

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY April 12, 2026

Budget – \$8380.00 Non-Budget – \$1100.00 Attendance – 49

THIS SUNDAY, April 19, 2026

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.

NEXT SUNDAY April 26, 2026

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, April 20

7:30 p.m. – NSMC Board meeting.

Tuesday, April 21

12:15 p.m. – Koinonia meet at church to visit a Hutterite colony. There is a fee of \$10.00 per person. Husbands are welcome. Contact Denise or Gayle with any questions.

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.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Thank you to all who participated in celebrating the life of George J. Fast. We felt your love, prayers, and support. – The George Fast Family
- 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.

- At the Palestinian Land Exercise that was held on Sat. April 11th Diedre Nunan spoke to us about how we could make and impact of injustice by becoming a Apartheid free church. She had pamphlets at that event and has sent a link to a webinar taking place on Monday, April 20th to give us more information about it. A link to the webinar can be obtained by contacting Lisa.

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 to register.

Friday, April 25

5:30 p.m. – Puttin' on the Ribz 2026 at Shekinah Retreat Centre Timber Lodge. Shekinah Annual Fundraiser in partnership with Carmen Corner Meats. Join us for an evening of gourmet ribs dinner, and live entertainment. Tickets are \$75 per person, or \$550 for a table of eight. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Reach out to us at 306-945-4929 or office@shekinahretreatcentre.org for more information. Click the link below or visit the website to purchase tickets. <https://bit.ly/4sEWb4C>

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects:

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.cognitofrms.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

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 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.