

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY October 5, 2025

Budget – \$3985.00 Non-Budget – \$1000.00 Attendance – 58

NEXT SUNDAY October 19, 2025

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Pastor Lisa will be away until Tuesday, October 14.

Thursday, October 16

5:30 p.m. – Koinonia meets at the Thrift Store. Bring your own supper. Coffee and dessert provided.

Sunday, October 19

We are invited (afternoon) to visit the land at Little Manitou Lake where Maggie BlueWaters and the Food Forest & Learning Co-op have purchased land to use for a space of healing and health for Indigenous people. We will bring the benches that we made this summer. Maggie wants to share some updates about the project. Anyone interested in going, please let Lisa know.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, November 2

2:00 p.m. – Drake Library invites you to an afternoon of music from the 60's performed by Brian Grest, Walter Bushman and Nathan Gregg at the Drake Community Centre. Admission by donation. See poster for details.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Thursday, October 16

6:30 p.m. – MCC's large kit-packing event, Buckets of Thanks at the Main Office (600 45th Street West) for an evening of building community and packing relief kits for displaced families around the world. To sign up, as well as to help us raise \$20,000 to cover the cost of supplies, please call the office at 306-665-2555 or visit <https://mcc.org/events/buckets-thanks-sk>.

Friday October 24

7:00 p.m. – Knox United, Lanigan Fund Raiser featuring the musical group 'Horse's Mouth' from Humboldt. Details on poster in Educ. Wing.

Saturday, October 25

5:00 p.m. – RJC AGM. in the RJC High School Chapel. The 2024-25 RJC Report Book will be available on our website here and audited financial statements are available upon request from executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

5:00 p.m. – RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner. Join us for a meaningful evening of food, community and celebration at RJC High School. This year's theme, A Place at the Table, invites us to reflect on the food that brings us together and the relationships that are built around it. Featuring tasting tables, a cooking demonstration, dinner, live music, silent auction and a 50/50 draw. Tickets are \$25/person or \$200/table. Call (306) 232-4222 or email development@rjc.sk.ca to reserve your spot. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – RJC Spend-A-Day. Prospective students in Grades 7–11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC! Shadow a current student, attend chapel, enjoy a meal in our dining hall, and explore music, sports, and dorm life. Meet teachers, connect with future classmates, and discover why RJC is a vibrant, welcoming community. Come spend the day with us and see what we have to offer! Please register at rjc.sk.ca/spendaday.

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 FREE for both Apple and Android devices.

MCC Connects: Thurs., Oct. 16 marks World Food Day, and on this day MCC Thrift Shops will donate all proceeds to Grow Hope Sask! Visit your local shop in Saskatoon, Warman, Rosthern, Lanigan, Herbert, or Swift Current and help support the work of MCC and Can. Foodgrains Bank to provide emergency food supplies and long-term food security around the world.

Sask. Peace Conference 2025. We invite you to "Walking the Long Path: How to Build Peace Sustainably", a one-day peace conference exploring what it means to be grounded in hope amidst turbulent times. Together, we will reflect, learn, and practice the skills needed to continue the work of peacebuilding within ourselves, with our neighbours, and in our broader world.

Sat., Nov. 1, 9:00-3:45 p.m. at First Menn., Saskatoon. See poster on Educ. Wing bulletin board for more information.

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

CMU Connects: CommonWord Book Launch: **Sat., Oct. 18**, 7:00 p.m. in Marpeck Commons for the launch of *Hearts of Freedom: Stories of Southeast Asian Refugees* by Peter Duschinsky, Colleen Lundy, Michael J. Molloy, Allan Moscovitch, and Stephanie Phetsamay Stobbe. This book gives voice to the lives and contributions of people who have suffered the worst excesses of war between 1975 and 1997 to rebuild their lives in Canada. For more information, visit commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/28574

2025 J.J. Thiessen Lecture Series: A Sacred Way of Life: Theology as a Guide to Spirituality – CMU invites you to hear Dr. Kevin Hector from U of Chicago on **October 21-22** at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM on October 21 and at 11:00 AM on October 22 in the CMU Chapel. The lectures will explore spirituality through three forms of sacredness—transcendent value, beauty, and power—and examine how religion can play a crucial role in helping us hold these together. All lectures free and open to all. More information and recordings at cmu.ca/jjt.

CommonWord Book Launch: *Nothing Will Save Us* – **Thursday, Oct. 23** at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an evening with author, pastor, and theologian David Driedger, in conversation with Jane Barter and John Samson Fellows. Together they will explore the provocative question: The Bible tells us that Jesus 'made himself nothing' when he came into the world. So, will nothing save us? More information and livestream at commonword.ca/go/4272.

CMU Discover Day – Join us for the full day or the afternoon of **October 24** to discover what it is like to be a CMU student. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, and have lunch and treats on us! For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/discover-days.

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.

Join the volunteer team at CommonWord – CommonWord is looking for someone who loves interacting with customers and enjoys a retail and library environment. The Wednesday afternoon shift (1:00–5:00 PM) is available. Visit commonword.ca/go/volunteer for information and to apply.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Thanksgiving Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven:

People: who knew you and chose you before the world began; who loves you so much that he calls you his own children;

Leader: who has brought you from darkness into light and filled you with his glorious power;

People: who has prepared an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade;

Leader: who encourages and strengthens you in every good deed and word;

People: who comforts you in your troubles so that you can comfort others.

Leader: This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live.

All: Let's worship God together!

I Will Enter His Gates

We Praise You, O God

Song of the Week – I Know That My Redeemer Liveth – Rose Graber

Offertory Prayer/Offering

We plow the fields and scatter

HWB #96

Children's Time (there will be NO Sunday School for the children this morning)
Ten Lepers

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Meditation: "Thank You Anyway"

Great is thy faithfulness

HWB #327

Congregational Prayer

Thankyou Lord

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Steven Lehr

Visuals – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen

