

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY March 2, 2025

Budget – \$1670.00 Non-Budget – \$300.00 Attendance – 41

NEXT SUNDAY Lent 2 March 16, 2025

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

TODAY: 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!

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. This will be a Youth Fundraising event to help send youth to the MC Canada Gathering in Ontario in July. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Educ. Wing bulletin board.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Remember to check sign-up sheets for **Song of the Week** and **Coffee**
- 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:

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.cognitofrms.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

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

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: 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 10**.

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 lawnchairs.

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.

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 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>

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 Sask 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/>

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.

The Mennonite Community Orchestra – “Youthful Sounds”, a concert on **March 16** at 3:00 PM at Lutheran Church of the Cross (560 Arlington St., Winnipeg), will feature piano soloist Raymond Ding playing Maurice Ravel's Piano Concerto in G Major, as well as Amy Beach's Symphony. Visit mennonitecommunityorchestra.ca for tickets and other 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 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.

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

Lent 1 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come Away from Rush and Hurry VT #9

Call to worship

Prayer

Song of the week – Amazing Grace

Offertory Prayer/Offering

If you believe and I believe STJ #32

Introduction to Lent/ Children's feature (*Sunday School for ages 3-12*)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Meditation: “Differences for the Common Good”

We are people of God's peace HWB #407

Congregational Prayer

They that wait upon the Lord HWB #584

Benediction

MC Sask ADS with Fanosie Legesse, Intercultural Minister at MCEC
Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert Pianist – Heather Kroeker

Sound – Ivan Bartel Visuals – Donnna Friesen

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel