

# **REMINDER: Students of all ages, teachers, administrators and school support staffers are to bring their backpacks and school supplies to church on Sunday for the Backpack Blessings.**



**Hutterthal  
Mennonite  
Church**

**Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving**

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**Prelude**  
*Phillip Keveren*

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ~ trad., arr.*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:**

L: The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.

**P: We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.**

L: The One who creates mercy and hope longs for us to be living expressions of His grace.

**P: We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.**

L: The One who is with us in every moment composes a love song for our hearts.

**P: We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** STJ no. 118,

*Thy Holy Wings*

**Backpack Blessing**

L: Come, children and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**P: Teach me, O Lord, Your ways.**

L: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**P: Teach me, O Lord, Your ways.**

L: I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

**P: Teach me, O Lord, Your ways.**

*Students and Educators: We dedicate these items, our work, and ourselves to the glory of God. We thank You, God, for the opportunity to learn, to teach and to serve, so that Your work may be done in the world.*

L: May God, the Maker of all things, bless these things for the kingdom, and may their use be a blessing to all!

**ALL: O God, source of all goodness: We give You thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teacher, students, administrators, coaches and support**

*staff may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**Sharing Time**

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

**Worship Music:**

*Friend We Have in Jesus*

*What a*

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

arr. Cindy Berry

**Offertory Prayer**

*Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine ~ Smith,*

**Dwelling in the Word:**

(Pew Bible p. 629)

**Silent Meditation**

Titus 2: 11-15

**Hymn:** HWB no. 145,

*God's Mercy*

*There's a Wideness in*

**Message:**

The Grace of God

**Hymn:** HWB no. 150,

*Grace of Jesus*

*Wonderful*

**Benediction**

**Musical Response**

**Postlude**

~ Hatton, arr. Berry

*Jesus Shall Reign*

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**Worship Participants:** Amy Hofer Vetch (piano), Phyllis Hofer (worship music arranged by Calvin Hofer) , and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

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.

**PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES**

- **Crystal Hofer**
- **Family of Katy Glanzer**
- **From CPMC:** Pray for the Central Plains Outreach & Service Committee and the Ecuador Partners as they meet next weekend in Omaha.
- **From MMN:** Thank God for Craig Maven's able leadership of MMN's board of directors for the past four years. Pray for Madeline Maldonado, who now takes on this responsibility while continuing to serve as pastor of *Iglesia Evangelica Menonita Arca de Salvacion* in Fort Myers, Fla.

**TODAY: Backpack Blessing**

**Greeter:** Phil and Joline Thomas

**Nursery:** Brandy Friesen

**Coffee Time:** Carrol and Glenda Langeland

**MW project:** School Kits (need 8 pencils)

**Jr. S.S. project:** Swan Lake Christian Camp  
Opening Convocation, 7:30pm @ Freeman Academy

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Greeters:** Aaron & Marcella Glanzer

**Nursery:** Open

**Organ:** Phyllis Hofer

**Music:** Cameron & Rina Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Preston & Paige Zachariasen

Worship feat. Sun. School Teachers Dedication, 9:45am @ HMC

Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 4pm @ South Church

### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm @ Koerner's

**Tuesday:** Pastor-Peer, 9:15am @ Mercy Church (Sioux Falls)

**Wednesday:** First Day of School @ Freeman Public

**Thursday:** First Day of School @ Freeman Academy

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**August 27:** Mission & Outreach Committee, 8pm @ HMC

**August 28:** September *Connection!* Deadline, 12pm

Children's Sunday School teachers mtg., 7:30pm @HMC

**September 5:** Freeman Ministerial, 10am @ Missionary Church

**September 7:** "Engaging the Mystery" Workshop, 10am @ Manson, IA

**September 9:** Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm @ HMC

Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm @ Clem's

**September 10:** Worship Committee, 7:00pm @ HMC

**Children's Sunday School teachers** - we will have a brief meeting on Weds 08/28 at 7:30pm. If you cannot attend, please contact Brandy Friesen at 940-1493.

A **reminder** to all **Shalom readers**, and their parents, that Hutterthal's Shalom Readers Club will be concluding it's year at the end of August. I anticipate some exciting, original projects. Your list of books read (also stating your choice of free book from the Shalom list) and your projects can be placed on the library table/counter.

The community is invited to attend **Freeman Academy's opening convocation this evening**. Activities begin with a complimentary picnic supper and campus open house from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come early to view recent renovations in the Administration Building Lobby. Hot dogs and all the fixings will be served out of the concession stand in The Link. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and will include reflections by the 2013-14 seniors, introduction of new students and staff, and a time of blessing for the coming school year. Please join us!

Register now for **Engaging the Mystery: Introducing Advent 2013**. Worship planners, don't miss this opportunity to learn the Advent 2013 Leader worship visuals, rituals, dramas and songs from the writers themselves. Bring all your Advent worship planners to Manson Mennonite Church on Saturday, September 7, from 10-3:30 for Engaging the Mystery: Introducing Advent 2013. The cost is \$25 per person. Ask your church office for a brochure or go to [goo.gl/yZXOo](http://goo.gl/yZXOo).

All Central Plains women are invited to attend a retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp at Viborg, South Dakota, September 21 & 22. The theme is "**Power Made Perfect: How's a Woman to Live?**" with speakers Elisabeth Harder Schrock and Charlotte Loewen, both of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Elisabeth and her husband recently completed a four-year MCC term working with Old Colony Mennonites and indigenous communities in Bolivia. Charlotte has a private practice as a counselor. The cost is \$75. Please preregister by September 14 to Esther Jane Buller at 507-427-3064or [hebuller@gmail.com](mailto:hebuller@gmail.com). **NOTE:** **Monica Clem & Kim Jones** will be presenting an interesting session on tasty foods from *Mennonite Girls Can Cook Celebrations*. Mark this on your calendars. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board for car pooling purposes.

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