

**NOTE THAT THE PROGRAM AT THE NORTH CHURCH THIS EVENING BEGINS AT 7:30**, not at 7 as in our bulletin. This is with Gary & Gloria Graber (Sherilyn Ortman's parents) who are sharing about their experience in Israel.

**You are invited to "Gathering 58:6" on Sunday morning at 9 a.m.**

**"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" ~ Isaiah 58: 6, NRSV**

In response to God's call in Isaiah 58: 6 comes a new gathering at HMC: Gathering 58: 6. Meeting monthly and open to all, Gathering 58: 6 is HMC's justice and peace initiative. Kicking off September 8, we will gather on the second Sunday of each month at 9:00am in the fellowship hall for a time of prayer and discussion over issues of justice and peace locally, nationally, and internationally as well as to discern how we as a church might best fulfill the call of Isaiah 58 to worship with justice and to walk peaceably with all. Coffee/tea and a light breakfast of rolls, muffins, and/or butter braids will be shared.

**September 8, 2013**

**Prelude**

Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes

*Wonderful Words of Life - Philip P.*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:**

Jeremiah 18: 1-6 (CEV)

**Opening Prayer:** HWB no. 736

**Hymn:** STJ no. 35,

*O Breath of Life*

**Children's Time:**

Working with Clay

**Sharing Time**

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

**Moment-in-Mission:**

Are you Going?

**Worship Music:**

*Walk Today in Darkness*

*We*

(Mary Nelson Keithahn & John D. Horman)

**Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offertory Prayer**

*I Love to Tell the Story - William G. Fischer, arr. Carol Tornquist*

**Dwelling in the Word:**

33 (Pew Bible p. 552)

**Silent Meditation**

Luke 14: 25-

**Hymn:** HWB no. 535,

*Who Now Would Follow Christ*

**Message:**

Learning to Hate

**Hymn:** STJ no. 63,  
*Great Commission*

*Lord, You Give the*

**Benediction**

**Musical Response**

**Postlude** *I Know Whom I Have Believed* - James McGranahan, arr. C.Tornquist

**Worship Participants:** Charlene Friesen (piano), Les Rensink (welcome, call to worship, & opening prayer), Monica Clem, Kim Jones, & Edie Tschetter (moment-in-mission), Fortis (worship music), 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**

- **2013 Harvest Mission Fest**
- **The People of Syria**
- **From CPMC:** Pray for Adam Nussbaum, who was licensed towards ordination on August 18<sup>th</sup>. He is pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church, a church plant in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Pray that God will bless Adam and Shalom with a fruitful ministry.
- **From MMN:** Participants with Mennonite Voluntary Service, an MMN program, are beginning their service assignments this month. Pray that as they learn to live in community in a new city, their relationships with Jesus and the church will grow deeper.

**TODAY**

**9:00 am:** Gathering 58:6

**Greeters:** LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

**Nursery:** Open

**Coffee Time:** Vernon & Norma Hofer

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

**Jr. S.S. project:** Sole Hope

**2:30 pm.** Worship @ Diamond Care Center

**Beginning at 6:00 pm:** Church picnic @ HMC; join us when you can

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Greeters:** Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

**Nursery:** Colin Hofer

**Organ:** Edie Tschetter/Shirley Hofer (piano)

**Music:** Colin & Michelle Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Colin & Michelle Hofer

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday:** Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm @ HMC

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

**Thursday:** Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm @ Clem's

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 16:** Mission & Outreach, 7pm @ HMC

**September 17:** Pastor-Peer, 9:15am @ Sioux Falls

**September 18:** The Initiative: Prayer Walk, 7pm @ Location TBD

**September 19:** Church Board, 8pm @ HMC

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

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

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

**TODAY - CHURCH PICNIC.** We will be hosting a bonfire with a wiener roast and s'mores here at the church. Please bring a salad to share and your own beverage, and lawn chairs. We will provide hotdogs, chips, and s'more ingredients. Starts at 6:00. Join us when you can. Questions? Talk with Kylea or Jill.

In your mailbox you will find a **Gift Discernment Sheet** to be completed and returned to Barbie Hofer by Sept. 22. This is to assist the Leadership Selection Committee with preparing the ballot for the annual mtg. in Dec.

For some years I have been servicing the **Choice Books display** at Freeman Shopping Center. Due to the medical emergency in our family, I will have difficulty doing this at the present time. So, if anyone would be interesting in **doing this temporarily or permanently**, I would be most grateful. The work is not difficult; it just requires that one is on the scene! Thanks. Norma

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?”** See details on bulletin board. The cost is \$75. Please **pre-register by September 14** to Esther Jane Buller at 507-427-3064 or [hebuller@gmail.com](mailto:hebuller@gmail.com).

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). For further information please contact Amy Hofer Vetch at 605-925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email [ahofer@freemanacademy.org](mailto:ahofer@freemanacademy.org).

## Message Notes:

Theme:

Discipleship; Genuine Faith

# “Learning to Hate”

September 8, 2013

**CHILDREN'S TIME:** “Working with Clay”

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 14: 25-33 (Pew Bible p. 552)

### Personal Observations/Thoughts

**John 3: 16** – “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (KJV)

**Luke 9: 23b** – “... deny [myself] and take up [my] cross daily and follow [Him].” (NIV)

**Galatians 2: 20b** – “... it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (NKJV)

**Romans 8: 5-11** – “People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit... The attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centered aren't able to please God. But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to Him. If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through His Spirit that lives in you.” (CEB)

**Philippians 1: 21** – “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” (NKJV)

**If we're to follow Jesus, we must:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_! (Luke 14: 26)

**Mark 10: 29b-30** – “Mark my words, no one who sacrifices house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, land – whatever – because of me and the Message will lose out. They'll get it all back, but multiplied many times in homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land – but also in troubles. And then the bonus of eternal life! This is once again the Great Reversal: Many who are first will end up last, and the last first.” (MSG)

**2 Corinthians 5: 14-15** – “Our firm decision [then must be] to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in His death so that everyone could also be included in His life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.” (MSG)

**John 21: 15b** – “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me *more* than these?” (NKJV)

**Mark 6: 24** – “You cannot serve two masters at the same time. You will hate one and love the other, or you will be loyal to one and not care about the other...” (ERV)

2) \_\_\_\_\_! (Luke 14: 27)

**Isaiah 53: 5** – “... wounded for our transgressions ... bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace ... upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” (NKJV)

**John 3: 30** – “He must increase, but I must decrease.” (NKJV)

**Romans 12: 1b-2** – “...offer [our] bodies as a living and holy sacrifice to God, a sacred offering that brings Him pleasure; this is [our] reasonable, essential worship. Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind. As a result, you will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete.” (The Voice)

**Matthew 25: 40b** – “... anything [we do] for any of [God’s] people here, [we] also [do] for [Him].” (ERV)

**Luke 14: 35** – “... neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (NKJV)

“... many of [Jesus’] disciples went back and walked with Him no more.”

**John 6: 66, NKJV**