

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY April 6, 2025

Budget – \$5150.00 Non-Budget – \$1000.00 Attendance – 47

NEXT SUNDAY Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, April 15

12:30 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church to go to Saskatoon to work at MCC. Please let Denise or Sue know if you are planning to attend.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

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

6:00 p.m. – We will have a light supper together with a worship service and communion. Sign-up sheet for sandwiches on the Educ. Wing bulletin board.

Good Friday, April 18

10:00 a.m. – Walk with the Cross in Lanigan hosted by the Lanigan Area Ministerial. Come to the vacant lot beside the Thrift Store if you are walking or go to Trinity Lutheran at 10:00 a.m. Both groups will be engaged in worship and end together as we remember how much Jesus loves us.

Easter Sunday, April 20

5:45 a.m. – Sunrise service at Ivan and Irene's. Enjoy campfire, scripture reading and singing. Bring something to share for a simple breakfast at the farm.

10:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday worship service at the regular time.

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:

- Our sympathy is extended to Bernie Schellenberg and John and Denise Bartel and families on the passing of John's sister, Pat Schellenberg, who passed away on Thursday, April 10.

- We are excited to be celebrating 10 years since we opened the doors to our new building and are having a party! Please join us for our Unbirthday Party, Friday May 9, 7-9 p.m. The evening will be a great chance to enjoy refreshments, door prizes, games and, of course, great shopping deals. Cover charge of \$10 and a special deal if you come in your finest Mad Hatter hat.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, April 22

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Join MCC for Transformation Tuesdays at the MCC Centre, a free monthly opportunity to practice peacebuilding skills. This month, 'Our Shared Future'. All are welcome to this simulation on Earth Day showing the connections between peacebuilding and caring for creation. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://mcc.org/events/transformation-tuesdays>

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Canada Connects: MCC invites your prayers for Myanmar following the magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck on March 28. MCC is responding with local partners to provide cash assistance for immediate medical needs, food, and water. The situation is made even more challenging by ongoing conflict and civil war. Donate today to provide emergency relief to people in need at mcc.org/Myanmar.

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 **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! This year, donations from My Coins Count will go towards food projects. Please visit this link for stories, photos, and other resources. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/my-coins-count>

CMU Connects: CommonWord Virtual Book Launch – Stitched Together by Aimee Reid and A Light to Share by Natalie Frisk. Join us on Zoom on **Thursday, April 24** at 7:00 p.m. CST as we celebrate a fun and uplifting online book launch. Enjoy engaging conversations, a peek into the process, a chance to ask questions and giveaways. To buy or borrow the books, and to register for the Zoom link, visit commonword.ca/go/4209.

Spring at CMU – Celebrate Spring at CMU on **Friday, April 25** at 7:00 p.m. Come for beautiful choral music and meaningful storytelling and reflections by graduating students. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu for more info and livestream.

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 our expectations, and we do not make space for you to challenge them.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us let go of our narrow expectations so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

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Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

Christ Collides...

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rejoice, the Lord is King

HWB #288

A wonderful Savior is Jesus

HWB #598

Call to worship (based partly on Luke 19:38) and Prayer

One: As we worship this Palm Sunday, Christ collides with our expectations.

Many: Have we not collided enough?

One: In deep compassion, our Lord sets out a mission of full life.

Many: Form us fully, Jesus.

One: "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Many: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

All: Our Lord, it is time for you to work in and with us as we worship you!

Confession (on back page)

Song of the week – They that wait upon the Lord – Chris Bergen

Offertory Prayer/Offering

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

Hosanna, loud hosanna

HWB #238

Scripture: Luke 19:29-44

Meditation: "Christ Collides with Our Expectations"

Ride on, ride on in majesty

HWB #239

Congregational Prayer

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

VT #568

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Sound – Ben Martens Bartel

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Amy Wildeman

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

Pianist – Chris Bergen

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel

