

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY, August 3, 2025

Budget - \$3870.00 Attendance – 35

NEXT SUNDAY August 17, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Building/Project Sunday. MCC (Erika and Randy) will be joining us to share a little about MCC's local work with indigenous reconciliation. Along with packing international relief kits, we are also invited to assist with packing fire evacuee kits for the thousands of people who have been displaced by forest fires in Sask. We are asked to collect donations for these kits to pass on to Central Urban Metis Federation Inc. (CUMFI). Items in these kits are: soap, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, face cloth, towel, body/hand lotion, chapstick, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, and ponytail holders (plus the MCC relief kit sewn bag). Please bring these items or contribute financially so that items can be available to pack on **August 17**. Donations of items can be left in Lisa's office. If you wish to make a cash donation please have it in the offering **TODAY (cheques to NSMC and marked 'for CUMFI Kits')** so that supplies can be purchased. Along with preparing these kits, we will also have a simultaneous outdoor building project. We will be building 2 benches to be donated to The Food Forest & Healing Centre Coop on the west end of Little Manitou Lake that Maggie BlueWaters shared about with us. Bring hand & power tools to build benches (Joel is our foreman for that, so maybe he has some recommendations).

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, August 21

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

Sunday, August 24

Camp Sunday at North Star.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Please remember the family of Don Bowman as they met this weekend for a graveside service at the Sharon Menn. cemetery. Don passed away on Jan. 16, 2025 and was a faithful member of North Star.
- Rejoice booklets are in your mailboxes.

- Canadian Mennonite magazine is hiring a half-time correspondent to cover B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Applications are due by **September 1**. Spread the word. Details at canadianmennonite.org/jobs.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: RJC Summer Sports Camp **Aug 11-14** for Youth entering Grades 7-12. Register at <https://www.rjc.sk.ca/event/sportscamp/>

The deadline has been extended for the 2025 MC Sask Education Scholarship! Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is **August 15**. Visit <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry> for application forms and full eligibility details.

Do you like to roast your own coffee beans? Level Ground green coffee beans are now available through MC Sask! Not available in stores, green beans are available in a 10 lb box in your choice of Colombia, Decaf, Congo, Ethiopia, Honduras, Peru or Tanzania. The price is \$150 per box. Order yours today at www.mcsask.ca/coffee or call the office at 306-249-4844 ext 3.

MC Canada Connects: Praying for each other: Please pray for our sisters and brothers across Mennonite Church Canada. We are members of more than 200 congregations across the country. We are a diverse group: some congregations have been around for over 200 years while others are just getting started; some congregations are in large urban areas while others are in remote rural communities; some meet in buildings and others gather to worship in nature. Together God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Watch the MC Canada Gathering slide show **"3.5 days in 3.5 minutes"** to get a taste of what happened as the theme of Each Gift was explored at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Kitchener, Ontario July 2-5, 2025. Available at <https://youtu.be/x7yLd11UH88> (**updated**) Also check out the daily newsletters **"The Gift Exchange"** available at <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/28493>

The new Anabaptist Community Bible app is now live and available to download for both Apple and Android devices. Thanks to the generous support of donors who made the suite of Anabaptism at 500 resources possible, the app is FREE for users. Featuring the full text of the Common English Bible, a daily Bible reading, full introductions to each book of the Bible and more! Download the free app today!

MCC Connects: On June 19th, MCC SK and the United Church co-hosted an online event, “**Choking Gaza: Why aid isn’t getting through? What can we do?**”. It was a great event, as we heard about Dr. Deirdre Nunan's experiences on the ground, Miriam Harder's perspective on aid realities, and updates from Victoria Alexander about advocacy at the UN level, as well as meaningful ways we can respond. Mennonite Church Canada PIN's letter writing campaign was among the options highlighted. The event recording is now posted and available for viewing here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJw1t8VmJ-0>.

Sunday, August 17 marks National Thrift Shop Day, a day to celebrate the importance of thrift shops for people here at home and around the world. MCC Thrift Shops are closed on Sundays, but we encourage you to visit your local shop in Saskatoon, Warman, Rosthern, Lanigan, Herbert, or Swift Current the day before for special sales and discounts!

In its 8th season, Grow Hope Saskatchewan is helping to support the work of MCC and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide emergency food supplies and long-term food security. Thanks to your generosity, 40 acres have already been sponsored through MCC this year, but we still need your support. To help sponsor the remaining acres, and to read a blog post with field updates from some Grow Hope farmers across Saskatchewan, visit: <https://www.growhopesk.ca/blog/summer-field-updates>.

Are you a young adult, or know a young adult, who is interested in exploring what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus in a complicated world? MCC's Seek program is a Christian discipleship program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for young adults aged 18-20 that runs from January to June every year. All assignment-related costs are covered for this unique opportunity to live in community, dig deep into the word of God, and explore the richness of Cambodian culture. Applications are open until **August 4**. Learn more at: www.mcc.org/seek

CMU Connects: Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Consider taking a course on depolarization, Anabaptists at 500, understanding Roman Catholicism, the book of Daniel, the book of Ruth and more. Courses begin **September 23rd**. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from your community. For course information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a full-time, permanent Facilities Manager position. Other opportunities include Women's Volleyball Head Coach. Visit cmu.ca/employment for information on all employment opportunities.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, August 10, 2025
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come Away from Rush and Hurry VT #9
Come On, Children to the Gospel Feast

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Scripture: Psalm 23

We Shall Walk through the Valley VT #574

MCBC Video sermon – Summer in the Psalms 3 – Ed Willms

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need VT #640

Congregational Prayer

Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us VT #718

Benediction

Meditation – Video Worship Leader – Donna Friesen
Song Leader – Leona Ewert Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Sound – Kyle Toporchak Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen