

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

204 Francis Street, Drake, SK S0K 1H0

Phone: 363-2125 Fax: 363-2120 FM station 90.1 Website: northstarmc.ca

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Martens Bartel Phone: (306) 360-7867

E-mail: pastor@northstarmc.ca or E-mail: admin@northstarmc.ca

Pastoral Office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays (1-5 p.m.)

LAST SUNDAY March 8, 2026

Budget – \$1935.00 Non-Budget - \$1150.00 Attendance – 46

NEXT SUNDAY Lent 5 March 22, 2026

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson

TODAY: 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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, March 17

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets in the church basement for Spring Cleaning. Bring cleaning tools of your choice. If you know of an area that needs particular attention, please talk to any Koinonia member.

Thursday, March 19

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

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- A key was left in the Educ. Wing door – if you are missing one check with the office.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, March 24

2:00 p.m. – Fellowship Café with The Canadian Foodgrains Bank at LifePoint Church in Lanigan. Special guest Stefan Epp-Koop, Sr. Manager of Humanitarian Programs. Everyone is invited.

Tuesday, March 24

5:00-7:00 p.m. – Vereniki & Sausage Fundraiser at Youth Farm Bible Camp. Join us for a delicious Supper in support of Youth Farm Bible Camp! Enjoy a traditional Mennonite meal featuring: Cottage Cheese & Potato Cheddar Vereniki, Mennonite Farmer Sausage, Cream Gravy & Fruit Sauces, Coleslaw, Ice Cream. Admission by donation - bring your family and friends and help support camp ministry!

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: MCC Saskatchewan is partnering with Sagesse in supporting people who have experienced abuse in intimate relationships. We are looking for volunteer facilitators for peer support groups, who are interested in supporting women and committed to upholding dignity and peace for all. A two-day online training is provided and multiple options are offered for facilitation to accommodate people from across the province. For more details of this peacebuilding work, contact heatherpeters@mccsk.ca

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.

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: CMU Discover Weekend – Do you live outside Winnipeg and want to learn more about CMU? Come to Discover Weekend on **March 26-28**. You'll experience all the excitement of Discover Day, plus two nights in residence and an off-campus excursion to get to know Winnipeg. Visit cmu.ca/experience for more information and to register. Space is limited.

Living Resistance – CMU faculty member Karen Ridd will lead a hands-on, non-lecture-based event where participants will learn to respond thoughtfully in moments of tension and risk through actively practicing nonviolent resistance techniques. In-person only at 7:00 PM on **March 16, 23, or 30**. Register at cmu.ca/living-resistance.

CMU Sports Camps 2026 – Registration is now open for CMU Sports Camps for grades 6 to 12 in volleyball and basketball. To find out which week is right for you or for registration, visit cmu.ca/sportscamps.

Mini CMU Summer Day Camps – Registration is now open for Mini CMU summer camps for children, ages 6 to 12. Each week offers hands-on learning, creative activities, and active play, where kids feel welcomed, supported, and excited to learn. For more information and registration, visit cmu.ca/mini-cmu.

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 15, 2026

Lent 4 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Come Away from Rush and Hurry
You are salt for the earth*

VT #9
HWB #226

Call to Worship

One: We gather for worship, seeking a kingdom that is not of this world.

All: "Your Kingdom come! Your will be done on earth!"

One: We pray. Then we look around . . . Where is it? What is truth?

One: We gather for worship, asking questions and staying the course.

We pray again and again,

All: "Your kingdom come!"

One: Looking and longing . . . Where is it? Where are you?

One: We gather for worship and find that God is here.

All: On earth as in heaven.

One: God's kingdom now and not yet; here and in the world to come.

All: Let us worship our God.

Prayer

Scripture: John 18:28-40

Song of the Week – It Took a Miracle – Florence Bartel

Offering

There's a wideness in God's Mercy

HWB #145

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

VT #511

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-35

Meditation: "Yeast & Mustard Seeds: Stories of God's Kingdom Power"

Count Your Blessings

Congregational prayer

Lord, I want to be a Christian

Benediction

Meditation – ADS Sermon (Len Rempel)

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Will Martens

Visuals – Donna Friesen

Ushers – Amanda Keeling, Amy Wildeman