

## ***NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH***

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### **LAST SUNDAY March 1, 2026**

Budget – \$2020.00 Non-Budget - \$300.00 Attendance – 42

### **NEXT SUNDAY Lent 4 March 15, 2026**

Meditation – ADS sermon (Len Rempel) Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

### **NORTH STAR NOTES:**

- Forever in Motion will be meeting in the church basement on **Monday and Thursday mornings** for the month of March (while renovations are happening in the CC)

### **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. Please pray for all those planning the sessions and those who will be hosting. We give thanks for the people of Tiefengrund, Eigenheim, and Shekinah who have been working along with MC Sask staff to bring you the 2026 Annual Delegate Sessions. May they have the energy and wisdom needed for all the last-minute preparations.

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](http://rjc.sk.ca/songsandsweets). To RSVP to attend Songs & Sweets, email [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222 so we can plan accordingly.

Sunday, March 15

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](http://rjc.sk.ca/renewlaunch) or visit [rjc.sk.ca/renew](http://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](http://rjc.sk.ca/employment). Resumes or further questions can be sent to [executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca](mailto: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](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 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](http://cmu.ca/experience) for more information and to register. Space is limited.

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](http://cmu.ca/face2face) for more information and the livestream.

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 9, 16, 23, or 30**. Register at [cmu.ca/events](http://cmu.ca/events).

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](http://cmu.ca/employment) for more information.

**NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
**Lent 3 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

*Holy Spirit, come with power* HWB #26  
*Lord, I want to be a Christian* HWB #444

Call to Worship

One: Confident, hesitant, maybe just tired.

**All: We come to worship.**

One: Wanting to follow but not always sure how.  
Embarrassed by the ways we've fallen short.

**All: We come anyway.**

One: Seeking, hurting, longing, needing.

**All: We come.**

One: When hopes are high, and dreams are bright.  
When hopes are dashed, and the world is not all right.

**All: We come again. We keep coming.**

One: Ready or not. Here we are.

**All: Come, Jesus. Come and meet us.**

Prayer

*Song of the Week – In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting – Beatrice Bergen*

Offering

*There's a wideness in God's mercy* HWB #145

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

Scripture: John 18:1-27

Meditation: "Solidarity & Self-protection, Fear & Courage"

*Spirit, Open My Heart* VT #636

Congregational prayer

*Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand* VT #159

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel    Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson  
Song Leader – John Bartel        Pianist – Heather Kroeker  
Sound – Ivan Bartel                Visuals – Tami-Lynn Lehr  
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen