

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY December 14, 2025

Budget – \$2340.00 Attendance – 38

NEXT SUNDAY December 28, 2025

Christmas Brunch Potluck – Everyone welcome.

Please remember to bring your own dishes.

We need someone to set up tables and make the coffee.

Check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, December 23

2:00 p.m. – North Star service with Koinonia at Lanigan Lodge. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday, December 24

7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve service. We need volunteers to read parts for the program. The offering for the evening will be split between the Lanigan Food Bank and Brighter Horizons Ministries (Honduras) a K-Gr.6 Christian school. The local church delivers about 100 family food hampers (\$50 each) to needy families in the area at Christmas. This is a much appreciated project and an encouragement to these families.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, January 4

10:00 a.m. – Joint worship service with Prairie Light Christian Fellowship. Potluck to follow. There will be no Sunday School – we will resume Sunday School class on January 11.

Sunday, January 18

10:00 a.m. – RJC Singers will bring the morning worship.

Monday, January 19

7:30 p.m. – North Star Board Meeting.

Tuesday, January 27

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting. Please have reports handed in or emailed to the office by **January 18**. There are a number of positions open so please consider volunteering your time to serve in these positions as well as for sound, visuals, camera, worship leader, song leader, accompanist, etc. We

need to have more volunteers trained for these positions. Contact the office if you want more information.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Our sympathy is extended to Maria Fast and family on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, George Fast, on Monday, December 15. Celebration of Life will be held April 10, 2026.
- 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.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, January 30-Sunday, February 1

MegaMenno Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Save the Date! See poster for details and registration info. or <https://mcsask.ca/event/12170>

Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14

2026 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Lodging will be available. Save the date! Details will come out in the new year.

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. 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

CMU Connects: CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for the Vice-President Academic, Director of Advancement, faculty positions in Education and Social Work, a Sessional Instructor position in Business, and Head Coach for our Cross-Country Running team. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

Call to worship (Based on John 1:1-18)

One: In the beginning was love, and love was with God, and love was God.

**Many: We gather in awe and amazement,
watching and waiting for Love to come down.**

One: The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Many: We wait with hope,
longing for the gentle light of love to fill the world.**

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us,
full of grace and truth.

**Many: We have seen his glory,
Love embodied among us.**

One: Come, let us worship the God who moves among us,
the Christ who draws near, the Spirit who shines in our hearts.

All: The Light is coming!

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Fourth Advent Sunday, December 21, 2025
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Prelude – O come, all ye faithful – Kaleb Martens Bartel

Welcome and Announcements

O come, all ye faithful HWB #212

Call to worship (see back page)

Song of the week – Der Friedensfurst – Will Martens

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Joy to the world HWB #318

Children's Time – Vicky Toporchak

Candle lighting litany

One: We have been wandering in the long, dark night, looking into the vastness, looking for even a glimmer of light, to usher in your love.

Many: Come, Love of the world. Come amaze us.

All: May your love dispel the darkness and reveal your path of grace and mercy, inviting us to journey with you.

Come, Hope of the World

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Meditation: “Be Amazed: God Among Us”

Sharing of Communion

Love has come VT #258

Congregational Prayer

He came down STJ #31

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Ben Martens Bartel

Ushers – Amanda Keeling, Amy Wildeman

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel