

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY January 4, 2026

Budget – \$1200.00 Non-Budget – \$1000.00 Attendance – 88

NEXT SUNDAY January 18, 2026

RJC Singers will bring the morning worship. There will be **no Sunday School**.

There will be lunch following the service – Everyone welcome.

Potatoes and meat will be provided – please bring buns, salads and desserts as we will have 50+ guests in attendance.

Please remember to bring your own dishes.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, January 19

7:30 p.m. – North Star Board Meeting.

Friday, January 23

2:00 p.m. – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at Knox United, Lanigan. Lisa will be sharing the message.

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. Contact the office if you want more information.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Cookies needed! SMYO retreat is in need of 10 dozen cookies for the MegaMenno Youth Retreat by **January 30**. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.
- Song of the week: Back by popular demand, we will continue with the 'song of the week' for 2026, which means that **EVERYONE NEEDS TO SIGN UP FOR A SONG TO SHARE!** Lisa doesn't enjoy harassing people to share their songs, but many people have enjoyed hearing about which songs are meaningful to others. Sign up, pick a song, and either bring music along on cd, or send Lisa the youtube or spotify link.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, January 16

5:30 p.m. – RJC Open House for Grades 6–11. Prospective students and their families are invited to explore RJC! Begin with dinner in the dining hall, followed by a guided campus and dorm tour highlighting academics, athletics, arts, faith, and student life. End the evening with our student-led variety show, Friday Night Live. Discover how RJC helps students grow academically, socially, spiritually, and as young leaders. Register today at rjc.sk.ca/openhouse.

7:00 p.m. – Free Film night at Wildwood Menn. Come watch the award winning film Sugarcane. A story about the residential school at Williams Lake, BC. For a limited time the production company is making the film free to faith communities.

Friday, January 30 & Saturday, January 31

RJC Tournament of Memories. Join the fun at RJC's Alumni & Friends basketball and curling tournament. Come and play or watch the face-paced action in the RJC Gymnasium or at the Rosthern Curling Club (Jubilee Sports Centre). Cost to play is \$25/person, and lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC Dining Hall on Saturday (\$15/person, 10 & under free). To register please visit rjc.sk.ca. We hope to see you there!

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: 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

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 **February 1** and save \$500 (open to new students only). Head to our website at rjc.sk.ca/apply to complete your application today!

MCC Connects: 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

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

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. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, and have lunch and treats on us! For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/discover-days.

2026 John and Margaret Friesen Lecture Series – A two-part lecture series titled, “The Shifting National Identities of Mennonites in Polish/German Lands,” with Dr. Mark Jantzen, Professor of History at Bethel College (Kansas), takes place on Thursday, January 22 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM CST at CMU Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. Visit cmu.ca/friesenlectures for more information and livestream.

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for Vice-President Academic, Advancement Events Coordinator, CommonWord Bookstore Associate, Campus Receptionist and faculty positions in Education and Social Work. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, January 11, 2026
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come and see HWB #20
Will you come and follow me STS #39

Call to worship (Based on John 1:35–51)

One: The invitation has been spoken: “Come and see.”

The door to a stable stands open. The way is before us.

Many: We heard the call. Now we step forward in wonder; ready to follow, open to the unexpected.

One: “You will see greater things than these,” Jesus says.

Many: We stand in amazement, waiting to be changed.

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls us by name, who sees us as we are and leads us into new life.

All: We come, ready to follow, ready to see, ready to be amazed!

Song of the Week – How Great Thou Art – Jim Ewert

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Jesus, be the center STS #31

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

Scripture: John 1:35-51

Meditation: “Be Amazed: Come and See”

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore HWB #229

Congregational Prayer

See Whose Glory Fills the Skies VT #274

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson
Song Leader – Leona Ewert Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Sound – Steven Lehr Visuals – Donna Friesen
Ushers – Amanda Keeling, Amy Wildeman