



**Hutterthal
Mennonite
Church**

Christ-centered—Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

Us ~ William Bradbury

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The foolish say, "there is no God."

P: We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice, the presence of the God who loves us.

L: The scoffers of our age murmur, "Why do you seek after God?"

P: We come, in this time, because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.

L: The discouraged around us think, "no one cares about me."

P: We come, in this time, to this place, because Jesus has found us and brought us home.

L: The hopeful among us pray, "Jesus, search me and know me and send me forth to serve."

P: We come, trusting in Jesus, whose hope restores, reconciles, and makes all things new that we might be strengthened to love as He loves.

L: Jesus, we come.

P: We come...

Opening Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 521,

Come, Thou Fount

Children's Time:

Lost & Found

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Moment-in-Mission:

The First Prayer Walk

Harvest Mission Fest 2013:

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Smith & Don Hustad

Offertory Prayer

Fairest Lord Jesus ~ Ted

Dwelling in the Word:

1-10 (Pew Bible p. 552)

Silent Meditation

Luke 15:

Hymn: STJ no. 30,
Jesus Christ is Waiting

Message:
Not the One Going to Hell

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Hymn: HWB no. 383, *God, Whose Giving*

Benediction: STJ no. 157

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Edie Tschetter (organ), Shirley Hofer (piano), Brigitta Hofer (welcome, call to worship, & opening prayer), Jill Hofer (moment-in-mission), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- **Moses Glanzer** (pneumonia)
- **Stacy (Hofer) & Jason Medina** (birth of son Ryder Jax on Sept. 7)
- **David Rensink and Micah Volmer** (married on Sept. 14)
- **Eden Nelson** (baby of Mike & Jackie, FA dorm parents, hospitalized)
- **2013 Harvest Mission Fest**
- **The People of Syria**
- **From CPMC:** Pray for those gathered for the Central Plains Mennonite Women retreat next weekend at Swan Lake Christian Camp near Viborg.
- **From MMN:** In a country where following Jesus is not authorized, a Christian counselor thanks God for a Mission Network woman whose ministry includes developing discipleship materials and translating Christian literature. Pray for safety and encouragement for mission workers and Christians who communicate God's love in countries such as this one.

TODAY

Greeters: Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

Nursery: Colin Hofer

Coffee Time: Colin & Michelle Hofer

MW project: MW USA Project - cash (see *Connection!* for details)

Jr. S.S. project: Sole Hope

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Glennis Hofer & Deloris Stahl

Nursery: Open

Piano: Amy Hofer Vetch

Music: Ladies Group - LaVonne Tschetter

Coffee Time: Gordon & Sharon Waltner

THIS WEEK

Monday: Mission & Outreach, 7pm @ HMC

Tuesday: Pastor-Peer, 9:15am @ Sioux Falls

Wednesday: The Initiative: Prayer Walk, 7pm @ Pool Park (Freeman)

Thursday: Church Board, 8pm @ HMC

Friday: Men's Group, 8:45am @ Parsonage

Gathering at the Peace Pole, 10:20am @ Freeman Academy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18: The Initiative: Prayer Walk, 7pm @ Parsonage

September 21: International Day of Peace

September 20: Men's Group, 8:45am @ Parsonage

September 21-22: Women's Retreat @ Swan Lake Christian Camp

September 22: A Year in Vietnam, 7:00pm @ HMC

September 25: October Connections! Deadline

The Initiative: Prayer Walk, 7pm @ Parsonage

Ladies Choir Rehearsal, 8pm @ HMC

September 27: Men's Group, 8:45am @ Parsonage

October 2: The Initiative: Prayer Walk, 7pm @ Lions Park

Ladies Choir Rehearsal, 8pm @ HMC

October 3: Freeman Ministerial, 10am @ Missionary Church

October 6: World Communion Sunday

October 9: The Initiative: Prayer Walk, 7pm @ Pool Park

Ladies Choir Rehearsal, 8pm @ HMC

October 13: HARVEST MISSION FEST

Gathering 58: 6, 9am @ HMC

Fellowship in the Pool Park beginning @ 4pm

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.

Please complete the **Gift Discernment Sheet** found in your mailbox and return to Barbie Hofer by Sept. 22.

It is our practice at Hutterthal to do a **Pastoral & Congregational Review** every three years. This is for the mutual benefit of the Pastor and congregation. Pastor Todd has completed his sixth year at Hutterthal. The Pastoral & Congregational Review survey will be in your mailbox Sept. 22. and is due back to the drop box in the foyer by Sun., Oct. 6. The Review Committee will be meeting the following week. Thank you for your participation!

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will be serving cookies **next Sun. morning** during coffee-time as a **thank you** for your past support and as a **fund-raiser** for the year to come. This is a very meaningful ministry and has touched the lives of many people. Checks should be made to HMC Mennonite Women. Donations will be received Sept. 22 and 29.

Women's Choir: We will be sharing in worship on Oct. 13, in the morning, for Harvest Mission Fest. I invite any and all ladies who would like to sing for this celebration! **Rehearsals will begin Wed. Sept. 25** at 8:00 pm at the church and continue on October 2 and 9 at 8:00 pm. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me. Looking forward to making music with you again! Amy Hofer Vetch

The Freeman Academy **Studio Subscription Series** opens their 2013-2014 season with the drama troupe **The Bricklayers Friday, Sept. 20, 7:00 pm** in Pioneer Hall. See the Courier for details on the event. Tickets, which include a dessert reception, can be purchased at the door: Season \$60/adult and \$24/student (K-12) or single event admission \$15/adult and \$8/student (K-12). Questions: contact Amy Hofer Vetch at 925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email ahofer@freemanacademy.org.

The Freeman Junior College and Freeman Academy Corporation will hold its **annual meeting** on Sept. 30. in the Pioneer Hall Dining Hall. The business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. All corporation members are encouraged to attend.

South Dakota VOAD is planning to help replace windows at the Rosebud Indian Reservation within the next couple of weeks, no definite date as of yet. There were 80-100 homes damaged and as for now will only be replacing windows to keep the cold out for the winter. 160-500 windows will need to be replaced. **MDS is planning to help** and would like to know how many would be able to volunteer for a few days. Also, **Reed Schrag** would like help to finish cleaning up from the storm this spring. The date set for that project is **Sept 24th**. We will need volunteers for that project as well. Contact Eldon Berg at 648-3507 or egberg@gwtc.net.

New People & New Hours - MCC Central States has several new people to introduce to you! Michelle Armster: new Transitional Executive Director. Anna Yoder: Donor Relations Coordinator, Megan Upton-Tyner: Office Manager and Dan Stucky: Warehouse Coordinator The North Newton MCC Center is once again open Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. Please stop by and see us 121 E. 30th in North Newton or call 316-283-2720!

Swan Lake Christian Camp August newsletter is now available at www.myslcc.com. Check out what is happening at camp and get the latest updates on our retreat center project progress. If you are not on email mailing list, please let us know your email at campoffice@myslcc.com and we will gladly put you on the list. Or if you wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, email us or call 605-326-5690. We love to stay in touch with you.

Bethel College Fall Festival: Most events are Sat., Oct. 5, on campus, including, at Kauffman Museum: Levi Goossen's presentation, "A History of the Bethel

Bell," 11 a.m., and a reunion for all current and former museum employees from 3-4 p.m. Museum admission, including the special exhibit "Art that Worked: WPA Art in Newton, 1935-1943," is free Oct. 3-6. See www.bethelks.edu/fallfest.

MEDA Convention: "Cultivating Solutions: Harvesting Hope" Join MEDA for 4 days of inspiration, information and networking in Wichita during November 7-10, 2013. Plenary sessions feature topics on global food issues, the importance of networking and collaboration and overcoming barriers to hope. Go to www.medaconvention.org for full descriptions of the plenary sessions, seminars, tours and on-line registration, or call 1 (800) 665-7026 for more information.

Message Notes:

Theme: Christian Responsibility; Mission

"I'm Not the One Going to Hell"

September 15, 2013

CHILDREN'S TIME: "Lost & Found"

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15: 1-10 (Pew Bible p. 552)

Personal Observations/Thoughts

James 3: 10 – "My dear friends, with our tongues we speak both praises and curses. We praise our Lord and Father, and we curse people who were created to be like God, and this isn't right." (CEV)

Isaiah 1: 13-17 – "Who wants your sacrifices when you have no sorrow for your sins? The incense you bring Me is a stench in My nostrils. Your holy celebrations of the new moon and the Sabbath, and your special days for fasting – even your most pious meetings – all are frauds! I want nothing more to do with them. I hate them all; I can't stand the sight of them. From now on, when you pray with your hands stretched out to heaven, I won't look or listen. Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear, for your hands are those of murderers; they are covered with the blood of your innocent victims. Oh, wash yourselves! Be clean! Let me no longer see you doing all these wicked things; quit your evil ways. Learn to do good, to be fair, and to help the poor, the fatherless, and widows." (TLB)

Mark 16: 15 – "As you go throughout the world, proclaim the Good News to all creation." (CJB)

Matthew 5: 46-48 – "If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that. In a word, what I'm saying is, Grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you." (MSG)

Matthew 5: 17-20 – "Don't suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures – either God's Law or the Prophets. I'm not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God's Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God's Law will be alive and working. Trivialize even the smallest item in God's Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in the kingdom. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won't know the first thing about entering the kingdom." (MSG)

We have to _____! (Luke 15: 1-7)

Exodus 19: 3-6 – “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought

you to Myself. Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to

Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.” (NASB)

1 Corinthians 9: 19-22 – “Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people:

religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized – whoever. I didn’t take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ – but I entered

their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I’ve become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this

because of the Message. I didn’t just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!” (MSG)

We have to _____! (Luke 15: 8-10)

Matthew 7: 5 – “Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” (NKJV)

“... if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”

Matthew 15: 14c, NKJV