

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY November 23, 2025

Budget – \$2200.00 Non-Budget – \$1000.00 Attendance – 58

NEXT SUNDAY Second Advent December 7, 2025

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Alvie Martens

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, December 14

2:30 p.m. – Piano recital for students of Meghan Bowman.

7:00 p.m. – North Star Christmas Party. Bring your favorite table games to play together as well as snacks to share. All generations are encouraged to come, play and celebrate together!

Tuesday, December 23

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

Wednesday, December 24

7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve service.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Marjorie Kline and George Fast have each recently become residents of the Lanigan Lodge. We pray for peace and comfort for them in their new homes.
- Christmas Cards - outside the offices you will find Christmas cards laid out for seniors 85+ years. Please take a card or two and drop it off with a smile and a visit. Thank you for caring and supporting each other in our church community.
- Canadian Mennonite subscriptions: If you wish to continue receiving the Canadian Menn., please make cheque payable to North Star for **\$23.00 TODAY** and mark it “for Canadian Mennonite” and leave it in Mary Jean’s mailbox. If you do not wish to receive it any longer, please email the office so we can take your name off the list. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital or both), please contact the office **TODAY**.
- Bakeless Bake Sale Annual Fundraiser for the Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary from **Nov. 17-Dec. 17**, dedicated to a memorial for Dr. Saxena. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer. See poster for details.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, December 3

7:00 p.m. – RJC Café Murder & Dessert Theatre. RJC’s Grade 9 GROW class invites you to the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern for an evening of mystery, theatre, and delicious desserts. Admission is by donation, and please RSVP to office@rjc.sk.ca or 306-232-4222 so we can prepare accordingly.

Thursday, December 4

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Youth Farm Bible Camp Christmas Supper Fundraiser – Join us at Youth Farm Bible Camp for a Come-and-Go Meal! Enjoy slow roast beef on BBQ, turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, salads, and soft serve ice cream. Admission by donation. Come for great food and learn more about the ministry of Youth Farm Bible Camp.

Sunday, December 7

3:00 p.m. – You are invited to a 'Very Shekinah Christmas'. Join us for a festive afternoon of musical offerings by RJC students. Devour some sweet Christmas treats and catch up with your Shekinah friends and neighbours in the Timber Lodge at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Admission by Donation. All proceeds will go towards upgrading our winter equipment.

Friday, December 12

7:30 p.m. – St. Peter’s Chorus presents ‘Christmas Voices’ at Knox United, Lanigan. Call Phyllis 306 365-2139 for tickets. See poster for details.

Monday, December 15

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Dine & Donate supper in the RJC Dining Hall in support of Good Neighbours Food Centre, serving ham & scalloped potatoes, with live music, kids’ crafts, festive photo ops, and a Dash & Donate take-out option. Proceeds raised will go to GNFC for Santa’s toy shop and food aid for families during the Christmas season.

Thursday, December 18

7:00 p.m. – RJC Christmas Concert, an evening of student music and community. Admission by donation. All are welcome!

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: After 12+ years, Marianne Siemens has resigned from her position as Office and Financial Administrator at MC Sask, effective March 14, 2026. On behalf of all of MC Sask, we thank Marianne for her years of service and wish her well as she transitions to the next stage of life.

MCC Connects: Consider giving the gifts of comfort and joy this Christmas season. You can help meet the basic needs of people around the world by choosing from unique gifts such as bees, playgrounds, wells, and more. Visit MCC’s Christmas Giving page to learn more: mcc.org/Christmas

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: Bachelor of Education Information Session – Applicant and prospecting students are invited to a one-hour Zoom information session on CMU's Bachelor of Education after-degree program on **December 2** at 7:00 PM CST. Learn about curriculum design and pedagogy, course and practicum scheduling, practicum placement opportunities, application and interview process, and tuition, fees, and financial aid. For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/bed.

CommonWord and CMU Press Book Launch – The Sacred Path of Simplicity by Mark Burch. Join us **December 3**, 7:00 PM CST in Marpeck Commons to explore a spiritual grounding for simple living and learn to tread more lightly on the earth. Visit commonword.ca/go/4347 for more information.

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for faculty positions in Education and Social Work as well as Sessional Instructor positions in Business and Psychology. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

Call to worship

One: God of our ancestors,
you are our constant hope through all the ages.

**Many: We come eager for stories of you standing among us.
We come longing to feel your presence
among your people once again.**

One: As the days darken around us, hope can feel a distant memory.

**Many: Even in the middle of trials, we keep our eyes on you.
Our allegiance is to you alone.**

One: Trust in God's steadfast love.
Stand in amazement,
ready to recognize God already among us here, in this place.

**All: Our hope is in you, O God.
Fill our hearts with the courage of our ancestors.
Ready us to enter their story and be amazed.**

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH First Advent Sunday, November 30, 2025 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

O come, O come, Immanuel HWB #172
Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB #178

Call to worship (see back page)

Song of the Week – For unto us a Child is Born – Willis Jantz

Offertory Prayer/Offering

When we walk with the Lord HWB #544

Children's Time – Gayle Warkentin

Candle lighting litany

One: We have been wandering in the dark,
fear engulfing us like a burning furnace.
We long for your hope to find us and
silence the flames of our fears.

**Many: Come, Hope of the world. Come amaze us.
All: May your hope flood the flames of our fears.**

Come, hope of the world

Scripture: Daniel 3:8–18

Meditation: "Be Amazed: Hope in the Furnace"

Jesus, Rock of ages HWB #515 (2x)

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

My soul cries out STS #124

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Irene Bartel
Song Leader – Leona Ewert Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Sound – Kyle Toporchak Visuals – Donna Friesen
Ushers – Amanda Keeling, Amy Wildeman