

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastoral Office hours: Thursdays (1-5 p.m.)

LAST SUNDAY August 31, 2025

Attendance – 42

NEXT SUNDAY September 14, 2025

Meditation – Jacquie Block (Foodgrains Bank) Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

TODAY: Sunday School begins during worship for children ages 3-12.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Coffee hour in the lobby begins after the worship service. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Pastor Lisa will not be in the office on Thursday, Sept. 11, but will be there on Monday, Sept. 8 instead.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Pray for the North Star students who are starting their school year in Drake & Lanigan and those leaving the security of home to attend school - Jacob Martens Bartel to RJC and Teresa Friesen to Caronport.
- Our sympathy is extended to Jim & Eileen Ewert on the passing of Eileen's brother, Lorne Epp, of Rosthern on August 30. Funeral service was held on Saturday, September 6.
- Song of the Week – We will continue our sharing of songs that are special to us for the words or tune they speak to our hearts and to our memories as our "Song of the Week" segment while the offering is taken. You can find it online, CD, or ask our pianist to play it. Hymns, classical music, worship music, camp songs - any worship song that has been meaningful to you. Lisa is available to help you find the song you are looking for if needed. Every person is highly encouraged to sign-up once in 2025. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway.
- NSMC Care Groups offer mutual support and care to each other. These have enriched the life and community of this congregation. These groups aim to meet monthly in each other's homes to share their lives, concerns, joys and faith with each other over coffee or food. Current groups will continue for the coming year but if you are currently not in a group and would like to join one, please let Lisa know this week.

- As fall approaches, please give some prayerful thought to where you might be able to volunteer your time for Sunday School teaching, worship leading, music, sound, visuals, etc. and email the office ASAP with the dates that you are available.
- Please check the Lost & Found and the kitchen for any items you may be missing. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Thrift Store.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, September 10

7:00 p.m. – RJC Opening Program. Join us to celebrate the start of a new school year in the RJC Auditorium for an evening of music and reflections, featuring performances and sharing from RJC students, staff and community members. Admission by donation. A live-stream link available on our website.

Wednesday, September 10

7:00 p.m. – Lanigan & District Food Bank Annual Meeting. Everyone welcome. See poster for more information.

Wednesday, September 24

6:30-9:00 p.m. – MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. **We will be looking for delegates.** You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to saskoffice@mccsk.ca. We will celebrate the past year of MCC ministry in SK and hear stories from Janet Plenert about the breadth of Anabaptism across the world after 500 years and how MCC and Mennonite World Conference are able to witness together to God's love for all.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

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. Download the free app today!

MCC Connects: MCC invites your prayers for Afghanistan following the magnitude 6.0 earthquake that struck on August 31 and the strong aftershocks that are still occurring. MCC is assessing the situation with our local partners for a planned response and accepting donations to provide emergency assistance for those affected. To donate, call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555 or visit https://mcc.org/donate?dblock_id=10218

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>.

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.

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 Danie or Ruth and more. Courses begin **September 23**. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from your community. For course information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, September 7, 2025
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come Away from Rush and Hurry VT #9
Here in this place HWB #6

Song of the Week

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Let the children come to me (Sunday School for children age 3-12)

God, whose purpose is to kindle HWB #135

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

Meditation: The Cost of Discipleship

Heart with loving heart united HWB #420

Congregational Prayer

You are salt for the earth HWB #226

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Alvie Martens
Song Leader – John Bartel Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Sound – Ivan Bartel Visuals – Donna Friesen
Ushers – Amanda Keeling, Amy Wildeman