

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY, May 17, 2026

Budget – \$3540.00 Non-Budget – \$1050.00 Attendance – 48

NEXT SUNDAY May 31, 2026

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, May 26

Lisa will be in Rosthern for the day. Her summer office hours from June to September will be Thursday's 10-5.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Saturday, June 6

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – MCC Bake Sale at the Lanigan Thrift Store with proceeds to the MCC Relief Sale Festival on June 13 at Forest Grove Community Church. Please consider donating baked goods for the event. We are also accepting potted house or garden plants if you have any to spare. Please drop off your goodies by Saturday 9:30 a.m. at the latest. Thank you!

Monday, June 8

7:30 p.m. – North Star Board meeting.

Sunday, June 14

North Star Outdoor Picnic – Details to follow.

Monday, June 15

7:30 p.m. – North Star Semi-Annual meeting.

Sunday, June 21

Lanigan Days Celebration – There will be no worship service at North Star. You are encouraged to join in the worship service in Lanigan.

Sunday, June 28

10:00 a.m. – Second Summer Long Weekend Brunch potluck.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- We still need a Care group to host the summer long weekend brunch on **August 2**. Please let Mary Jean know if your group is willing.
- The Trustees are looking for someone interested in mowing the country cemetery. Contact Joel or Ivan.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday May 26

5:00 p.m. – RJC Info Night. An event for prospective students in Grade 7-11 and their families. Join us for dinner, a campus tour, and an information session prior to enjoying our Spring Concert. RSVP by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca and come see what makes the RJC community unique!

7:00 p.m. – RJC Spring Concert featuring performances by RJC's Concert Choir, Singers, Concert Band and Dance Class, and showcasing artwork from RJC's curricular art programs. A livestream option will also be available on our website. Admission is by donation. Thank you for supporting the youth & arts in our community!

Wednesday, May 27

7:00-8:30 p.m. – You're invited to the MCC Centre as we host a book launch for Another Leaf: A Refugee Story by Marg Epp (sister-in-law of Joel & Lois). In her book, Marg depicts Ma They Yare's hope-filled and courageous journey from Myanmar to Canada with her five children and the support of MCC and Wildwood Menn. Church (and North Star). The evening will include remarks from Karen community leader Bwe Doh Soe, an interview with Marg, and a book signing. Doors open at 6:30 pm, admission is free, and refreshments will be provided.

Friday, May 29

6:30 p.m. – We invite you to join us for a night of worshipping together as MegaMenno attends the 306 Network Youth Rally at Circle Drive Alliance Church, Saskatoon. Our youth will meet at the Stonebridge McDonalds (Cornish & Preston) at 6:30 for an intro to the evening and then will walk across to Circle Drive Alliance at 7 for a night of worship, games and a pizza party. Pickup for MegaMenno youth will be at 10pm back at McDonalds. There is no fee to attend. There will be a toonie concession if you want to bring cash or card for that.

Saturday, May 30

11:30 a.m. – RJC Golf Classic at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf, fun, and connecting with friends at RJC's annual Golf Classic. Registration and pre-game activities, followed by a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Cost: \$175 per golfer (includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and dinner). Guests are also welcome to join for dinner after golf for \$25 per person by RSVP to development@rjc.sk.ca. Visit rjc.sk.ca/golf for more details and to register.

Thursday, June 25-Saturday, June 27

7:00 p.m. – Join us in the RJC Auditorium for this year's musical production: The Prince of Egypt. Tickets go on sale May 19 at noon. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Tickets can be purchased at rjc.sk.ca/musical. Contact the school 306-232-4222 to request wheelchair/accessible seating. We hope to see you there!

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: Dormitory Dean (Youth Worker) Opportunity at RJC. RJC High School is seeking a collaborative and committed individual to support and mentor students in the girls dormitory, alongside our team of dormitory staff. This role involves providing supervision and guidance to students after school hours and overnight, fostering their personal growth and leadership, and contributing to a safe and welcoming campus environment. For the full job description, visit rjc.sk.ca/employment. Resumes or further questions can be directed to executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

MCC Connects: Looking for ways to participate in this year's Relief Sale Festival on **Saturday, June 13** at Forest Grove Community Church? MCC is seeking donations for a "Ten Thousand Villages Revisited" table, baked goods, and plants. In addition, we are also in need of items for our online auction, artisan table participants, and volunteers for a variety of tasks. For more information, visit mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved or call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555. Thank you for your support!

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: MHC Gallery: Three – You are invited to the exhibition Three by Tammy Hendrickx. Through a range of media, the exhibit celebrates the discovery of a creative self. Three runs from May 8 to July 4. Admission is by donation. Visit cmu.ca/gallery for more information.

CommonWord Book Launch: Truth and Love by Dr. Paul Redekop – Sociologist and long-time professor Dr. Paul Redekop bridges science and faith to assess the reality of near-death experiences and their implications for the nature of our existence. **Wednesday, June 3** at 7:00 PM (CDT), in person at Marpeck Commons (2299 Grant Ave.) and via livestream. More at commonword.ca/go/4428.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

*Holy Spirit, Thou are welcome
God, whose purpose is to kindle.* HWB #135

Call to Worship

Leader: The day of Pentecost has arrived! The Spirit of God is moving among us.

All: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill this place with the wind of your presence.

Leader: Like tongues of fire, may your passion ignite our hearts.

All: Burn away our fears, and light a beacon of hope for all the world to see.

Leader: The Spirit pours out new life, refreshing our tired souls.

All: Open our ears to hear, and our mouths to speak the Good News.

Leader: Come, Breath of God, and make us one body.

All: Let us worship and praise God!

Prayer

Offering/Song of the Week –

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

New earth, heavens new HWB #299

Scripture: Acts 15:1-35

Meditation: "Living God's love though expanding the kingdom of God:
Antioch's story"

Joys are flowing like a river HWB #301

Congregational prayer

Spirit of the Living God. HWB #349

Benediction

Meditation –Lisa Martens Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Ben Martens Bartel

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Rose Graber

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Visuals – Donna Friesen