

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastoral office hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

LAST SUNDAY

Offering – Budget \$3290.00 Non-Budget \$700.00 Attendance – 43

NEXT SUNDAY

There will be no morning worship at North Star.
Joint service with PLCF beginning at 3:00 p.m.
followed by potluck, games and sharing.

TODAY: 7:00 p.m. – North Star Christmas Eve service. The offering will be divided between the Lanigan Food Bank and Brighter Horizons in the Honduras. Please make cheques payable to North Star Mennonite Church.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Lisa will not be in the office from December 25-January 1.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, January 4

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

Monday, January 15

7:30 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting.

Monday, January 22

7:30 p.m. – NSMC Annual Meeting. **Please have reports handed in or emailed to the office by January 10.** There are a number of positions open so please consider volunteering your time to serve on these positions as well as for sound, visuals, camera, worship leader, song leader, accompanist, etc. We need to have more volunteers trained for these positions. Contact the office if you want more information.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- If you are interested in being on a planning committee for the MC Sask Annual Delegate Session to be held at North Star on March 8 & 9, 2024, please contact the office **ASAP**.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, January 19-Sunday, January 21

Mega Menno Winter Retreat at Shekinah, partnering with RJC High School and Mennonite Church Alberta. See poster.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

MC Sask Connects: This Season of Giving, a portion of your donations are going to support the work of MC Canada. We send over \$8,000 each month to MC Canada for their work, which includes International Witness, Indigenous Relations, Climate Action and CommonWord. Donate at <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

Prayer Requests from the Shekinah Board of Directors:

- We give thanks that \$18 000 has already been donated to meet our \$40 000 CEBA loan payment. Meeting this loan commitment by mid-January greatly reduces our future financing costs. We have been promised another donation of \$10 000 if we are able to raise the remaining \$12 000.
- We ask for your continued prayers as we continue to search for a permanent Executive Director. We are thankful that Amy Peters will continue as interim director until the end of January. Audrey Kampen will take on the interim role at that time.

The Youth Farm Bible Camp is inviting you to a Drive Through event this Christmas season. Lights, hand painted billboards, Bethlehem town, and much more. Check online for hours. Purchase tickets at the gate or online at www.youthfarmcornmaze.com. (\$22 online or \$25 at the gate)

MCC Connects: From all of us at MCC Saskatchewan, we wish you a Merry Christmas! May the birth of Christ fill you all with joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

MCC is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 SALT program. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

QUILT SALE – This year's quilt sale is currently underway, and all quilts are now available at half price. See poster or mccskquiltsale.com

CMU Connects: The 2024 John and Margaret Friesen Lecture Series begins Thursday, January 18. Titled "Revisiting the Mennonite Experience in Ukraine," the two presentations will feature Dr. Nataliya Venger, Professor of History and Chair of the World History Department at the Dnipropetrovsk University of Ukraine. Visit cmu.ca/friesenlectures for more information.

FOR PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS

renew 2024 – Registration is now open for CMU's annual pastor and church leader conference addressing the topic "Leading with Hope in Anxious Times." Four keynote speakers with diverse ministry leadership experience will offer biblically grounded theological perspectives on hope. In person at CMU and online February 5–6. Visit cmu.ca/renew for more information.

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Advent 4 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

How will we know ... why me? Why not me?

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Christmas brunch potluck

Carol Singing

Offering Prayer

Advent Candle lighting and Children's time

Christmas Meditation

Congregational prayer

Benediction

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

Sound – Steven Lehr Visuals – Kyle Toporchak

Ushers – Carolyn Bartel, Ben Martens Bartel