





On the Road to Emmaus (after Helge Boe), 2017 by Michelle L Hofer



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017

Prelude

Gathering in God's Power

Gathering the Body

Hymn – HWB 272, *Christ is risen! Shout hosanna*

Praising & Adoring

Affirming faith

Offering

Worship music - *Summer Dreams*, Robert D Vandal

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story - If only I had a green nose, Max Lucado

Hymn – HWB 360, *Break thou the bread of life*

Proclaiming scripture

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Luke 24:13-35

Proclaiming the sermon - The Road to Emmaus

Hymn – STJ 100, *Here I am*

Responding to God's Word

Witnessing, sharing, confessing

Praying & Thanking

Sending on God's behalf

Hymn – HWB 654, *Sun of my soul*

Commissioning & Blessing

Postlude

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Pastor Todd & family during this time of Sabbatical
- Reagan Medina (underwent heart procedure on April 25)
- Larry Hofer
- Christopher Hofer (born 4/5, son of Chris & Melissa: in NICU)
- Additional Prayers

TODAY — April 23, 2017

Greeters: Vernon & Twyla Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Worship Music: Felicity Jones (arranged by Larry & Edie Tschetter)

Worship Leader: Cole Hofer

Message: Jill Hofer

Children's Message: Stan Hofer

Coffee Time: Joe & Sannie Byler

11:10 am: Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY — May 7, 2017

Greeters: Cameron & Rina Hofer

9:45am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Worship Music: Brandon & Kylea Waltner

Children's Time: Edie Tschetter

Message: Dennis Schrock

Coffee Time: **NO Coffee Time** due to noon meal

11:10 am: Sunday School for All Ages

12:00 noon - MCC Relief Sale Fundraiser meal

7:00pm: Community Baccalaureate Service

(Freeman Community Center)

APRIL PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: SD MCC Sale Pancake Breakfast (Cash Donations)

Children's S.S. Department Project: Swan Lake Christian Camp

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, 12:00 noon: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace

Freeman Public Library

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 29, 9:00am: Vacation Bible School Kick-off!

June 15-18: CPMC Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls

July 22: SD MCC Relief Sale, Pioneer Hall, Freeman Academy campus

Community Baccalaureate - 7pm tonight. The Marion and Freeman communities are invited to the 2017 Joint Community Baccalaureate service to be held tonight, Sunday, April 30th at 7pm in the Freeman Community Center gym (224 S Wipf Street). The service of celebration and blessing is arranged and sponsored by the Freeman and Marion-area ministerial associations. The ministerials especially welcome local congregations to come bless the graduates from Marion and Freeman High Schools and Freeman Academy.

Join us next Sunday for a delicious noon meal prepared and served by the Steve Friesen family and Merlin & Sylvia Hofer. The menu will include ham, potatoes and cheese cake. This is a fund raiser for our local MCC Relief Sale expenses. Donations will be accepted. **Please make your checks out to HMC Fellowship Unlimited.**

ACE, the Arctic Circle Exploration Co. needs your help as we explore the Bible, the coolest book on the planet. **VBS** will run **May 29-June 2** with a program on Sunday morning, June 4. ACE is looking for volunteers to decorate, lead, act, play, sing, and learn as we “chill-out” and learn how the Bible can be our compass. Check out the bulletin board in the Sunday school wing and the sign-up sheets that will be coming soon.

We would love to see you at Central Plains Annual meeting, June 15-18 in Sioux Falls. Get the **early registration fee** today at www.centralplainsmc.org **The fee goes up tomorrow.**

Salem Mennonite Home Project: Check out Wellness Senior Housing and Pool project and vote now for this local project! The 10 entries in each category with the most votes will move on to be judged and possibly awarded a \$100,000 or \$50,000 grant! Vote daily until May 12 on this direct link: <http://act.usatoday.com/submit-an-idea/#/gallery/57973651>

Service Opportunity – The Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer, Montana is looking for a volunteer, experienced plumber. This would be to install the rough out plumbing in their new building. Approximately 2 weeks of work, during the month of May. Lodging and meals provided. For further info contact Willis Busenitz @ 406-592-3643 or email: wnbusenitz@gmail.com

As immigration enforcement tightens in the U.S., women, children and teens from Central America who are fleeing domestic and sexual violence in their home countries encounter quick deportation or harsher legal processes and extended detention when they seek refuge in the U.S. To learn more about this issue, including how to speak with your legislators about acting compassionately, read this Action Alert from the MCC U.S. Washington Office, www.mcc.org/protect-women-children

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

With one week left in our fiscal year, we want to update you on our progress toward meeting the

matching grant challenge we have been offered. We have received a challenge from anonymous **donors for** \$12,500 if it is matched by individual or new congregational contributions by April 30. We currently have received \$5000 toward that match. There is still time to make contributions. If you are considering contributions to Central Plains it would be helpful to receive your gifts in the conference office by April 30 so it can be included in this fiscal year. We grateful for any help you can provide.

Blessings,

David Boshart, Conference Minister

Colin Hofer, Conference Treasurer

2017 Pre-Easter Services Financial Report

Offering April 10	\$1,006.00
Offering April 11	894.25
Offering April 12	<u>1,029.00</u>
Total	\$2,929.25
Brian Moyer Suderman (honorarium, expenses)	-2,213.24
MCC Syria Fund	\$716.01

Submitted by Chris Eisenbeis, Household Treasurer

Update on Max Villatoro: Max has been living in Mexico with a valid visa. His visa requires him to make periodic returns to Honduras. April 6, we learned than when Max tried to return to Mexico, he was detained for 24 hours at the airport and sent back to Honduras due to new rules that do not allow people who have been deported from the US to live in Mexico. His detention was all too reminiscent of the trauma he experienced in his deportation from the US almost exactly 2 years ago. Please pray for Max and Gloria as they navigate many decisions. You may donate to the Villatoro Family Fund at www.centralplainsmc.org/donate

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