

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY December 7, 2025

Budget – \$6085.00 Non-Budget – \$1000.00 Attendance – 53

Finances in good order for yearend

NEXT SUNDAY Fourth Advent December 21, 2025

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

We will share communion as part of our morning worship on Sunday, Dec. 21.

TODAY: 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!

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, December 18

5:30 p.m. – Drake School Christmas Concert and Dinner Theatre. All are welcome to join the students and their families for a dinner and Christmas production, by donation.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, December 23

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

Wednesday, December 24

7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve service. We need 5 volunteers to read parts for the program. Please leave your name at the office if you are interested.

Sunday, December 28

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Brunch Service.

Sunday, January 4

10:00 a.m. – Joint worship service with Prairie Light Christian Fellowship.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- 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.
- Bakeless Bake Sale Annual Fundraiser for the Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary from **Nov. 17-Dec. 17**. See poster for details.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday-Sunday, December 12–December 14 & December 19–21

5:30–8:30 p.m. – Youth Farm Corn Maze Christmas. Cost per vehicle is \$22 when purchased online at www.cornmazechristmas.com

Monday, December 15

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Dine & Donate supper in the RJC Dining Hall in support of Good Neighbours Food Centre. 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!

Friday, January 30-Sunday, February 1

MegaMenno Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Save the Date! Details and registration coming soon!

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: As we look forward to 2026, we recognize that it will be a year of transitions. Please pray for the staff and volunteers of MC Sask as we manage this time of change. Your financial support will help us as we hire a Faith Development Minister to work with our youth and young adults. Please consider a donation to MC Sask. Visit <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

MC Sask is pleased to announce the position of Faith Development Minister. This position will focus on cultivating relationships and supporting the faith and leadership development of youth and young adults across MC Sask. This role reimagines our approach to youth ministry — moving away from an event-based model toward a relationship-driven, collaborative ministry that meets young people where they are. For full details about this position, please see the MC Sask website at <http://mcsask.ca/FaithDevelopmentMinister>. Applications and enquiries can be sent to minister@mcsask.ca

MC Sask is seeking a full-time Office, Communications, and Financial Administrator to join our ministry team. This position provides key support in three areas: Office Admin., Communications and Financial Admin. For job description see <https://mcsask.ca/officeandfinancialadministratorjobdescription> Applications will begin being reviewed Dec. 1. If you or someone you know may be interested, please send resume and cover letter to: minister@mcsask.ca

MCC Connects: Thank you to everyone who participated in Grow Hope Saskatchewan's 8th season! With your generosity, 533 acres were sponsored and over \$326,600 was raised through crop sales and donations. Grow Hope believes restoring our relationship with God also means sharing from our

abundance with those who face hunger. In doing so, we become part of a bigger story of healing, hope, and “turning darkness into light as bright as the noon” (Isaiah 58:10). For more information about Grow Hope, visit: www.growhopesk.ca

Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development and peace work by participating in our quilt sale- now at 50% off! Each of these beautiful quilts have been sewn by generous donors and you can explore the collection of quilts online at www.mccskquiltsale.com

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! Apply today at mcc.org/careers

Call to worship (Based on Isaiah 55:1–13)

One: Come, all who hunger and thirst for more—
God calls us to the feast!

**Many: We are weary exiles, longing for home,
caught in a world that drains our hope.**

One: “Listen, so that you may live!
My covenant is everlasting, my promise sure.”

Many: Can joy reach us here, in this place of waiting?

One: God's vision is higher than the heavens,
stretching beyond what we can see.

**Many: The invitation is for all people,
from the farthest reaches of the earth.**

One: The word of the Lord does not return empty—
it brings forth life!

**Many: The mountains and the hills will burst into song,
the trees of the field will clap their hands!**

**All: You are the source of true joy, O God.
You expand our vision,
lifting our eyes beyond the moment,
beyond despair, into amazement.
We stand before you, ready to enter your story
and be amazed.**

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Third Advent Sunday, December 14, 2025
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come Away from Rush and Hurry VT #9
Arise, your light is come! STS #30

Call to worship (see back page)

Song of the week – God sees the little sparrow fall – Deb Lloyd

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Comfort, comfort, O my people HWB #176

Children's Time – Denise Bartel

Candle lighting litany

One: We have been wandering in the dark, cold,
desert of grief and despair,
and we feel heavy, dry and lifeless.

Many: Come, Joy of the world. Come amaze us.
**All: May your joy water our thirsty souls,
that we may become your fountains of joy,
freely sharing your joy with the world.**

Come, Hope of the World

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1, 6, 9–12

Meditation: “Be Amazed: Joy in the Desert”

We Dream of a Turning VT #209

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB #178

Meditation – Video Sermon (Rachel Wallace) Worship Leader – Jim Ewert
Song Leader – John Bartel
Sound – Ivan Bartel Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen