

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY September 7, 2025

Budget - \$2170.00 Non-Budget - \$1000.00 Attendance – 42

NEXT SUNDAY September 21, 2025

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, September 16

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church.

Saturday, September 20

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Between Friends Quilting Guild 25th Anniversary Quilt Display at North Star. Lunch served from 11:00-1:00 (\$10/person). Skit presentation at 1:00. Everyone welcome.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Song of the Week – Every person is highly encouraged to sign-up once in 2025. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway.
- 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:

Monday, September 15

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.

Friday, October 3-Saturday, October 4

RJC Tournament of Memories: Alumni & Friends Volleyball & Soccer. Join us for a weekend of connecting with friends through sport. On Saturday, lunch will be available in the RJC dining hall for \$15/person (10 & under free). To register or for more info, visit rjc.sk.ca/tom. We look forward to a fun-filled weekend of friendly competition, community, and connection!

Saturday, October 4

5:30 p.m. – BBQ Burger Bonanza 2025 at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Supper served at 6:30 p.m. Live entertainment by The Willie Sons. Overnight accommodation available upon request! RSVP at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/SHEKINAHRETREATCENTREFALLFUNDRAISER>

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: November 10-14: CMU and MC Sask present History and Identity: From Reformation to Global Movement, a week-long intensive course in Saskatoon. In this course, students will survey the development of the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition from its medieval origins through its transformation into a global movement. We will trace the development of Mennonite identity and theology over the last 500 years, paying particular attention to the ways that history can be a source for theological discernment. Available as a credit course or a personal enrichment course Details and registration available at www.mcsask.ca under coming events.

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 is hiring a Senior Accountant! Are you passionate about not-for-profit accounting and ready to join a fabulous team in Saskatoon? Put your skills to work for something bigger: supporting relief, development, and peace here at home and around the world. We're looking for someone who's detail oriented, solves complex problems, loves a good spreadsheet, and wants their work to make a real impact. Apply today at mcc.org/careers

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 **Sat., Sept. 20** from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Visit cmu.ca/fall for more information.
Song Feast - Enjoy a feast of choral songs led by a choir of CMU alumni and students on **Sat., Sept. 20** at 7:00 PM. Visit cmu.ca/song-feast for 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 Daniel 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.

CommonWord Book Launch: White Women, Get Ready by Amanda Gross— On **Wednesday, September 24**, 7:00 PM, join author, artist, anti-racist organizer Amanda Gross as she shows how white women have been groomed to uphold systems of oppression, and how women can use their unique white lady positioning to help upend these violent structures. Be part of the conversation in person at Marpeck Commons or via livestream, buy or borrow the book - <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4271>.

Join the CMU team – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a full-time Admissions Communications Coordinator position (one-year term, salaried with benefits). Visit cmu.ca/employment for details.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Worship Service **10:00 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 113)

Leader: Let us praise the name of the Lord,

People: God is wonderful! Yesterday, today and forever!

Leader: The Lord our God has done marvelous things,

People: We are blessed more than we could ever imagine.

Leader: For all the amazing gifts we have been given,

People: We praise the name of the Lord! Amen!

In My Life Lord

10000 Reasons

Open Our Eyes

Song of the Week – Ben Martens Bartel

Offertory Prayer/Offering

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

Longing for Light

VT #715

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Meditation: "Rich in Good Works"

Here I Am, Lord

VT #545

Congregational Prayer

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

VT #568

Benediction

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

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Ben Martens Bartel

Visuals – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel