

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY January 18, 2026

Budget – \$920.00 Non-Budget – \$300.00 Attendance – 109

2025 Receipts are in mailboxes

NEXT SUNDAY February 1, 2026

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, January 27

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting. Report books are in your mailbox. Please bring them along to the Tuesday meeting.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, February 15

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

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.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, January 30 & Saturday, January 31

RJC Tournament of Memories. RJC's Alumni & Friends basketball and curling tournament. 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>

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.

Sunday, February 8

7:00 p.m. – MCC Partner Presentation: Caroline Pugeni from Score Against Poverty at Wildwood Menn. Caroline Pugeni 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=b5yy9TIEVFFA>) 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.

Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14

2026 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Shekinah Retreat Centre. 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. We will explore this theme through storytelling and worship. 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> (new) Lodging will be available.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Rosthern Children's Choir at RJC. Calling 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> 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

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]mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up

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.

Social Justice Fair – The 20th annual Social Justice Fair hosted by Menno Simons College Wed., Feb. 4 from 11:00-2:00 p.m. at Marpeck Commons. Take the opportunity to interact with community organizations, learn what they do, and find ways to be involved! Visit media.cmu.ca/events for more info.

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, January 25, 2026
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Here in this place HWB #6
Come, Christians, Join to Sing VT #28

Call to Worship

Leader: Mindful that God, the great Mystery, has called us.

All: We gather to worship.

Leader: Curious about God's ways in the world.

All: We gather to worship.

Leader: Wondering in the face of uncertainty,

All: We gather to worship.

Leader: Trying to fathom what is beyond our understanding.

All: We gather to worship.

Leader: Receive our worship and our wonderings, O God, as we seek after you.

Prayer

Offering

Lord, I want to be a Christian HWB #444

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

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Meditation: "Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus"

Will You Come and Follow Me VT #540 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

Congregational prayer

I heard the voice of Jesus say HWB #493

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Jim Ewert
Song Leader – John Bartel Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Sound – Ben Martens Bartel Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen