

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY March 9, 2025

Budget – \$2750.00 Non-Budget – \$1550.00 Attendance – 41

NEXT SUNDAY Lent 3 March 23, 2025

Meditation – Ric Driediger Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

There will be a soup lunch (soup, buns, dessert) following the service. This will be a Youth Fundraising event to help send youth to the MC Canada Gathering in Ontario in July. Please sign-up on the Educ. Wing bulletin board.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, March 18

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets at NSMC for Spring Clean-Up. Bring your tools of choice. If anyone is aware of an area that needs attention, contact any Koinonia member or leave a note in Lois's mailbox. (Please sign it in case we need specifics.)

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Remember to check sign-up sheets for **Song of the Week** and **Coffee**
- We are missing the Sunday School DVD which contains the stories for March-May. If you know where it might be, please contact the office.
- If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact the Community Life Committee.
- 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:

Wednesday, March 26

5:00-7:00 p.m. – The Youth Farm Bible Camp invites you to our 32nd Annual Vereniki Fund Raiser. Admission is by Donation. More information about the event can be found at www.yfbc.ca/march

Saturday, March 29

9:30 a.m. – Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan at Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre. AGM Session; 11:00 Speaker: Bill Wiebe: Cemetery Research; Noon Lunch (\$20/ticket available at door); 1 p.m. Film: "Where the Cottonwoods Grow" An epic journey of survival, enduring unimaginable trials and the profound complexities of colonization; Tour of the archives. Everyone is invited to attend

Friday, April 4

7:30 p.m. – St. Peter's Chorus Spring concert at Knox United Church, Lanigan. See poster for details.

Wednesday, April 9

9:00-3:30 p.m. - RJC Spend-a-day for Prospective students in Grades 8-11. Experience a day in the life at RJC. Shadow a student, enjoy a meal in the dining hall, attend chapel, explore music, sports, and dorm life. Come and see what RJC is all about and what we can offer you! Register at rjc.sk.ca/spend-a-day.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Through the winter, Len Rempel and Council members have been holding Town Hall meetings in our congregations across the province. It has been a wonderful time of connecting and hearing from many of you. We have set up a web-form so that those who couldn't attend can now respond as well. Please go to <https://mcsask.ca/townhallmeeting> - we'd love to hear from you! The link will be available until **March 17**.

Anabaptism at 500. **Saturday, July 26** 3:00 p.m. Mennonite Youth Farm, Rosthern. Join fellow heirs of the Anabaptist Reformation in celebrating with music and stories the 500th anniversary of the beginning of our Anabaptist faith family, and our 130 years in Saskatchewan. Supper will be available for purchase on the grounds. Bring your lawn chairs.

MC Sask is looking for people to serve on the MC Sask Council and as secretary to the Council. Please contact the office for more information.

Shekinah Retreat Centre is currently looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic Booking Coordinator/Event Host. For details on this full time position, please go to <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/> and scroll down to career opportunities.

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: MCC is looking for volunteers to help this year's Relief Sale Festival run smoothly on **June 14** at Forest Grove Community Church. Volunteer duties may include: organizing food booths, coordinating volunteers, or joining the Relief Sale Committee. If interested, please email Karla at karlakoehn@mccsk.ca. Learn more about other ways to get involved, like contributing to the bake sale, plant sale, online auction, or artisan booths at www.mccskreliefsale.com

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: 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.

20th Annual Verna Mae Janzen Music Competition – CMU's 20th annual event showcasing the work of CMU music students takes place **Thursday, March 20** at 7:00 PM. The concert will feature competition finalists Jacob Kenny, Julia Norris, Allison Ong, Shanley Vogan, and Stefanie Zacharias. Visit cmu.ca/events for more information.

The MHC Gallery: "The Poetry of Painting" – You are invited to an exhibition that combines art and poetry and allows viewers to observe the works, read the poems, and be an audience to others' responses. The exhibition runs until **Saturday, March 22**. Visit cmu.ca/gallery for more information.

CMU Press Book Launch: New & Selected Poems of John Weier and David Waltner-Toews – Join us on **Friday, March 21** at McNally Robinson Booksellers (1120 Grant Ave.) for the launch of two new books in the Lyrik Poetry Series from CMU Press: New & Selected Poems of John Weier (Lyrik Poetry Series 2) and David Waltner-Toews (Lyrik Poetry Series 3). Featuring readings and a conversation hosted by Sarah Ens. Visit cmu.ca/events for more information.

Book Launch and Discussion – The Service of Faith: An Ethnography of Mennonites and Development. You are invited to a roundtable discussion with author, Dr Philip Fountain on **Tuesday, March 25** at Marpeck Commons at 7:00 p.m. Dr Fountain will explore diverse ways Mennonite convictions permeate MCC's work in Indonesia. Visit cmu.ca/events for more information.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Lent 2 Christ Collides...

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Jesus call us here to meet him

STJ #3

Call to worship

One: Christ collides with our thoughts to condemn others.

Many: Put them in their place.

One: Who is more guilty of wrongdoing?

Many: Do you condemn? Should I condemn?

All: For your reign, O God, transform us as we worship you.

Prayer

Song of the week

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand

VT #159

Children's feature (*Sunday School for ages 3-12*)

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Meditation: "Christ Collides with Our Condemnation"

My hope is built on nothing less

HWB #343 (v. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Congregational Prayer

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

VT #568

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Leona Ewert

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

Pianist – Heather Kroeker

Visuals – Donnna Friesen