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# **April 17, 2016**

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me."
John 10: 27, NIV

## **Prelude**

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp** 

**Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 100 (MSG)

On your feet now — applaud God!

P: We bring a gift of laughter, singing ourselves into His presence.

L: Know this: God is God, and God, God.

P: He made us; we didn't make Him.

ALL: We're His people, His well-tended sheep.

L: Enter with the password: "Thank You!"

P: We make ourselves at home, talking praise.

ALL: We thank Him. We worship God.

L: For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

P: With all we are we sing praise.

ALL: We give our lives, a sacrifice of praise!

## Welcome

## **Prayer**

**Confession of Faith:** HWB no. 712, The Apostle's Creed

**Hymn:** STJ no. 16, Praise with Joy the World's Creator

**Scripture Reading:** Revelation 7: 9-17 (Pew Bible p. 648)

**Silent Meditation** 

**Worship Music:** HWB no. 606, Oh, Have You Not Heard

**Children's Time:** Prayer Shawl

Time of Offering Offertory Invitation Offertory Music Offertory Prayer

**Hymn:** HWB no. 296, Here from All Nations

**Message:** Not Tomorrow, but Today

Sharing Time
Congregational Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

**Hymn:** HWB no. 355, Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**Benediction** 

**Musical Response** 

**Postlude** 

**Worship Participants:** Paige Zachariasen (accompanist), Todd Jones (worship leader & message), and Worship music provided by Paul & Priscilla Hofer)

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Moses Glanzer** (recovering from hip replacement)

**Family of Adeline Friesen** (passed away 4/14)

Frank Wiebe (undergoing chemo)

Pastor Tim Detweiler (undergoing chemo)

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for the pastors and chaplains of CPMC and their spouses as they attend the Annual Leaders Retreat taking place at a retreat center in Schuyler, Nebraska, next weekend. Pray for speaker Debra Hirsch as she prepares for and travels to the retreat.

**Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** The Samuelito daycare center in Bolivia is reaching out to children's parents. Pray for the center's director, Yuneth Vargas, and for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of MMN who lead Alpha courses that engage 15-18 parents in examining the spiritual aspects of their lives.

# **Additional Prayers**

### **TODAY**

**Greeters:** Larry & Brigitta Hofer

**9:45am:** Worship Service

**Coffee Time:** Larry & Edie Tschetter **11:10am:** Sunday School for all ages

MW April Project: Cash donations for MCC Sale Pancake Breakfast

**Children's S.S. Spring Project:** The Banquet (Yankton)

# NEXT SUNDAY, April 24, 2016

**Greeters:** Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch **Accompanist:** Norma Lee Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Todd & Suzanne Koerner **Worship Music:** Ray & Joyce Hofer

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** 9:15am Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

**Thursday:** 7:00pm Worship (Salem Mennonite Home)

8:00 pm Church Board Meeting

**Friday-Saturday:** Schmeckfest (Freeman Academy)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Apr. 21: Apr. 22-23:** Schmeckfest (Freeman Academy) **Apr. 22-24:** CPMC Annual Leaders Retreat (Schuyler, NE)

**Apr. 24:** 2:00pm Bridal Shower for Sara Friesen (fiancé of Matt Fideler)

Apr. 27: May Connection! Deadline

May 1: 2:30pm Worship (Oakview Terrace)

May 3: 7:30pm Deacons Meeting (Clem Residence)

May 4: 10:00am Freeman Ministerial (Salem M.B. Parsonage)

May 8: Mother's Day

May 9: 7:00pm Prayer Shawl

**May 11:** 7:00pm Community Baccalaureate Service (Community Center)

May 30-Jun 3: 9:00am Vacation Bible School

Ladies!!! Please join us in fellowship for a **bridal shower** honoring Sara Friesen, fiancé of Matt Fideler on **April 24th @ 2:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Sara and Matt are registered at Macy's and Bed Bath and Beyond. We will also be collecting contributions for a group gift for Sara and Matt. Please give your contributions to Brigitta or Michelle by Sunday, April 17th. A card will be given to acknowledge all who contributed to the shower and group gift. Sara requested that the ladies bring advice on traveling as her and Matt love to travel and see the world! Also, any advice on managing busy lives would be appreciated!

Plan now to enjoy a delicious noon meal at Hutterthal on Sunday, May 1. This will be a **fundraiser for the SD MCC Relief Sale**.

From CPMC: Registration is now open for **Youth Escape 2016**! Download a registration form atwww.centralplainsmc.org. Click on "Youth Escape 2016."

**SWAP needs summer staff!** Summer will be here before we know it, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information go to swap.mcc.orgcall Angela at 606-633-5065.