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# August 14, 2016

"Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."
Romans 12: 21, NKJV

#### **Prelude**

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp** 

## **Call to Worship:**

based on Psalm 80: 1, 3, & 17-19

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

P: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

ALL: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

L: Let Your hand be upon the one at Your right hand ... then we will never turn back from You.

P: Give us life, and we will call upon Your name.

ALL: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

**Prayer** 

Welcome

**Hymn:** HWB no. 70, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Scripture Reading: Luke 12: 49-56 (Pew Bible p. 551)

**Silent Meditation** 

Children's Time:

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

Time of Offering Offertory Invitation Offertory Music Offertory Prayer

**Hymn:** STJ no. 104, God Moves in a Mysterious Way

**Message:** The Deep Peace of Transformation

**Worship Music** 

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

**Hymn:** HWB no. 288, Rejoice, the Lord is King

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** 

**Worship Participants:** Edie Tschetter & Dave Friesen, accompanist; Pastor Todd, worship leader, children's time, & message; and Men's Quartet & Amy Hofer Vetch, worship music

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- Larry Hofer
- Family of Aaron Glanzer (passed away on August 1, 2016)
- Family of Bernice Kramer (passed away on July 29, 2016)
- Frank Wiebe
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** MMN partners in Mongolia request prayer for a smooth government transition as the main opposition party, Mongolian People's Party, won the parliamentary elections on June 30.
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for students and teachers returning to school. May God bless their learning, may they both receive and reflect the love of God in their school settings. Pray for our church-related schools, Freeman Academy and Iowa Mennonite.
- Additional Prayers

#### **TODAY**

**Greeters:** Todd & Suzanne Koerner

9:45 am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Stan & Jill Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School for All Ages **MW August Project:** MCC School Kits

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY— August 21: YOUTH SUNDAY**

**Greeters:** Dennis & Marcia Schrock

**Accompanist:** Edie Tschetter/Koerner Family

**Coffee Time:** Carrol & Glenda Langeland

Worship Music: Youth

**Back-pack Blessing**: during Worship

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Aug. 23, 9:15 am: Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

Aug. 24: First Day of School—Freeman Public, Canistota, & Bridgewater-Emery

**12:oopm:** Connection Deadline

Aug. 25: First day of School—Freeman Academy

Aug. 28: 2:30pm Worship (Oakview Terrace)

**Children's Sunday School Teachers needed!** The SS department is looking for teachers for all age groups for the coming school year. If you are interested in teaching our children about the love of Christ, please talk to Becky McCune or Rebecca Hofer.

Bring your backpack! **Next Sunday, August 21,** we will celebrate the return to school with a "**Backpack Blessing**." Students in all grades are encouraged to bring their backpacks for this special time of prayer. And school employees (teachers, staff, and administrators), please note that we would like to bless you as well!

**REJOICE!** The new quarterly Rejoice book is in your mailbox. Please note the message on the front. If you would like to continue getting the publication you need to contact Kathy Pullman.

The **Hutterthal Shalom Readers** year will be ending this week. Please turn in your

blue reader's list with your reward book request if you have met the 7 books/2 projects requirements.

**FA Opening Convocation**: All parents, students and community members are invited to attend school opening activities Sunday evening, August 21. The evening begins with a lite picnic supper served in the Link from 5:30-6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will gather in Pioneer Hall for a service of blessing for the new school year. All faculty and staff will be introduced along with new students. Hope to see you there!

Schmeckfest and **FA Auxiliary annual report** packets are available on the table in the foyer.

Women, are you longing for a restful retreat? Hungry for some new insights and activities? Ready to spend some time with friends from across the conference? If so, sign up for this year's **Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp** on September 17 and 18. Look for a flier with more information and a sign-up sheet in your church or contact Elisabeth Harder Schrock (eharderschrock@gmail.com or 507-427-2771) to register yourself and/or your church's group of women. We hope to see you there!

**MCC Central States is hiring a** Workroom Supervisor in North Newton, Kan. The position requires a person with energy, ideas, good organizational skills and people skills. To see a full job description and to apply, mcc.org/serve-cs-mrc, call 316.283.2720 or email <a href="mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org">heidihuber@mcc.org</a>

Welcome Andrew Wright as **MCC Central States Director of Programs**! Andrew will be responsible for the direction and oversight of all MCC Central States Programs. He will connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as like-minded organizations to provide information about MCC. This is a new position for MCC Central States and we look forward to Andrew exploring ways to further develop relationships between program staff and partnerships within the Central States region to reflect the commitment to diverse constituent groups. He will work from the Minneapolis, MN area.