

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY February 1, 2026

Budget – \$5790.00.00 Non-Budget – \$80.00 Attendance – 44

NEXT SUNDAY February 15, 2026

Meditation – Len Rempel, MC Sask Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

TODAY: 7:00 p.m. – MCC Partner Presentation at Wildwood Menn. has been cancelled.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, February 15

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

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, February 17

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

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Lisa will be attending the CMU Renew conference in Winnipeg from Sun. Feb.8-Wed., Feb.11 and she will be in Edmonton on vacation from Fri., Feb. 13-Tues., Feb.17. She will be in the office Feb. 12 & 19.
- Minutes of the North Star Annual meeting from January 27, 2026 are posted on the Educ. Wing bulletin board.
- If you are interested in attending the MC Sask AGM at Shekinah on March 13-14 as a delegate please contact the office ASAP.
- The Thrift Shop is running a colouring contest open to any kid (school aged or younger), with prizes to be drawn based on age group. The contest runs from now until Feb. 21 and 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. There are 4 different MCC themed pages like Peace, Development, Thrift and Quilts, with a short blurb on the bottom of the pages and you are welcome to use one or all. 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, 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: 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>

Advertising Sales Contractor (Remote) Canadian Menn. is seeking a contract-based advertising sales representative to connect values-aligned advertisers, organizations, and ministries with our readership. This remote, commission-based role offers flexible hours and opportunities to build relationships across our wider church community. Full job description and application details: <https://canadianmennonite.org/about-cm/jobs/> Open until filled.

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>

Join MCC for the Transformation Table, a free monthly opportunity to practice peacebuilding skills. This month, a Living Library will be facilitated on **Wednesday, February 11** from 7-9 pm at the MCC Centre. All are welcome to come hear stories from people of many different walks of life who are helping to build peace in their communities. For more information and to register, visit [\[mcc.org/events/transformation-table\]](https://mcc.org/events/transformation-table) mcc.org/events/transformation-table

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.

CMU Connects: 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, February 8, 2026
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Longing for light STJ #54
All Who Are Thirsty VT #49

Call to Worship

Leader: The world tells us that seeing is believing—that we must have proof before we trust.

People: But Christ calls us to a higher way: that believing is seeing.

Leader: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

People: We walk by faith, not by sight.

Leader: Open our eyes, Lord, to see your presence in the unseen, your power in the quiet, and your glory in our lives.

All: Let us worship the One who is faithful, believing, and finally seeing.

Prayer

Song of the Week – All the Diamonds – John Bartel

Offering

Rain down STJ #49

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

Scripture: John 4:46-54

Meditation: "Jesus Encounters the Royal Official"

My soul is filled with joy STJ #13

Congregational prayer

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

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Sound – Ivan Bartel
Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel
Worship Leader – Irene Bartel
Accompanists – Worship Band
Visuals – Tristan Lehr