

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

LAST SUNDAY September 28, 2025

Budget – \$1845.00 Non-Budget – \$300.00 Attendance – 54

NEXT SUNDAY Thanksgiving October 12, 2025

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Pastor Lisa will be away from Thursday, October 9 until Tuesday, October 14.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

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.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Thanksgiving display - As per tradition, you are invited to bring your items (produce, flowers, fall decor, or just a symbol of something you are thankful for) to church before the Sunday morning service and leave them up front as you wish for them to be displayed on Oct. 12.

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>.

Saturday, October 25

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! You'll 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: Pleasant Point Mennonite Church is celebrating their 100th anniversary during the worship service this morning at 11:00. There will be a potluck lunch and visiting. Anyone that ever attended PPMC is welcome.

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: Help shape a nationwide conversation about new churches and church renewal. Across MC Canada, individuals and small groups are dreaming new things. Maybe it's a new congregation, worship gathering, or ministry. Maybe it's an experiment to bring new life, vitality, or purpose to an established congregation. We welcome you to join others in the sharing, dreaming, and conversation. Bring your questions and your stories to a nationwide online event on **Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m. (CDT)**! Register here: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-events/revitalization>

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: Saskatchewan 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. **Saturday, November 1**, 9:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m. at First Menn., Saskatoon. See poster 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: Hearts of Freedom: Stories of Southeast Asian Refugees – Join us on **Saturday, October 18**, at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons for the launch of Hearts of Freedom 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 University 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 are free and open to all. More information and recordings at cmu.ca/jjt.

CommonWord Book Launch: Nothing Will Save Us – On **Thursday, October 23**, 7:00 PM, 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? Be part of the conversation in person at Marpeck Commons or via livestream, buy or borrow the book 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 5, 2025
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Seekers of God, you are here and God is here.

Congregation: Help us open our eyes to see anew.

Leader: Lovers of God, you are here and God is here.

Congregation: Help us open our hearts to be touched anew.

Leader Followers of God, you are here and God is here.

Congregation: Help us open our minds to learn anew.

Leader: People of God, you are here and God is here.

Congregation: Let us open ourselves to be filled anew.

I sing the mighty power of God

HWB #46

A Little Like Yours

Song of the Week –

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast

VT #511 (2x)

(Sunday School for children age 3-12)

Hymn

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Meditation: "God's Next Move"

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

VT #568

Congregational Prayer

There's a Wild Hope in the Wind

VT #828

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Ivan Bartel

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Accompanists – Worship Team

Visuals – Donna Friesen