

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY February 22, 2026

Budget – \$1660.00 Non-Budget - \$400.00 Attendance – 53

NEXT SUNDAY Lent 3 March 8, 2026

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

TODAY: 3:00 p.m. – Forest church at Shekinah. How are themes of Lent present in all creation? Find out more during outdoor worship. Dress for winter and take your place around the fire. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK 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:

- Rejoice magazines are in your mailboxes.
- 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.
- Press Release: Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the hiring of Cynthia Kovaks as Office and Finance Administrator and Dalen Applegate as Faith Development Minister. For more information see notice on bulletin board in the Edic. Wing.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

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.

4:30 p.m. – RJC RENEW Capital Campaign Public Launch. Join us in the RJC Chapel, immediately following Songs and Sweets, as we publicly launch our RENEW \$10M capital campaign and celebrate major milestones, Phase 1 completion, and what God is doing through our community. If you're unable to attend in person, watch live at rjc.sk.ca/renewlaunch or visit rjc.sk.ca/renew afterward to see campaign updates, donor stories, and opportunities to give.

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: The MCC Saskatchewan Board has openings for new members. If you are interested in governance work with MCC or would like to nominate someone, please email SaskOffice@mccsk.ca or call 306-665-2555 for an information packet.

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

MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 13**. MCC is looking for volunteers to serve in lead positions at this year's Relief Sale Festival 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 at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon from 10:30 am - 2:30 p.m.

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: 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.

Bachelor of Social Work Information Session – Prospective social work students are invited to a one-hour online information session on CMU's Bachelor of Social Work program on March 5 at 7:00 PM CST. Learn more about the program's unique features, admission requirements, application process, and timelines. For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/social-work.

21st Annual Verna and Peter Janzen Music Competition – CMU's 21st annual event showcasing the work of CMU music students takes place Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 PM at Laudamus Auditorium. The concert will feature competition finalists Emily Adams, Lauryn Edel, Jacob Kenny, Bella Rogers, and Larry Ruffin.

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for the positions of Human Resources Generalist (full-time, one-year term contract), Custodian, Campus Receptionist, and more. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, March 1, 2026
Lent 2 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Come, now is the time to worship STJ #9
Will you come and follow me VT #540

Call to Worship

All: We come to worship

One: with expectations that may or may not be met; with questions that might be answered; and answers that might be questioned.

All: We come seeking God.

One: Seeking a taste of truth; seeking a glimpse of divine presence; seeking to make sense of the world.

All: We come to journey with Jesus,

One: and allow ourselves to be disarmed and inspired, moved and confused by the Spirit of Christ among us and within us.

All: Let us worship God.

Prayer

Song of the Week

Offering

Savior, like a shepherd lead us HWB #355

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

Scripture: John 13:1-17

Meditation: "Serving or Being Served"

Will you let me be your servant HWB #307

Congregational prayer

Go now in peace HWB #429

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr

Sound – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

Accompanists – Worship Band

Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel