

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

### **LAST SUNDAY March 30, 2025**

Budget – \$1160.00

Attendance – 57

### **NEXT SUNDAY Palm Sunday April 13, 2025**

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

**TODAY:** 3:00 p.m. – Forest church at Shekinah with Ed Olfert around the well-known lyric: "Gott ist de Liebe, er liebt auch mich!" All are welcome.

7:00 p.m. – The Bethany Manor Music Committee Easter concert in the Bethany Fellowship Centre. Admission is by offering at the door.

### **THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

#### Monday, April 7

7:30 p.m. – NSMC Board meeting.

### **COMING EVENTS 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 so they can make arrangements.

#### 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. – Good Friday Walk with the Cross in Lanigan. Hosted by the Lanigan & Area Ministerial. Details to follow.

#### Easter Sunday, April 20

6:00 a.m. – Sunrise service. Details to come.

10:00 a.m. – We will have a special Easter Sunday worship service at the regular time.

#### 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 Rueben and Nathan Proseilo on the passing of wife and mother, Irene, on Wednesday, April 2. The Funeral service will take place at Nokomis Anglican Church on Wednesday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m.

### **BEYOND NORTH STAR:**

#### 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](http://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.

#### Saturday, April 26

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Shekinah Spring Work Day. Do you love painting/staining, cutting up and/or splitting firewood, demolishing old shanties, washing windows or pruning trees and bushes? Do you love sharing good food with good friends? If the answer to either question is yes, come out and join us for all or part of the day! Leave a message at the office (306) 945-4929 to ensure we have enough food.

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** 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 invites your prayers for Myanmar following the magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck on March 28. MCC will be 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](http://mcc.org/Myanmar)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/my-coins-count>

### 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 walk through our days with blinders on, unable to see or understand clearly.**

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

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Lent 5 Christ Collides...

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Come Away from Rush and Hurry* VT #9  
*Open the Eyes of my Heart*

Call to worship and Prayer

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

**Many: We want to know you and follow you, O Christ.**

One: Will you cry to God? Will you climb a tree?

**Many: We will journey, scanning the horizon for signs of the kingdom.**

**So much is hidden, and at times we do not grasp what God is saying.**

One: Jesus, show us mercy.

**Many: Seek and save us.**

**All: Jesus, show us mercy.**

Confession (on back page)

*Song of the week – My Lighthouse – Tristan Lehr*

Offertory Prayer/Offering

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

*Will You Come and Follow Me* VT #540

Scripture: Luke 18:31-19:10

Meditation: "Christ Collides with Our Blinders"

*Open the Eyes of my Heart*

Congregational Prayer

*Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* VT #568

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen      Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Steven Lehr

Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen