

# WORD

## B I B L E

### D I S P L A Y

For those who thirst after God, reading and meditating upon Scripture is often a daily drink of cool refreshing water. The Bibles to which we turn to therefore become treasured, meaningful items. This Lenten season features a sanctuary display of Bibles on loan from individuals of the Hutterthal community. 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? If you wish to have a Bible included in the display, please speak to Pastor Todd or Michelle L Hofer. A time of sharing around the Bible display is being planned.



Memorizing Scripture is one of the many ways to experience the presence and comfort of God with us. During this Lenten season, you and your children are encouraged to work at memorizing Colossians 1:15-23:

Age 4 years and under - Colossians 1:15

Age 5-7 - Colossians 1:15-18

Age 8-11 - Colossians 1:15-20

Age 12 and up - Colossians 1:15-23

Pastor Todd's children's moments explore a key word each Sunday from this great

hymn written by the apostle Paul. Let us encourage one another, children and adults, to hide this passage in our hearts. May you be blessed in your meditation upon the glorious expression of God's salvation and "continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast,...not moved away from the hope of the gospel."

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H I D D E N

I N O U R H E A R T S

Das 1. Capitel.

Das ewige Wort Gottes in Fleisch geworden. Zeugnis des Leibes von dem Sohne Gottes. Welche Pflichten sein.

1. Im Anfang war das Wort, und das Wort war bei Gott, und Gott war das Wort.

2. Dasselbe war im Anfang bei Gott.

3. Alle Dinge sind durch dasselbe gemacht, und ohne dasselbe ist nichts gemacht, was gemacht ist.

4. In ihm war das Leben, und das Leben war das Licht der Menschen.

5. Und das Licht leuchtete in der Finsternis, und die Finsternis hat's nicht begriffen.

6. Es ward ein Mensch, von Gott gesandt, der hieß Johannes.

7. Dieser kam zum Zeugnis, daß er von dem Licht zeugte, auf daß sie alle durch ihn glauben.

8. Er war nicht das Licht, sondern daß er zeugte von dem Licht.

9. Das war das wahrhaftige Licht, welches alle Menschen erleuchtet, die in die Welt kommen.

10. Es war in der Welt, und die Welt ist durch dasselbe gemacht; und die Welt kannte es nicht.

11. Er kam in sein Eigentum; und die Seinen nahmen ihn nicht auf.

12. Wie viele ihn aber aufnahmen, denen gab er Macht, Gottes Kinder zu werden, die an seinen Namen glauben;

13. welche nicht von dem Geblüt noch von dem Willen des Fleisches noch von dem Willen eines Mannes, sondern von Gott geboren sind.

14. Und das Wort ward Fleisch und wahrhaftig unter uns, und wir haben seine Herrlichkeit, eine Herrlichkeit, die nicht von dem Fleische noch von dem Willen eines Mannes, sondern von Gott geboren ist.

16. Und von solcher Gnade hat uns alle genommen die Gnade.

17. Denn das Gescheh ist dir gegeben; die Gnade und Wahrheit durch Jesus Christum gen.

18. Niemand hat Gott jege eingeborene Sohn, der in d Schoß ist, der hat es uns v.

19. Und dies ist das Zei Johannes, da die Juden von Jerusalem Priester und Le sie ihn fragten: Wer bist du?

20. Und er bekannte und nicht; und er bekannte: Ich Christus.

21. Und sie fragten ihn: Bist du Christus? Er sprach: nicht. — Bist du der Propet er antwortete: Nein!

22. Da sprachen sie zu ihm: du denn? daß wir Antiponen, die uns gesandt haben sagst du von dir selbst?

23. Er sprach: Ich bin ein eines Predigers in der Wä den Weg des Herrn! wie der Jesus gesagt hat.

24. Und die gesandt waren, von den Pharisäern.

25. Und sie fragten ihn und zu ihm: Warum tauffst du du nicht Christus bist noch der Propet?

26. Johannes antwortete i sprach: Ich taufe mit Wasser; ich mitter unter euch getreten nicht kennet.

27. Der ist's, der nach mir wird, welcher vor mir gewes ich nicht wert bin, daß ich sein riemen auflese.

28. Ich hab zu Bethal ritte, wo Johann

29. Es and Tages keh nes zum ihm kom sprich: Sieh, was in Gotte welt, die Welt Sünde t

30. Dieser ist's, von dem hat: die Garte kommt ch

WORD AMONG US



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 23, 2014

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship

L: Dry and thirsty, we look for a drink that will satisfy.

**P: God provides us with water from the spring of life.**

L: Lost and confused, we strive for direction and purpose.

**P: God leads us through the wilderness into a land of promise.**

L: Weary from the journey, we plead for restoration.

***ALL: God renews us and grants us new life; we make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.***

Hymn: STJ no. 28,

*We Worship God the Rock*

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 17: 1-17 (Pew Bible p. 39)

Silent Reflection

### Time of Confession

L: When will this journey be over? Where is the end of all our traveling?

**P: How long will we wander, thirsty and hungry, strangers in a strange land?**

***ALL: Deliver us, Lord, from our misery.***

L: You have said that You will give us water that flows from the rock; that You will quench our thirst, that never again will our souls be parched.

**P: But we do not listen to Your voice.**

L: We ignore what we see around us, the evidence of Your gift; asking for new signs, we demand proof of Your grace.

**P: We harden our hearts against You; we draw from wells that run dry; we sip on that which does not satisfy.**

L: Lord, hear our prayer.

## ***SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION***

L: Lord, You have met us at the well and offered us a spring of water gushing to eternal life.

***ALL: Now we have heard for ourselves and we know that You are truly the Savior of the world.***

**Theme Song:** STJ no. 100,

*Here I Am*

**Children's Time:**

Reconcile

**Sharing Time**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (debts and debtors)

**Hymn:** HWB no. 493,

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**Scripture Reading:**

John 4: 5-42 (Pew Bible p. 562)

**Brief Reflections**

**Prayer**

**Message:**

Presence

**Witnessing**

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offering Prayer**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 530,

*What Wondrous Love is This*

**Benediction:**

L: We've encountered God through the waters of His presence.

**P: Let us go then as witnesses to the living water that Jesus offers to us all.**

L: In the week ahead, let us be alert to the surprising ways that God's work is being revealed all around us.

***ALL: Amen.***

**Musical Response**

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**Worship Participants:** Michelle Hofer (bulletin cover art), Phyllis Hofer (organ), Lillie Koerner (song leader), Leanna Bentz (soloist), Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message) and Brigitta Hofer (witnessing)

## **PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES**

- **Amos Decker's mother**
- **Dorothy Haas** (daughter of Moses Glanzer)
- **Carol Detweiller** (wife of Conference Minister Tim)
- **Heather VanMeveren** (wife of Pastor Shane at Bethany Mennonite)
- **From CPMC:** Pray for the Mennonite Camping Association meeting this week. Crooked Creek Christian Camp will host this annual gathering of Mennonite camp staffers which includes Swan Lake and Wilderness Wind camp staff.
- **MMN:** Pray for opportunities for MMN's Brian and Kelly McPhail to share Jesus' love with their students in China where they serve through Mennonite Partners in China.

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:** Harold & Phyllis Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Harold & Phyllis Hofer

**MW Mar. project:** Hygiene Kits and or Soap - see *Connection!* for details

**Children's Sun. School project:** MMN N. Ireland Peacemaking

### **NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Greeters:** Delmer & Shirley Hofer

**Organ:** Norma Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Ray & Joyce Hofer

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tues:** Pastor-Peer Meeting, 9:15am (Sermon On the Mount)

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

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Apr. 2:** Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 12pm @ Public Library

**Apr. 3:** Freeman Ministerial, 10am (North Church)

Worship, 7pm (Salem Home)

**April 4:** Men's Group, 10am (Parsonage)

**Apr. 6:** Baby shower for Michelle Neuharth @ 2pm

**Apr. 7:** Mennonite Women Work Night

**Apr. 11-14:** Hosting Eastern Mennonite High School students

**Apr. 13-16:** Holy Week Services, 7pm (Bethany Mennonite)

**Apr. 17:** Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion, 7pm

**Connection! deadline: Wed. noon, Mar. 26.** Give all info to Edie and church news to Twyla.

Hutterthal ladies are invited to a **baby shower** in honor of Eric and Michelle Neuharth and their anticipated new baby on **Sunday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m.** If you wish to participate in a group gift, contributions may be given to Charlene Friesen or Kim Jones. They are registered at Target.

We still need **housing for 10 people** from Eastern Mennonite High School for April 11-14. **Please contact Edie if you are able to host.**

MW Worknight is approaching and we are requesting that, if you have sewn **comforter tops to be tied** that evening, you would **bring them to church by March 23.** Also, we are looking for a good number of people to bring sewing machines to work night. Contact Sherryl, Barbie or Edie if you have comforter to be tied and also if you can bring your machine.

***Saint John's Bible Retreat Day Trip to Collegeville, MN*** – You are invited to join us for an outing to view actual pages of the *Saint John's Bible* on the campus of Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota while enjoying a relaxing and meditative day of activities including prayer and Bible study. The trip includes an overnight stay on **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** and activities on the University campus on **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.** Please sign up with Michelle L Hofer if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

**The Schmeckfest Country Kitchen** is asking for donations of food items. Poppysed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Items should be labeled.

**Table clearers and re-setters are needed on Friday, March 28,** and **table servers on Saturday, March 29** for Schmeckfest. If you can help in those areas, please call Debra Schmeichel, 648-3430.

South Church is hosting another **freezer meal assembly opportunity** on Saturday, **April 5 at 9 a.m.** Recipes include Santa Fe Chicken, Crockpot Fajitas, Pork Chop Marinade, Cheesy Potatoes+, Pulled Pork and Egg Bake. To participate, contact Vernetta Waltner at waltners@hotmail.com or 925-7620 for more details. Deadline to register is March 30.

The **S.D. Mennonite Disaster Service unit annual mtg.** will be held **April 6, 2 pm**, at Bethesda Mennonite Church, rural Marion. Duane Deckert, pastor of the Minot MB Church, will be the featured speaker. More details next week.

The **Search Committee**, appointed by the Board of Directors of Freeman Academy, will begin the interview process to select a candidate for the Principal/Chief Administrator position and requests your prayers and counsel as we undertake this journey. Committee members include Polly Waltner, Myles Brockmueller, Sharon Waltner, and Krista Graber, chair.

**Prayers for Healing and Hope:** Throughout the season of Lent, Pastor Todd and the Deacons will be available at the front of the sanctuary following worship for prayer. Anyone desiring special prayer and/or anointing are encouraged to come forward.

Please keep Max and Gloria Villatoro and their family in your prayers in a special way in the coming weeks. Max and his attorney, Dan Vondra, will be appearing before a 3-judge panel of the 8th Circuit Court judge in St. Louis, MO, on April 16. This is a crucial meeting, and may be Max's last chance for obtaining permanent legal status in the U.S. Please pray for God's Spirit to grant wisdom and clarity to Dan Vondra as he prepares his presentation. Pray for compassion and justice to guide the judges as they consider this case, which will also carry weight for many other immigrant families in our region of the country. And pray for peace that passes understanding to reign in the hearts of Max & Gloria's family.

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# WORD IN WITNESS

In the early years of our church the ministers were actually lay people of the congregation that were elected by the members. With the founding of Hutterthal church in 1879, four pastors served the congregation.

John D Kleinsasser.....1879-1889  
John Waldner.....1879-1899

Paul Hofer.....1879-1908  
John L. Wipf.....1879-1909

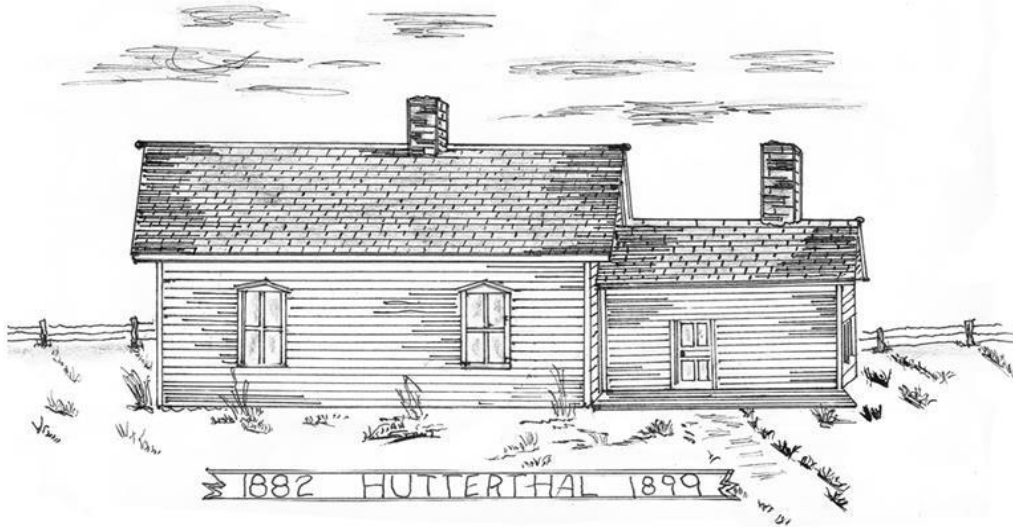


Illustration of the original Hutterthal church building by William M. Stahl.

## CLOUD OF WITNESSES P R O J E C T

Having launched our church website, [www.hmcfreeman.org](http://www.hmcfreeman.org), last summer, we are excited to introduce a new ministry focus for Hutterthal. Called the "Cloud of Witnesses Project," we are seeking to create an online archive of faith statements of the members and friends of Hutterthal

Mennonite Church. We ask that you prayerfully consider recording your story to be a part of this online witness opportunity. Visit the Leadership page now to read the statements of our Pastor and Deacons. More information will be coming soon.

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## JOHN 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup> So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Now Jacob's

well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." <sup>8</sup> For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

<sup>9</sup> Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"

<sup>12</sup> Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

<sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now

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## IN SCRIPTURE

is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

<sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

<sup>27</sup> And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

<sup>28</sup> The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

<sup>30</sup> Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

<sup>31</sup> In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

<sup>32</sup> But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

<sup>33</sup> Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

<sup>36</sup> And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

<sup>37</sup> For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

<sup>39</sup> And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of His own word.

<sup>42</sup> Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ,<sup>[3]</sup> the Savior of the world."