

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY March 23, 2025

Budget – \$780.00 Non-Budget – \$860.00 Attendance – 62
Youth Fundraiser \$1660.00

NEXT SUNDAY Lent 5 April 6, 2025

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

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:

- John Bartel has been appointed to a first term on the Lanigan Thrift Store Board.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 5 & Sunday, April 6

The Bethany Manor Music Committee would like to welcome you to enjoy our Easter concert April 5 at 2 p.m. and April 6 at 7 p.m. in the Bethany Fellowship Centre. Admission is by offering at the door.

Sunday, April 6

3:00 p.m. – Forest church at Shekinah. Ed Olfert will center our time of outdoor worship around the well-known lyric: "Gott ist de Liebe, er liebt auch mich!" All are welcome!

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.

Sunday, April 13

7:00 p.m. – Choralations: Unity within Diversity – a concert with North Sky Chorale, St. Joseph High School Choir, LCBI Concert Choir and Valley Christian Academy at Knox United, Saskatoon. See poster for details.

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 will be including local artisans at this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 14. If you would like to sell your goods, tables are available to purchase for \$50/table or \$25/table for students. Each artisan is asked to donate an item for the online auction. For more information, please contact Ernie Foth at urbanwoodshedyxe@gmail.com, visit <https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved1>, or call the MCC office at 306-665-2555. We hope to see you there!

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/cm-press 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 cling to what we have and trust in material things, ignoring the needs of those around us.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us loosen our grip on what we have and challenge the selfishness of our society with open hands so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

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Sunday, March 30, 2025

Lent 4 Christ Collides...

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT #1

Call to worship and Prayer

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

Many: Lord, stir our beings as we turn to you.

One: Lord, shake our perspective as you work in our lives.

Many: Help us center on you!

All: We are persuaded to listen to you as we worship this day, our living God.

Life-Giver, Maker, God of All VT #38

Confession (on back page)

Song of the week – Family of God – Carolyn Bartel

Offertory Prayer/Offering

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

Scripture: Luke 16:19-33

Meditation: "Christ Collides with Our Selfishness"

For the healing of the nations HWB #367

Congregational Prayer

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours HWB #368

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – John Bartel

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Pianist – Heather Kroeker

Visuals – Donna Friesen