

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY, August 10, 2025

Budget - \$2310.00 Non-Budget - \$2575.00 Attendance – 42

THIS SUNDAY, August 17, 2025

MCC Project/Building Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY August 24, 2025

Camp Sunday

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

TODAY: 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 Saskatchewan. We are asked to collect donations for these fire evacuee hygiene kits to pass on to Central Urban Metis Federation Inc. (CUMFI). The 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).

Along with preparing these kits, we will also have a simultaneous outdoor building project. This year 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 make some benches (Joel is our foreman for that, so maybe he has some recommendations).

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, August 21

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

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- 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: 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: 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: 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>.

Join the School Kit Challenge this month and help support 25,000 children around the world! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies, and many children can't get the education they need. To learn more about this challenge, access a fun activity guide, and for details on how to be entered to win a pizza party with your School Kit-packing group, please visit: <https://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge>

CMU Connects: CMU at 25 – You are invited to a special celebration of CMU's 25th anniversary on **Friday, September 19** at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons (and live streamed). Visit cmu.ca/25 for more information.

Fall at CMU – CMU's annual alumni and community gathering takes place **Saturday, September 20** from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Highlights include 30+ craft and food vendors, food trucks, activities and the Bubbleman for children, artist workshops, live music, reunions, an evening Song Feast and the MennoCross cyclocross race. Visit cmu.ca/fall for more information.

MennoCreative Residencies: Canadian Mennonite offers flexible 6-18-month, part-time or full-time residencies for people passionate about journalism, photojournalism, documentary film, podcast and/or graphic design. Apply by **August 15**. See canadianmennonite.org/mennocreative.

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.