

## **NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**

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### **LAST SUNDAY March 22, 2026**

Budget – \$1280.00 Attendance – 43

### **NEXT SUNDAY Resurrection Sunday April 5, 2026**

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

**TODAY:** The trustees, in consultation with the sound guys and professionals from Night Owl Audio, have decided on a projector to recommend for purchase to upgrade our current projector. We would like to have a quick congregational meeting after church today to get approval for the purchase.

### **THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:**

#### Maundy 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.

#### Good Friday, April 3

10:00 a.m. – Walk with the Cross in Lanigan hosted by the Lanigan Area Ministerial. Come to the vacant lot beside the Thrift Store if you are walking or go to Christian Fellowship Church at 10:00 a.m. Both groups will be engaged in worship and end together as we remember how much Jesus loves us. We need 2 volunteers to read scripture – one at each location.

#### Sunday, April 5

6:15 a.m. – Easter Sunrise service & potluck breakfast at Ivan & Irene's.

### **COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:**

#### Friday, April 10

1:30 p.m. – Memorial service for George Fast at North Star.

#### Saturday, April 11

Palestinian Land Exercise at North Star. Further details to come.

#### Sunday, April 19

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

#### Monday, April 20

7:30 p.m. – NSMC Board meeting.

#### Saturday, April 25

4:00-7:00 p.m. – Next MegaMenno Event is Menno Run at North Star. Bring \$5 for pizza supper. Come prepared to play outside. Drake yards needed for location of clues. If you are willing to have kids run through your front yard to find a clue, or want to host the final destination & pizza party for 20 youth, please let Lisa know.

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- We are looking for a volunteer to replace Ben Martens Bartel as usher as he often has conflicting duties on sound or visuals. Please contact the Community Life committee or the office if you are interested.
- 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:**

#### 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](http://rjc.sk.ca/spend-a-day) to register.

### **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**

**MC Sask Connects:** Where's Len this week? **TODAY** 2:30-5:00 p.m. Len will be a panelist at the symposium on "Combatting Hate: An Interfaith Response" hosted by MultiFaith Saskatoon. The keynote speaker will be Saskatoon Police Service Chief Cam McBride. Others on the panel will include representatives for Sikhism, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper. The event takes place at the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Temple, 107 La Ronge Rd, S'toon.

**MCC Connects:** Starting **April 8**, MCC will be running our annual Conflict Transformation Webinar Series over Zoom on Wednesdays from 12-1 pm. As faithful followers of Christ, we are called to build right relationships here in our own contexts, as well as around the world. Join us as we learn from MCC's Peaceful Practices, a curriculum designed for congregations to build basic skills of healthy conflict transformation and dialogue. Registration is \$50 and subsidies are available. For more information and to register, visit:

[www.cognitiforms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformationWebinarSeries2026](http://www.cognitiforms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformationWebinarSeries2026)

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](mailto:heatherpeters@mccsk.ca)

The MCC Sask 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Camps 2026 – Registration is now open for CMU Sports Camps for grades 6 to 12 in volleyball and basketball as well as Mini CMU summer camps for children, ages 6 to 12. To find out which week is right for you or for registration, visit [cmu.ca/sportscamps](http://cmu.ca/sportscamps) or [cmu.ca/mini-cmu](http://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](http://cmu.ca/employment) for more information.

## NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Meditation – Donna Friesen      Worship Leader – Alvie Martens  
Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service      10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Holy Lord*      VT #314  
*Majesty*  
*Hosanna, loud hosanna*      HWB #238

Scripture: John 12:12-19

Call to Worship

**All: We gather to worship God and to look back on where we've been;**

One: we see old hopes, plans, and dreams, remembered "Hosannas!"  
and all these weeks of Lent.

**All: We gather to worship God and to look at where we are now,**

One: at Jesus re-defining triumph;

and the king on the cross instead of a throne.

**All: We gather to worship God and to wonder at this mystery,**

One: of salvation that comes so strangely;

of life that comes through death; of brokenness meeting grace.

Prayer

*Offering/Song of the Week – Ride on, King Jesus – Alvie Martens*

Offering

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

*Spirit, Open My Heart*      VT #636

Scripture: John 19:16b-22

Meditation: "Lent 6: Palm and/or Passion Sunday"

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*      VT #306

Congregational prayer

*Sending Song*

Benediction

Meditation – Donna Friesen  
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr  
Sound – Will Martens

Worship Leader – Alvie Martens  
Accompanists – Worship Team  
Visuals – Ben Martens Bartel

Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen