

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY November 30, 2025

Budget – \$820.00 Non-Budget – \$1350.00 Attendance – 48

NEXT SUNDAY Third Advent December 14, 2025

Meditation – Video Sermon (Rachel Wallace) Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

TODAY: 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.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, December 9

3:30 p.m. – Girls Club Christmas Party

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!

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, December 18

6:00 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.

Sunday, December 21

10:00 a.m. – We will share communion as part of our morning worship.

Tuesday, December 23

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

Wednesday, December 24

7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve service.

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**, dedicated to a memorial for Dr. Saxena. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer. See poster for details.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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. *More fruit cakes have been made and will be available for purchase at the concert.*

Saturday, December 13

7:00 p.m. – MegaMenno Christmas Party at Osler Mennonite Church. Bring a snack item to share, your Christmas cheer & dress in something Christmassy - there will be prizes! And also silly games, trivia, karaoke, snacks & more. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.

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: 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. See bulletin board for details.

MCC Connects: 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 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.

Christmas at CMU – Missed the CMU's Christmas tradition? Visit cmu.ca/christmas.

Call to worship (Based on Ezekiel 37:1–14 NRSV)

One: God in our desert, you are our peace in all places.

Many: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.

One: Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

Many: Can these dry bones live?

One: The wind of God moves among these dry bones. Stand and live!

(Everyone stand)

Many: We are the people of God, a vast multitude, filled with God's Spirit.

One: "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

All: You are the only source of true life, O God. You breathe new life into our dry bones and fill us with your peace. We stand before you, ready to enter your story and be amazed.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Second Advent Sunday, December 7, 2025
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

O come, all ye faithful HWB #212
It came upon a midnight clear HWB #195

Call to worship (see back page)

Song of the week – Lasst die Herzen – Florence Bartel

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Breath on me, breath of God HWB #356

Children's Time – Alvie Martens

Candle lighting litany

One: We have been wandering in the dark, our spirits dry and cracked from conflict, aching for peace to pour into the crevices to revive us.

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

All: May Your peace fill the cracks in our dry, brittle bones. Bind us together, strengthen and unite us, that we might dance!

Come, hope of the world

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1–14

Meditation: "Be Amazed: Peace in the Valley of Bones"

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands VT #485

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

Go now in peace HWB #429

Meditation – Donna Friesen
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Sound – Will Martens
Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel
Worship Leader – Alvie Martens
Accompanists – Worship Band
Visuals – Kyle Toporchak