

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY March 16, 2025

Budget – \$900.00

Attendance – 47

NEXT SUNDAY Lent 4 March 30, 2025

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

TODAY: There will be a soup lunch following the service. This will be a Youth Fundraising event to help send youth to the MC Canada Gathering in Kitchener, Ontario in July. Please make funds out to "North Star Mennonite Church" and designate "Youth". Everyone is welcome to share in the lunch.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, April 27

Baby shower during coffee time for Serena Giroth (born Jan. 24) & Dawson Toporchak (born Feb. 24).

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- We are still on the search for a Volunteer Coordinator to join our team. The position is flexible part-time (0.6FTE). We are looking for someone who has a passion to work alongside our volunteers, training, supporting and recruiting. For full details see the posting online. Vacancy Details. Or talk to Heidi at the shop for more information.

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: 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

For this year's Relief Sale Festival, we are currently accepting items to be donated for the online auction, which runs from June 7-14. These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, and gardening equipment. To donate, please contact Peter Guenther at peter.guenther@sasktel.net

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.

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.

Confession:

All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

Many: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Many: We prioritize the wrong things and the wrong people.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us bring our priorities in line with yours so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

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Sunday, March 23, 2025

Lent 3 Christ Collides with our Priorities

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship and Prayer

One: As we worship, Christ collides with our priorities.

Many: We gather and pause from the important busyness of our lives.

One: Jesus reveals the depth of God's purposes.

Many: Help us come to our senses by your Spirit.

All: For your reign, O God, help us celebrate being found as we worship you.

As the deer

Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand VT #159

Confession (on back page)

Song of the week – Beyond a dying sun HWB #323 – Wes Epp

Offertory Prayer/Offering

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

Scripture: Luke 15:1-32

Meditation: "Where Does Jesus Hang Out?"

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us HWB #352

Congregational Prayer

We will walk with God

STJ #78

Benediction

Meditation – Ric Driediger

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Accompanists – Worship Band

Visuals – Donnna Friesen