

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY, July 12, 2026

Budget – \$2080.00 Non-Budget - \$100.00 Attendance – 47

NEXT SUNDAY July 26, 2026

“Summer in the Psalms” video series Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, July 23

2:30 p.m. – North Star service at Lanigan Lodge. Everyone welcome.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, July 27-Friday, July 31

1:00-2:00 p.m. – Children ages 5-13 are invited to Five Day Club at the home of Floyd & Carolyn Bartel. Hear God's word, know Jesus, grow in Faith.

Sunday, August 2

10:00 a.m. – Long Weekend Brunch Sunday.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 p.m. – Drake Library invites you to a Flower Arranging workshop with Kristen Bartel. Cost is \$35.00 for flowers. Limited spots so register by July 23 at (306 363-2101) or drake.library@wheatland.sk.ca

Wednesday, August 5

1:00-4:00 p.m. – RJC Grow the Game Football Camp. Youth entering Grades 5–10 are invited to stay active, build confidence, and learn the fundamentals of flag football at this exciting camp presented by the Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation. The camp is FREE to attend. Register today at rjc.sk.ca/rjcridercamp

Thursday, August 6

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Gardens for Good. Join MCC for a garden tour at the Buhler's Acreage in Osler, featuring great food and stories that explore how cultivating peace helps communities grow and thrive locally and around the world. The link to register: mcc.org/events/gardens-good-cultivating-peaceful-communities.

Wednesday, August 12-Friday, August 14

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – RJC Summer Sports Camp. Youth entering Grades 5–8 are invited to join us for a three-day camp focused on skill development in soccer and volleyball. Cost is \$150 per athlete and includes a daily lunch and camp t-shirt. Family rates are available. Registration and information at rjc.sk.ca/sportscamp.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: RJC is still accepting applications for the 2026–27 school year! Applications are open for students entering Grades 9–12. Book a school tour or meeting, email admissions@rjc.sk.ca with your questions, or apply online at rjc.sk.ca/apply. NEW Grade 9 and 10 dormitory students are eligible for 50% off first-year dormitory fees.

Once again this fall MC Sask is offering a CMU course in Saskatoon. This year's course is Anabaptist Peace Theology and Gender Justice, and it will be taught by Susanne Guenther Loewen. The course will be on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm to 4:15 pm from **September 10th until December 3rd**, online and in-person at the MCC Centre. CMU students can register for this course now. For those interested in taking it for personal development, watch for the registration form on the MC Sask website soon.

Risk Taking and New Wine in New Wine Skins - Ingrid Thiessen

Many of our bible stories talk about people who took risks. Early adopters are such people. This inCERT tells of a few climate related early adopter stories including a link to the CBC program "What on Earth" which looks at fertilizer alternatives. Doyle Wiebe, a member of the Mennonite church, is trying one of those fertilizer options. <https://bit.ly/4xUzbBF>

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 MC Sask Education Scholarship. Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is **July 31, 2026**, visit www.mcsask.ca for application forms and full eligibility details. <https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/2026-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

MCC Connects: MCC invites you to Gardens for Good: Cultivating Peaceful Communities, a garden party fundraiser at Floating Gardens in Osler. Join us on **Thursday, August 6** from 10:30 am - 1 pm for live music, refreshments, and stories of how compassion and generosity are building more peaceful communities in Saskatoon and rural Uganda. Admission is by donation, and limited spots are available. For more details and to RSVP, call the MCC Centre at (306) 665-2555 or visit: mcc.org/events/gardens-good-cultivating-peaceful-communities

Are you a young adult, or know a young adult, who is interested in exploring what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus in a complicated world? MCC's Seek program is a Christian discipleship program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for young adults ages 18-20 that runs from January to June every year. All assignment-related costs are covered for this unique opportunity to live in community, dig deep into the word of God, and explore the richness of Cambodian culture. Applications are open until **August 3**. Learn more at: mcc.org/seek

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back! We invite you to help us pack 30,000 school kits by the end of August for children in areas of conflict or disaster, so they can receive the education they need to learn and grow. To learn more about this challenge, access a fun children's guide, and for details on being entered to win a pizza party for your School Kit packing group, visit: mcc.org/school-kit-challenge

As well, here is a short Youtube video about School Kits in Ethiopia to share: www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyP-4ZzOdjg

In partnership with the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR), MCC invites your congregation to welcome the stranger and join in on the We're Better Together campaign. Through stories, resources, and opportunities for action, this campaign invites Canadians to learn about the refugee experience and the importance of welcoming newcomers. For more details about how to get involved, visit: mcc.org/better-together.

CMU Connects: Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology – The Spring 2026 issue of Vision, published semi-annually by Canadian Mennonite University and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, is now available. View the issue of Vision online at cmu.ca/publications.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, July 19, 2026
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

I sing the mighty power of God HWB #46
O sing to the Lord STJ #12

Call to Worship

ONE: In a world of shadows and shifting truths –
ALL: Jesus is the Light that cannot be extinguished.
ONE: He illuminates our path and opens our eyes.
ALL: His light gives life to all who follow Him.
ONE: Let us step into that light with joy –
ALL: And worship the Light of the world.

Prayer

Offering

My life flows on HWB #580

Meditation: "Summer in the Psalms" video series – Psalm 137

God of grace and God of glory HWB #366

Congregational prayer

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises VT #849

Benediction

Video – Zachary Stefaniuk, Zion Menn., Swift Current
Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson
Song Leader – Jim & Eileen Ewert
Pianist – Heather Kroeker
Sound – Ben Martens Bartel
Visuals – Tami-Lynn Friesen
Ushers – Amanda Keeling, Amy Wildeman