

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY March 15 2026

Budget – \$2900.00 Attendance – 41

NEXT SUNDAY Palm/Passion Sunday March 29, 2026

Meditation – Donna Friesen Worship Leader – Alvie Martens

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, April 2

6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service - A service to set our hearts on Jesus' love through his death and resurrection, with an evening of shared food, meditation and symbolic hand washing. Sign up on Educ. Wing bulletin board to bring sandwiches to share.

Sunday, April 5

6:15 a.m. - Easter Sunrise service & potluck breakfast. More details yet to come.

Sunday, April 19

10:00 a.m. – We have been invited to attend the PLCF 9th Anniversary Celebration at the Community Centre. There will not be a service at North Star that morning.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Please check the Lost & Found bin for missing items (towels, dishes, hats, gloves, etc.) Unclaimed items will be taken to the Thrift Store.

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.

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/3ZH0CIC> (new)

Saturday, March 28

7:00 p.m. – You're invited to Swift Current for an evening of music and dessert! Join us at Bridgeway Community Church as we raise funds for the new Swift Current MCC Thrift Shop (365 North Service Road West). Performances include Marcus Braun & the City Limits and the SSCHS Jazz Ensemble. Advanced tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through Swift Current MCC Thrift, or are available at the door for \$25.

Friday, April 24

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – RJC Spend-A-Day for prospective students in Grades 7–11 to experience a day in the life at RJC! You'll shadow a current student, attend chapel, enjoy a meal in our dining hall, and explore music, sports, and dorm life. Meet teachers, connect with future classmates, and discover why RJC is a vibrant, welcoming community. Come spend a day with us and see what we have to offer! Visit rjc.sk.ca/spend-a-day to register.

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.

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.

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 22, 2026
Lent 5 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

We shall walk through the valley HWB #412
Let there be light, Lord God HWB #371

Call to Worship

Prayer

ADS Reporting

Offering/Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand VT #159

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

Scripture: John 19:1-16a

Meditation: "Lent 5: Power & Powerlessness"

Go to dark Gethsemane HWB #240

Congregational prayer

Jesus, help us live in peace STJ #52

Sending Song/Song of the Week – Irish blessing – Willis Jantz

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson
Song Leader – Jim Ewert
Sound – Ben Martens Bartel Visuals – Kaleb Martens Bartel
Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel