

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY, August 9, 2026

Budget – \$2290.00 Non-Budget – \$1600.00 Attendance – 48

NEXT SUNDAY August 23, 2026

Summer in the Psalms Video Series Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Lisa will be taking holidays August 19-24.

Monday, August 17

2:00-5:00 p.m. – The Community Gift & Thrift store is throwing a pool party and you are all invited! August 17th is "National Thrift Shop Day", so from 2-5pm we are taking over the Lanigan Waterpark and you are all invited to join. Admission is free, so come for a swim, stay for a snack and bring your friends!

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, August 30

10:00 a.m. – Camp Sunday.

Sunday, September 6

10:00 a.m. – Brunch Sunday

Sunday, September 20

10:00 a.m. – Teen Challenge will be bringing the morning worship.

Sunday, September 27

10:00 a.m. – Joel Mowchenko from Farmland Legacy will be bringing the morning worship.

Sunday, October 25

10:00 a.m. – North Star 120th Anniversary Celebration Service and Dinner.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- As fall approaches, please give some prayerful thought to where you might be able to volunteer your time for Sunday School teaching, worship leading, music, sound, visuals, etc. and email the office with the dates that you are available.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Saturday, September 12

7:00 p.m. – Simply Superb, the singing group from Superb Menn.Church, reunites for one night of music and stories at The Barn Playhouse. The concert supports Wonderland Theatre's 2027 season. Tickets are on sale at The Barn Playhouse website.

Wednesday, September 23

6:30-9:00 p.m. – MCCS Annual General Meeting on Zoom. We can register 2 delegates so if you are interested in participating, please contact the office.

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>

MC Canada Connects: Canadian Mennonite Editor (1.0 FTE). Canadian Mennonite is seeking an Editor to lead the editorial vision and production of Canada's national Anabaptist publication. This role provides leadership for our print, digital and social content, working with staff, writers and contributors to produce thoughtful journalism and compelling stories that serve the diverse Mennonite community across Canada. If you're an experienced editor with strong leadership skills and a passion for faith-based journalism, we'd love to hear from you. For responsibilities, qualifications and application details: <https://canadianmennonite.org/canadian-mennonite-editor/>

MCC Connects: On Monday **August 17**, we're celebrating National Thrift Shop Day! This is a day to celebrate the value of thrift shops in our communities, and we encourage you to visit your local MCC Thrift Shop in Saskatoon, Warman, Rosthern, Lanigan, Herbert, or Swift Current for special sales.

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

The MCC Saskatchewan Board of Directors has chosen to hold the MCCS Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026** from 6:30-9:00pm. This meeting for reporting and accountability will be held via Zoom videoconferencing to accommodate participation from across the province. We will look back over the activities and financial realities of the 2025-2026 year in Saskatchewan and share glimpses of MCC's international work through Learning Tour glimpses from Cambodia, Kenya, Malawi, and Uganda.

The MCCS Peace Conference will be held on **November 7, 2026**, focusing on Treaty teachings in honour of the 150th anniversary of Treaty 6. More information will follow.

In its 9th season, Grow Hope Saskatchewan is helping to support the work of MCC and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide emergency food supplies and long-term food security programs around the world. Each acre sponsored represents real, tangible support for families who need reliable access to food. Thanks to your generosity, 225 of the 505 acres have already been sponsored this year! To help sponsor the remaining acres, and to read stories from Saskatchewan farmers, visit: www.growhopesk.ca.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, August 16, 2026
Worship Service **10:00 a.m.**

Project Sunday

2 ways to participate:

In the basement: Erika Thogersen and Joy from MCC will come with school kits to pack and share a little about the current work of MCC.

Outside: Joel and Ed are heading up our carpentry project. This year we will be building a dozen tiny benches for Drake school to use to make a ring of seats inside their tepee that is being raised at the start of school. This project supports the work of Truth and Reconciliation for our students here in Drake and gives them a comfortable place to sit and learn all year round inside their tepee. You may want to bring along some tools (wooden mallets and drivers) to help with this project.