



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

*"... in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ."*

~ Ephesians 2: 13, NKJV

Prelude	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>
Gathering	
<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	HWB 106
<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	HWB 237
Welcome/Call to Worship	
Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (Pew Bible p. 415)
<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	HWB 116
Sharing Time	
Congregational Prayer	
Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)	
Time of Offering	
Offering Invitation	
Offertory Music	<i>You Shall Have a Song</i>

Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

In the Quiet Consecration

Scripture Reading

Message

There Is a Fountain

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

A New Covenant

HWB 461

Hebrews 9: 1-22 (Pew Bible p. 633)

The Blood of Christ

Bulletin Insert

Great Is the Lord

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Reagan Medina (scheduled for heart procedure on April 25)
- Larry Hofer
- Additional Prayers

TODAY — April 9, 2017

Greeters: Todd & Suzanne Koerner

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Edie Tschetter

Message & Children's Message: Todd Jones

Coffee Time: Steve & Charlene Friesen

11:10 am: Sunday School

MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 13, 2017

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Children's Time & Message: Todd Jones

Communion Servers: Todd Koerner, Monica Clem & Monica Hofer

NEXT SUNDAY — April 16, 2017 (EASTER SUNDAY)

Greeters: Vernon & Norma Lee Hofer

Accompanist: Shirley Hofer & Paige Zachariasen

Song Leader: Aprille Hofer

Worship Leader: Monica Hofer

Worship Music: Men's Quartet

Children's Time & Message: Todd Jones

Coffee Time: Larry & Edie Tschetter

11:10 am: Sunday School for All Ages

APRIL PROJECTS

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

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, 7:00pm: Holy Week Services (South Church)

Tuesday, 7:00pm: Holy Week Services (South Church)

Wednesday, 7:00pm: Holy Week Services (South Church)

Thursday, 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Worship

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 17: Pastor Todd's Sabbatical Begins

April 20, 8:00pm: Church Board

April 23, 12:00pm: Potluck Meal

April 30, 7:00pm: Community Baccalaureate Service

(Freeman Community Center)

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

The church board brings the following recommendation/motion to the church for discussion and vote **THIS MORNING** following our morning worship: **Motion** to replace the Air Conditioner units in the sanctuary at an approximate cost of \$13,000, this spring; replacing 8 current units with 4 new units and updating the present electrical wiring (LeRoy P., Todd K.). There are funds available for use towards this project: Air conditioner fund (\$7600) and the Erwin R Gross fund (\$1000).

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.

TODAY, the Deacons will be collecting a special offering for the **Benevolent Fund**. This fund is confidentially overseen by the Deacons and is used to benefit those who are in financial need within our congregation. For further information on the fund or to seek assistance for yourself or another, please speak with Deacon Todd Koerner, Deaconess Monica Clem, or Deaconess Monica Hofer. A basket will be placed in the foyer on April 9 for donations. Thank you!

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 13, 2017, we will gather for a time of worship and fellowship at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. This time of worship will include a **Celebration of Communion**. Please note that we celebrate an “open table,” and all who have received Christ as Savior and Lord are encouraged to join with us at this celebration.

The Connection Newsletter will be on hiatus during Pastor Todd’s sabbatical. It will return in the summer of 2017.

A Word from the Deacons:

Pastor Todd will be beginning his sabbatical on the Monday after Easter (April 17). Please contact one of the Deacons (Todd Koerner, Monica Hofer or Monica Clem) or church chair, Dennis Schrock, if you need pastoral care. There is a brochure in your mailbox with more details and with contact information. We encourage you to keep this brochure readily accessible for reference.

On Sunday, April 23, Central Plains Mennonite Conference Executive Conference Minister, David Boshart, will be bringing the morning message. We are inviting everyone to share in a noon potluck that day. Please bring a main dish and either a salad or a dessert to share.

During Pastor Todd’s sabbatical, we invite you to pray especially for Pastor Todd, Kim and their children, Hannah, Felicity and Nathanael. Pray for the congregation here at Hutterthal and pray for all of the persons who will be sharing in ministry while Pastor Todd is away.

May this time of sabbatical be a time of rest, renewal and revitalization for Pastor Todd and may it bring fresh excitement and renewed energy for ministry to us here at Hutterthal.

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