconference during Lent and report stories in our June issue. If intrigued, see canadianmennonite.org/detox

MC Sask Connects: MC Sask is looking for people to serve on the MC Sask Council as well as someone to serve as secretary to the Council. Please contact the office for more information.

Praying for each other: Please pray for the people of First Mennonite as they welcome their new pastor, Calvary DeJong. Calvary began in his role on February 18. We pray God's blessing on Calvary, his wife Lacey, and their children as they begin this ministry.

MC Canada Connects: Save the date! MC Canada Gathering 2025 July 2-5, 2025 in Kitchener, ON. Theme: Each Has a Gift 1 Peter 4:10.

MCC Connects: Are you or someone in your community interested in working at MCC Sask? We are currently hiring for the position of Communications & Donor Relations (CDR) Director! This management position fosters, nurtures, and expands Saskatchewan-wide relationships to sustainably grow revenue which funds MCC Saskatchewan and contributes to MCC Canada and MCC's global relief, development, and peacebuilding program. Apply online by **March 10** at <https://mccglobal.my.site.com/MCCJobs/s/>

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 a.m.-3 p.m.

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: CommonWord Book Launch: The Word Fulfilled: Reading the Bible with Jesus – On Thursday, **March 6** at 7:00 PM, Michael Pahl and guests Janessa Nayler-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.

CMU Press: Buy One, Give One – CMU Press reached its 50th anniversary in 2024. It has produced over 100 books since its inception. To celebrate, CMU will donate a book to charity for every CMU Press title purchased from CommonWord between January and March. Visit cmu.ca/cmu-press for more information.

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 for details on these and other employment opportunities.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

New earth, heavens new

HWB #299

Call to worship

Leader: We are a covenant people, called to God by God.

Congregation: We are a covenant people, called to Jesus by Jesus, losing our life to gain our life.

Leader: We are a covenant people, called to church by the church, weaving together the strong and the weak, the stranger and the friend.

Congregation: Renamed, reborn, renewed,

Leader: We gather ourselves in the community of believers. We gather ourselves unto you.

Prayer

Song of the week – "Praise" - by Genavieve Linkowski

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore HWB #229

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

Scripture: Acts 1:6-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Meditation: "Gifts of the Anabaptist Church from Global South"

Siyahamba (We Are Marching)

VT #793

Congregational Prayer

We will walk with God

STJ #78

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Visuals – Donna Friesen