

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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LAST SUNDAY, August 23, 2026

Budget – \$420.00 Non-Budget – \$300.00 Attendance – 33

NEXT SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

Long Weekend Brunch Sunday. Please remember to bring your own dishes.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, September 3

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

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

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.
- Shekinah is blessed by the volunteers from North Star who shared their time and talents this summer camp season. 5 Bible leaders and 26 cooks feed our campers' bottomless stomachs and inquiring spirits. With your support, we continue to be a sacred place where all are welcome to experience the presence and glory of God.
 - Audrey Kampen, Board Member

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 p.m. – RJC Opening Program. Join us to celebrate the start of a new school year! You're invited to the RJC Auditorium for an evening of music and reflections, featuring performances and sharing from RJC students, staff and community members. Admission by donation.

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. – Please save the date for the MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by visiting mcc.org/events/mcc-saskatchewan-agm, calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555, or emailing saskoffice@mccsk.ca. 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. **We can register 2 delegates so if you are interested in participating, please contact the office.**

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: 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.

MC Sask's CERT (Climate Emergency Response Team) is sponsoring a TREE PLANTING event **September 19**. Tree seedlings which are native to this region will be harvested from local properties and transplanted into a river lot at Fish Creek. Please join us as we strive to care for creation through biodiversity, wildlife habitat and carbon capture. The day will begin at Seagar Wheeler farm east of Rosthern at 8:30 a.m. With freshly excavated miniature trees and a 45-minute trip to Fish Creek, we will transplant these trees. All are invited to share in a wiener roast before getting on with the day. Matthew Braun of Osler will lead us in this adventure. Call Cynthia at MCSask (306 249-4844) indicating your interest. Claire Ewert Fisher will follow up with details as they develop. (Updated)

MC Canada Connects: First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg is turning 100! From September 2026 to May 2027, we're celebrating with games, food, music, special guests, and more, culminating in a commissioned choral work and Faspa Gala. Whether you're a former member, friend, neighbour, relative, or simply curious, please join us in celebration! All are welcome. Learn more at <https://firstmennonitechurch.ca/100-years-of-fmc/>, or contact office@firstmennonitechurch.ca.

MCC Connects: MCC continues to invite your prayers for the people of Colombia following the magnitude 7.4 earthquake that struck on August 10. MCC is determining a planned response via our Mennonite Brethren church partners in the country. To donate towards emergency assistance, visit mcc.org/get-involved/giving/designations/colombia-earthquake-response or call the MCC Centre at 306-655-2555.

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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.

CMU Connects: Face2Face at CMU: Beyond Boundaries: Science, Space, and the Art of Discovery – CMU invites you to the CMU Chapel (600 Shaftesbury Blvd.) on **September 11** at 7:00 PM for an inspiring conversation with Dr. Roberta Bondar, Canada's first female astronaut, acclaimed scientist, neurologist, photographer, and environmental advocate. Discover how curiosity, observation, and creativity shape the way we understand our world and the universe. Exhibition opening reception to follow at the MHC Gallery. Visit cmu.ca/face2face for more information.

CommonWord Book Event: Join us for a panel discussion with Jodi Spargur and Adrian Jacobs around reparations for the church and what it means to live as treaty people in Manitoba – and across Canada. Friday, **September 17** at 7:00 PM (CDT), in person and via livestream. More at <http://commonword.ca/go/4315>.

Face2Face at CMU: Money and the Cost of Living: Building Financial Confidence Together. You are invited to Marpeck Commons on **Sept. 18** at 7:00 PM for an evening of honest conversations about money. Hosted by CMU Vice-President Academic and Professor of Economics, Dr. Jerry Buckland. Panelists include Jesse Dollimont, Venaika Jean, and Joel Schlesinger. Visit cmu.ca/face2face for more information.

Fall at CMU – CMU's annual alumni and community gathering takes place Saturday, **September 19** from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Highlights include craft and food vendors, food trucks, activities and the Bubbleman for children, artist workshops, live music, reunions, an evening Song Feast and the MennoCross cyclocross race. Visit cmu.ca/fall for more information.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday, August 30, 2026
Camp Sunday Worship Service **10:00 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

This Little Light of Mine
Days of Elijah

Felix Martens Bartel Sharing
Hope is Built
Not Be Shaken

Kaleb Martens Bartel Sharing
Glory Hallelujah Jubilee

Tristan Lehr Sharing
Pharaoh, Pharaoh

Jacob Martens Bartel Sharing
Sword into a Ploughshare or Light the Fire

Offering

Scripture: Romans 12:2

Skit

My Lighthouse

Prayer & Benediction

We Shall Go Out with Joy

Worship Leader – Lisa Martens Bartel
Song Leader – Tami-Lynn Lehr
Accompanists – Worship Band
Sound – Ben Martens Bartel
Visuals – Ben Martens Bartel
Ushers – Amanda Keeling, Amy Wildeman