

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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### **LAST SUNDAY January 11, 2026**

Budget – \$4225.00 Non-Budget – \$1000.00 Attendance – 51

### **NEXT SUNDAY January 25, 2026**

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

**TODAY:** Everyone is invited to stay for lunch following the worship service.

### **THIS WEEK 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.

### **COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

Tuesday, January 27

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting. **Please have reports handed in or emailed to the office TODAY.** 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:**

Wednesday, January 21 & Thursday, January 22

Mark your calendars for the 2026 de Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity. The speaker is Dr Jeremy Bergen, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel

University College. These lectures are part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and will take place on January 21 (Regina) and January 22 (Saskatoon). For more details please see <http://ecumenism.ca/1485-2/>

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](http://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>

Saturday, January 31

10:00 a.m. – Join us at Youth Farm Bible Camp for a Cinnamon Bun Fundraiser. Enjoy fresh, homemade cinnamon buns while supporting our interns and their upcoming trip to Nicaragua. The interns will also be sharing about their recent journey to Germany and Greece, where they explored the Radical Reformation and walked in the Footsteps of Paul. Come enjoy a cinnamon bun, hear their stories, and support the work God is doing through Youth Farm Bible Camp.

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:** Rosthern Children's Choir at RJC | Calling young singers in Grades 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 March 15! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 3:45–5:00 PM on Feb. 11, Feb. 25, Mar. 4, and Mar. 11 at RJC High School. No experience needed, just bring yourself and be ready to sing! For more info and to register visit [rjc.sk.ca/childrenschoir](http://rjc.sk.ca/childrenschoir).

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](mailto: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> If you or someone you know may be interested, please send resume and cover letter to: [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto: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](http://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](http://mcc.org/impact/publications/acp)

Join us for The Great Winter Warm-Up as we send warmth and comfort in the form of blankets to people experiencing conflict and disaster around the world. You can donate towards the cost of comforter supplies or make your own comforter! Please visit this link for more details: [mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up](http://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up)

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](http://www.mccskquiltsale.com)

MCC is hiring a Senior Accountant! Apply today at [mcc.org/careers](http://mcc.org/careers)

**CMU Connects:** 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](http://cmu.ca/friesenlectures) for more information and livestream.

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](http://cmu.ca/discover-days).

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](http://cmu.ca/employment) for more information.

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Prelude – Brenda Epp

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Words From RJC – Alex Tiessen

*Singing Together – Gott ist de Liebe* VT #158

RJC Singers

*Sure On This Shining Night*  
*Bridge Over Troubled Water*

*Singing Together with RJC Worship Band – Longing for Light* VT #715

Scripture: Romans 12:1-5

RJC Singers

*Be Thou My Vision*  
*We Rise Again*

Student sharing – William Krause & Jeshuah Bandet

*Singing Together with RJC Worship Band – Mountain of God* VT #11

RJC Singers

*O Have You Not Heard of That Beautiful Stream?*  
*Tshotsholoza*

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

*Grace*

Worship Leader – Alvie Martens

Closing – Lisa Martens Bartel

Sound – Will Martens

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel