

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastoral Office hours: Thursdays (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

LAST SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

Attendance – 38

NEXT SUNDAY, September 20, 2026

Teen Challenge will bring the morning worship.

Worship Leader – Donna Friesen

There will be a potluck lunch after the morning worship.

Please bring a little extra for our guests
and remember to bring your own dishes.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Lisa's office hours for the next two weeks will be on Fridays instead of Thursdays so she will be in on September 18 & September 25.

Tuesday, September 15

2:00 p.m. – Koinonia meets at church. Please bring scissors and a small hot glue gun (if you have one) and glue. Also bring \$7.00 for craft supplies.

Saturday, September 19

4:00-7:00 p.m. – Join youth in grades 6-12 at North Star as we kick off another year of Mega Menno events. We are starting this year off with one of our favorites, Menno Run. The town-wide game of pretending to be fleeing Menno's while finding safe houses and avoiding the captors. Carpooling will be available and arranged with your local youth Pastors or leaders. Don't forget to bring \$5 for pizza. Register online at <https://mcsask.ca/youthcomeingevents>

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

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:

- Our sympathy is extended to Myrven Kline and family on the passing of Marjorie on Friday, September 11. Funeral service is planned for Friday, September 18.

- There are sign-up sheets in the Educ. Wing for *Song of the Week* and *Coffee*. Please add your name when it works for you.
- 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 19

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Seeding an Economy of Life: Emerging Ideas for a Just Climate Transition for All in Saskatchewan. Join KAIROS Regina and partners for a day of imagination, creativity, and conversation. Explore practical, hope-filled tools for building a just transition beyond fossil fuel dependence. Lunch included. Free; donations welcome. Christ the King Parish, 3239 Garnet St, Regina and online. Register here: <https://secure.kairoscanada.org/civCRM/event/register?id=456>

Wednesday, September 23

6:30-9:00 p.m. – 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'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)

MCC Connects: MCC is responding to the flash flooding and landslides in Nepal, assisting with rescue efforts and providing emergency relief alongside two local partners. We invite your prayers for the people of Nepal as they face uncertainty and extensive destruction to their communities and livelihoods. To donate towards emergency assistance and recovery, visit mcc.org/get-

involved/giving/designations/nepal-flooding-response or call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555.

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

CMU Connects: CommonWord Book Event: Join Jodi Spargur and Adrian Jacobs for a discussion 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 at Marpeck Commons and via livestream. More at <http://commonword.ca/go/4315>.

Face2Face at CMU: Money and the Cost of Living: Building Financial Confidence Together – Join us at Marpeck Commons on **September 18** at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of thoughtful dialogue on money and financial literacy. Hosted by CMU Vice-President Academic and Professor of Economics, Dr. Jerry Buckland. Panelists include Jesse Dollimont, Venaika Jean, and Joel Schlesinger. More information at cmu.ca/face2face.

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.

CommonWord Book Launch: Join us for a conversation with author Marg Epp and Bwe Doh Soe, a Karen cultural and language facilitator from Saskatoon. They tell a first-hand account of Ma They Yare's journey as a refugee from war-torn Myanmar to Canada, the inspiration which led to the writing of this book and the collaborative effort to share the story to a wider community. **Friday, September 24** at 7:00 PM (CDT), in person and via livestream. Visit <http://commonword.ca/go/4441> for more.

Xplore: Keep Thinking – Registration is now open for fall Xplore courses at CMU. Xplore offers courses that investigate the intersections of faith and life, all without any assignments or examinations. Learners of all ages are welcome to participate. Visit cmu.ca/community/xplore for more information.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Teach me, O Lord HWB #487
I am weak and I need thy strength HWB #553

Call to Worship

Prayer

Offering

We shall walk through the valley HWB #412

Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast VT #511
(Sunday School for children aged 3-12)

Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Meditation: "Room enough around the table"

You are salt for the earth HWB #226

Congregational Prayer

And I will raise you up HWB #596

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel	Worship Leader – Irene Bartel
Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert	Pianist – Chris Bergen
Sound – Steven Lehr	Visuals – Kaleb/Ben Martens Bartel
Ushers – Emery Laskowski, Herb Friesen	