

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY, April 26, 2026

Budget – \$1210.00 Attendance – 47

NEXT SUNDAY May 10, 2026

Meditation – Darryl Neustaedter Barg (CMU) Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Saturday, May 9-Sunday, May 10

CMU portable musical weekend with Darryl Neustaedter Barg. There will be a session on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. and another session on Sunday morning during worship. There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for the children that morning. There will be a potluck lunch to follow the worship service.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, May 17

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

Monday, June 8

7:30 p.m. – North Star Board meeting.

Monday, June 15

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

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Congratulations to Herman & Gayle Warkentin on the birth of their new grandson, James Abraham Jacob Green, born to Aaron and Jaye Green on Tuesday, April 28.
- Congratulations to Vic & Chris Bergen on the birth of their new great-granddaughter. Renna Christine was born on April 12 to Emily and Jeridyn Loewen, a first grandbaby for Malisa and Doug Thomas and great grandchild for Vic and Chris Bergen. They live in Brooks.
- Congratulations to Leona Ewert on the birth of her great-grandson, Henry Dakota, born to Morgan and Jordan Nardai on Friday, April 24. They live in Winnipeg.
- Please keep the RJC students and staff in your prayers this week as they participate in their annual Alternative Learning & Service Opportunities (ALSO) Week. They will be serving with partner organizations in Guatemala, Oliver (BC), Edmonton (AB), and across the prairies. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

- Care groups are invited to sign up to host the summer long weekend brunches on **August 2, September 6**. Please let Mary Jean know which date you have chosen ASAP.
- Rejoice subscriptions are now due. Cost is \$55.00. Cheques should be made to North Star and marked “**for Rejoice**” and placed in Mary Jean’s mailbox by **May 31**. If you would like to subscribe, please let me know and I will add your name to the list. The last issue for the previous year is in your mailbox.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Monday, May 4

1:00 p.m. – Shekinah is looking for a few volunteers to help with a work bee. We will need about 7–10 strong individuals to assist us. Shekinah recently experienced a flooding situation near the chalet due to an ice jam downstream, which caused the river levels to rise. Large water barriers around the chalet were set up to prevent flooding. We are very thankful that the water did not enter the chalet, although the cabins were affected. With the water levels now going down and the weather improving, we need help rolling up the water barriers and moving them back to the pole shed. This will help us prepare the chalet to welcome school groups this spring. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact: Sharon Murugiah - Executive Director at 639-480-3394.

Wednesday, May 6

2:00 p.m. – Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary is hosting a Mother’s Day Tea at Central Parkland Lodge. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday May 26

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. Admission is by donation. Thank you for supporting the youth & arts in our community!

Saturday, May 30

11:30 a.m. – RJC Golf Classic Join us at Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf, fun, and connecting with friends at RJC’s annual Golf Classic. The day begins at 11:30am with registration and pre-game activities, followed by a 1:00pm shotgun start. Cost is \$175 per golfer and 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon, is looking for a part-time Administration & Communications Assistant. See job description on the bulletin board.

MCC Connects: MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 13** at Forest Grove Community Church.. MCC is looking for volunteers to serve in lead positions including leading set up, clean up, volunteer care, the lemonade stand, or roll kuchen preparation. If interested in volunteering or other ways to get involved, visit mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved.html. We are currently accepting items to be donated to the online auction, which runs from June 6-13. These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, gardening equipment, and more. For more information and to fill out the online form to donate, visit [mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved]mccskreliefsale.com/get-involved

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: CommonWord book launch: James by Sheila Klassen-Wiebe – Join us on **Monday, May 4** at 7:00 PM (CDT) for the launch of the latest volume in the Believers Church Bible Commentary series. Scholar Sheila Klassen-Wiebe and guests will discuss James, attentive to exegetical issues and how its teachings instruct the church today. In person at Marpeck Commons (2299 Grant Ave.) or via livestream. More at commonword.ca/go/4423.

CommonWord and Canadian Mennonite Bite-Sized Book Club – Join us on **Thursday, May 7** at 7:00 PM (CDT) for a conversation with scholar, author, and pastor Carolyn Beard, editor of "A Sure Way: Following Truth in a World on Fire," plough's new spiritual guide to the life and writings of Jewish-Christian philosopher and "Holocaust martyr" St. Edith Stein. Register to receive study materials and Zoom link. More info at commonword.ca/go/4420.

CMU Chicken Fingers and Fries Alumni Dinner – CMU alumni and their families are invited to a free chicken finger and fries dinner, including a short program, followed by optional tours of the newly renovated Poettcker Hall dorms on **Friday, May 22**, 5:30–7:00 PM at the CMU Dining Hall. There is no cost for the dinner, though donations will be accepted. Visit cmu.ca/chickenfingers for more information and registration.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, May 3, 2026
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Praise, I will praise you, Lord HWB #76
Blessed assurance HWB #332

Call to Worship

Prayer

Offering/Song of the Week – Will You Walk with Me? – Alvie Martens

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

Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace VT #719

Scripture: Acts 9:1-22

Meditation: "Living God's love to our enemies: Ananias' story"

How can I say STS #117

Congregational prayer

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours VT #568

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Alvie Martens
Song Leader – Leona Ewert Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Sound – Ivan Bartel Visuals – Jacob Martens Bartel
Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel