



Hutterthal
**Mennonite
Church**

Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Based on Isaiah 55

L: Gather near now and listen; be attentive to God and one another.

P: Our Lord is speaking today. He has a word for us as His people.

L: Put behind you the continual striving, the myriad attempts to fill yourself and know the fullness of God.

P: We seek God, our God, knowing He's here to be found. We pray to Him knowing that He's near.

L: Jesus calls us to serve, not to lord over others

P: God reigns! So, let us courageously love rather than preserve and defend our own way.

L: Together – one with God and one in Christ – we water the earth with the Good News.

ALL: That all may go out with joy and be led into life!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 494 vs. 1, 2, & 4-6,

Christian, Do You Hear the Lord?

Children's Time:

"Shooing" Temptation

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Moment-in-Mission:

A New Directory

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (Pew Bible p. 606)

Silent Meditation

Worship Music

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

Hymn: STJ no. 62,

Christ's is the World

Message:

A Risk Worth Taking

Hymn: STJ no. 107,

God Remembers

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Edie Tschetter (piano), Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message), Monica Clem (moment-in-mission), and worship music arranged by Ray & Joyce Hofer

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- **From CPMC:** Pray for the conference board meeting in the Twin Cities on Saturday. The agenda includes planning for Annual Meeting and forming the spending blueprint for next year.
- **From MMN:** Pray for Caleb Yoder of MMN who works with leadership development in Ecuador. Pray for wisdom, compassion and spiritual strength as he accompanies a young congregation in Calderón where most of the members are Colombian refugees.

We respectfully request that the **designated pews** remain open for families with young children and those with physical needs. We also request that the **crying room** remain available for infants and nursing mothers.

A **Handicap Accessible Bathroom** is located in the basement.

TODAY

Greeters: Marj Hofer & Adeline Friesen

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

6:30pm: Valentine's Banquet

MW Feb. project: Cash for Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's Sun. School project: Freeman Food Pantry

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

Piano: Elvera Deckert

Worship Music: Rodney & Amanda Mettler

Coffee Time: Doug & Becky McCune

12:00pm: Potluck Fellowship

THIS WEEK

Friday: Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

Saturday: Youth Bowling (Yankton)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 4: Mission & Outreach Meeting, 7:00pm

Mar. 5: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 12pm (Freeman Library)

Mar. 7: Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

Mar. 9: Gathering 58: 6, 9am

St. John's Bible Open House, 2pm (USF)

The Church Board is calling a **special congregational meeting** on Mar. 2, after the worship service. We will be voting on a painting and carpet project for the educational wing and painting the sanctuary.

Lent Bible Display at HMC: The Hutterthal worship committee would like to invite you to participate in creating a display of Bibles in our sanctuary for the Lent season **beginning Sunday, March 9th**. Do you have a Bible that has special meaning to you? a family heirloom Bible? a Bible commemorating a special event in your life? the Bible of a parent or grandparent who has passed on? Please leave your Bible(s) on the desk in the Pastor's study and include a slip of paper listing: Bible's owner, brief description on the significance of the Bible.

See the power and beauty of God's WORD in the ***Saint John's Bible*** –The artist-in-residence program at Hutterthal is planning **two upcoming events** featuring this incredible work of art:

***Saint John's Bible* on display at University of Sioux Falls, Sunday, March 9, 2-4pm** – You are invited to join us for an outing to view reproduction volumes of the *Saint John's Bible* at USF. An open house from 2-4pm that afternoon is being held for the public at Mears Library on campus. Those who are interested in attending can carpool from Hutterthal, more details to come.

Public movie event, Sunday, March 16th, 2:30pm - The public is invited to attend a viewing of the documentary on *the Saint John's Bible* project, "The Illuminator and a Bible for the 21st Century". The film will be

shown in the Hutterthal Mennonite Church basement fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served.

Appreciation dinner and annual mtg. of the Swan Lake Christian Camp Association: at the camp on **March 1**. All are invited to attend. Tours of the new, under construction, retreat center begin at 5:30 pm followed by the meal 6:00. RSVP to Judi at 605-326-5690 or campoffice@myslcc.com.

SCHMECKFEST:

- 1. Knepf making:** **Fri., Mar. 7**, 4:00–8:00pm and **Sat., Mar. 8**, 9:00am– 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Contact Vernetta Waltner.
- 2. Kuchen making:** Are you willing to host a **kuchen baking** session at the F.A. dining hall? The following date is available: Mar. 15 (Sat.). Contact Vernetta Waltner at 321-7351 or waltners@hotmail.com.

Heritage Hall Museum and Archives will hold its **annual cleaning** day on Saturday, **March 8** beginning at 9:00 a.m. See Connection! for details.

Cold weather has slowed donations to Et Cetera Shoppe! These cold gray days are the perfect time to clean out a closet or a cupboard. **We'd love to receive the best things you no longer need or use** - clothing, house wares, furniture, small appliances, and so on! Give us your best, and we'll do the rest... all in the name of Christ!

Message Notes:

Theme: church; relationships; faith

“A Risk Worth Taking”

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SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (Pew Bible p. 606)

1 Corinthians 12: 27 – “Together [we] are the body of Christ. Each one of [us] is part of His body.” (CEV)

Luke 9: 23 -- “Jesus said to everyone, ‘All who want to come after Me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Me.’” (CEB)

Matthew 7: 13-14 – “You can enter true life only through the narrow gate. The gate to hell is very wide, and there is plenty of room on the road that leads there. Many people go that way. But the gate that opens the way to true life is narrow. And the road that leads there is hard to follow. Only a few people find it.” (ERV)

Ephesians 5: 1-2 – “... [becoming] imitators of God, as beloved children, and [living] in love, just as also Christ loved us, and gave Himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God for a fragrant smell.” (LEB)

John 15: 13 – “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (NKJV)

Luke 9: 24 – “If you try to avoid danger and risk, then you’ll lose everything. If you let go of your life and risk all for My sake, then your life will be rescued, healed, made whole and full.” (The Voice)

1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 – “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.” (NKJV)

1 John 3: 11 – “The message you heard from the very beginning is this: we must love one another.” (TEV)

1 John 4: 8b – “... God is love.” (NKJV)

As the body of Christ, _____! (1 Cor. 10: 1-11)

Genesis 4: 9d – “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (NKJV)

1 John 4: 20-21 – “... if we say we love God and don’t love each other, we are liars. We cannot see God. So how can we love God, if we don’t love the people we can see? The commandment that God has given us is: ‘Love God and love each other!’” (CEV)

Hebrews 10: 23-24 – “... consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (NKJV)

As the body of Christ, _____! (1 Cor. 10: 12-13)

2 Timothy 3: 17 – “... the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.” (NET)

1 Corinthians 2: 12 – “... we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.” (NKJV)