

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY February 8, 2026

Budget – \$1340.00 Non-Budget – \$1000.00 Attendance – 46

NEXT SUNDAY Lent 1 February 22, 2026

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Alvie Martens

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 a.m. – Men's Shrove Tuesday Breakfast at North Star. All men welcome.

5:30 p.m. – Koinonia Supper with husbands/guests at church.

Thursday, February 19

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

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Friday, March 6

1:30 p.m. – World Day of Prayer at North Star. Everyone welcome.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Lisa will be in Edmonton on vacation until Tuesday, February 17. She will be in the office on Thursday, February 19.
- If you are interested in attending the MC Sask AGM at Shekinah on March 13-14 as a delegate please contact the office ASAP.
- Dan and Esther Laskowski have requested transfer of membership to Rosthern Mennonite Church to take place in March. We wish them God's blessing as they make RMC their home congregation.
- The Thrift Shop colouring contest with prizes to be drawn based on age group runs until **Feb. 21**. 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. You can pick up pages on the bench beside the organ.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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, Feb. 17 and Feb. 19, at 7:00 p.m. 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, February 20

2:00-4:00 p.m. – MegaMenno outdoor adventuring at Mount Royal Menn., Saskatoon, for youth Gr. 6-12. Come prepared to be outside.

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.

Sunday, March 15

2:30 p.m. – RJC Songs & Sweets - a celebration of music and generosity featuring performances by the RJC Singers, Rosthern Children's Choir, and the RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, along with coffee, tea, desserts, live cake auction, and a cupcake lottery. Alumni, supporters, friends, and future students are also invited to participate by singing in one of the event choirs, Children's Choir rehearsals begin Feb. 11 and Alumni & Friends Choir rehearsals begin Mar. 2; to join one of these choirs, visit rjc.sk.ca/songsandsweets. To RSVP to attend Songs & Sweets, email development@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222 so we can plan accordingly.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Admissions & Development Opportunity at RJC | RJC High School is seeking a dynamic and collaborative individual to support Admissions and Development work at RJC. This role involves connecting with youth, alumni, and community partners in areas such as student recruitment, fundraising, event planning and church relations. For the full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca/employment. Resumes or further questions can be sent to executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

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>

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 as 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

Save the date! MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 13** at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. Stay tuned for more information.

Join the My Coins Count fun! Each year, spare change collected by churches adds up and supports MCC projects around the world. This year, donations from My Coins Count will go towards education projects and can be brought to MCC's Relief Sale Festival in June. Visit this link for stories, photos, and other resources to share with your congregation: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/my-coins-count>

CMU Connects: CMU Open House – Prospective undergraduate students of all ages are invited to drop in on **February 19** between 5:00-8:00 PM to experience CMU's academic programs, student support, and community life at their own pace. Visit cmu.ca/openhouse for more information.

CMU Discover Day – Join us for the full day or the afternoon of **Friday, February 27** 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.

Face2Face at CMU: Being Peacemakers for a World of Surging Polarization – You are invited on **March 11** at 7:00 PM to Marpeck Commons or via livestream for an opportunity to explore how faith-driven empathy can bridge deep cultural divides with Dr. Chris Rice and faculty from CMU. Visit cmu.ca/face2face for more information and the livestream.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, February 15, 2026
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

If you believe and I believe STJ #32
I know not why God's wondrous love HWB #338

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song of the Week

Offering

Healer of our every ill HWB #377

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

Scripture: John 9:1-41

Meditation: "Surely we aren't blind, are we?"

You walk along our shoreline STJ #99

Congregational prayer

They that wait upon the Lord HWB #584

Benediction

Meditation – Len Rempel, MC Sask Worship Leader – Donna Friesen
Song Leader – Jim Ewert Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Sound – Ivan Bartel Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen