

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY January 25, 2026

Budget – \$2165.00 Non-Budget – \$40.00 Attendance – 45

NEXT SUNDAY February 8, 2026

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. – Forest church at Shekinah. Coldest weather is behind us. Experience the beauty of winter in outdoor worship. All are welcome!

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, February 15

10:00 a.m. – Len Rempel will be our guest speaker.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- The Thrift Shop is running a colouring contest open to any kid (school aged or younger), with prizes to be drawn based on age group. The contest runs from now until Feb. 21 and finished pages should be handed in at the Thrift Shop. There is a space for name/age on the front of the pages, **but contact info. should be added to the back** for privacy, as we will be posting the completed pages up in the shop. There are 4 different MCC themed pages like Peace, Development, Thrift and Quilts, with a short blurb on the bottom of the pages and you are welcome to use one or all. You can pick up pages on the bench beside the organ.
- Advertising Sales Contractor (Remote) Canadian Mennonite is seeking a contract-based advertising sales representative to connect values-aligned advertisers, organizations, and ministries with our readership. This remote, commission-based role offers flexible hours and opportunities to build relationships across our wider church community. Full job description and application details: <https://canadianmennonite.org/about-cm/jobs/> Open until filled.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Sunday, February 8

7:00 p.m. – MCC Partner Presentation: Caroline Pugini from Score Against Poverty at Wildwood Menn. Caroline Pugini is the Program Coordinator for Score Against Poverty, a community-driven organization focused on food security, nutrition, and information technology for development in Mwenezi District of Zimbabwe. She and her work are featured in MCC's short documentary, Women Will Renew.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5yy9TIEVFA>) Caroline will be in Saskatchewan to speak about climate change realities, conservation agriculture and gender in Zimbabwe, including advocacy related to MCC's Climate Action for Peace campaign.

Monday, February 16

11:00-4:00 p.m. – Shekinah Winter Fun Day on Family Day. Everyone is welcome to join us for a day full of winter activities and outdoor fun. After a few runs down the hill, warm up in the chalet or by one of the fire pits with a cup of hot chocolate. Activities will include snowshoeing, tobogganing, and broomball. Feel free to bring a lunch to enjoy in the chalet or around the fire.

Tuesday, February 17 & Thursday, February 19

7:00 p.m. – February is a time for storytelling. Come hear traditional storytellers Louise Halfe, Dr. Kathy Walker and Simon Bird share creation stories that are relevant to decolonization today. "Decolonizing Ourselves: Learning Through Story" will be held online over two evenings, Tuesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 19th, at 7:00 p.m. CST. Attendees will hear the stories and reflect upon them in story circles. The event is free; please register here: <https://link.kairoscanada.org/Decolonizing-Ourselves>.

Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14

2026 MC Sask ADS at Shekinah. Our theme is "Yeast and Mustard Seeds: Stories of God's Kingdom Power" Jesus spoke in parables to describe the kingdom of God, often it was about the small things like the mustard seed and yeast. There will also be time for you to reflect on where you are seeing God at work in your community and in your life. In addition, you will hear from others where God is at work across MC Sask and MC Canada. Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12192>. Lodging available.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Rosthern Children's Choir at RJC for young singers in Gr.1-5! Join us this spring for a short-term, fun-filled choir with Brenda Epp and Adelle Sawatzky. We'll learn music, have fun, build confidence, and perform together at RJC Songs & Sweets on Mar. 15! Rehearsals Wed. from 3:45–5:00 PM on Feb. 11, Feb. 25, Mar. 4, and Mar. 11 at RJC High School. For more info and to register visit rjc.sk.ca/childrenschoir.

MC Sask is pleased to announce the position of Faith Development Minister. 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. For job description see <https://mcsask.ca/officeandfinancialadministratorjobdescription>

Apply Now and Save \$500 at RJC! | Are you, or is somebody you know planning to attend RJC High School in September 2026? Apply by TODAY and save \$500 (open to new students only). Head to our website at rjc.sk.ca/apply to complete your application today!

MCC Connects: In celebration of the upcoming 50th anniversary edition of More-with-Less, releasing September 2026, Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) are inviting the public to share real-life stories that reflect the heart of this beloved cookbook: food as a source of joy, generosity, resilience, and community. Details available at <https://mcsask.ca/morewithless>

Join MCC for the Transformation Table, a free monthly opportunity to practice peacebuilding skills. This month, a Living Library will be facilitated on **Wednesday, February 11** from 7-9 pm at the MCC Centre. All are welcome to come hear stories from people of many different walks of life who are helping to build peace in their communities. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/events/transformation-table

Check out the latest issue of A Common Place to learn about the work that is being done with partners in Ukraine and India to help with food and water security. As well, for an update on MCC's response in Afghanistan following last year's earthquake. An online version of these and more stories can be found here: mcc.org/impact/publications/acp

MCC is hiring a Senior Accountant! Apply today at mcc.org/careers

CMU Connects: CMU Discover Day – Join us for the full day or the afternoon of **Monday, February 2** to discover what it is like to be a CMU student. For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/discover-days.

CommonWord book launch: On Dismantling Settler Colonialism by John A. Olthuis, **Thurs., Feb. 12** at 3:00 PM. Join us for an afternoon conversation with John Olthuis, prominent Indigenous rights lawyer and member of the Order of Canada. His book calls for a shift from assimilation to true reconciliation by empowering Indigenous nations to self-govern, reclaim their lands, and live by their own values. Join us in person or via livestream at commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/28903.

CommonWord and Canadian Mennonite Bite-Sized Book Club: Blessed is the Body by Tatum Tricarico, **Thurs., Feb. 12**, 7:00 PM. "Lent...is a time to pause and to finally say what we've been trying to hide all year: I am human. I can't do it all..." Register for this one-hour online conversation with author and activist Tatum Tricarico on Lent, rest, theology, Disability justice and allyship. Attendees will be sent content from the book in advance. Register for the Zoom link at commonword.ca/go/4389.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, February 1, 2026
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Praise, I will praise you, Lord HWB #76
He knows my name

Call to Worship

Leader: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

People: We come seeking the Lord, for He is near.

Leader: Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

People: We will listen and return to the LORD, that He may have mercy on us.

Prayer

The River is here

Offering

Fill my cup, Lord

Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast VT #511
(Sunday School for Children age 3-12)

Scripture: John 4:5-42

Meditation: "Jesus Encounters a Woman at the Well"

Heaven came down

Congregational prayer

Jesus, Rock of ages HWB #515

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel
Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin
Sound – Steven Lehr Visuals – Donna Friesen
Ushers – Amanda Keeling, Amy Wildeman