

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY February 15, 2026

Budget – \$520.00 Attendance – 42

NEXT SUNDAY Lent 2 March 1, 2026

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Friday, March 6

1:30 p.m. – World Day of Prayer at North Star. Everyone welcome. We need cookies or squares that can be eaten with a napkin for that afternoon. Please see sign-up sheet in the Educ. wing.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- 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.
- MCC is looking for volunteers to serve in lead positions at this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 13 at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon. These opportunities include leading set up, clean up, volunteer care, the lemonade stand, or roll kuchen preparation. If interested, please call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555 or email karlakoehn@mccsk.ca.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, February 24

5:00-6:30 p.m. – **Rescheduled** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Knox United, Lanigan. See posters on bulletin boards.

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.

Saturday, March 28

CSI Shekinah: A "Whodunit?" Extravaganza: Join Ric Driediger (former owner of Churchill River Canoe Outfitters) to solve mysteries reflecting the history of the Churchill River Basin. Registration is \$150 for the full event or you can choose to participate in only the afternoon or the evening mystery. A gourmet Saskatchewan lunch and supper accompany the fun. Follow the link for further information and to register: <https://bit.ly/3ZHoCIC> (new)

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 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 22, 2026
Lent 1 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Jesus calls us here to meet him STJ #3

Introduction to Lent

Come, ye disconsolate HWB #497

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 aged 3-12)

Scripture: John 11:1-44

Meditation

In the bulb there is a flower HWB #614

Congregational prayer

There's a Wild Hope in the Wind VT #828

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Alvie Martens
Song Leader – Leona Ewert Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Sound – Ben Martens Bartel Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel
Ushers – Amanda Keeling, Amy Wildeman