



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2014

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Prelude

Birthday of a King~Neidlinger
Cantique de Noel~Adolphe Adam

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Silent Meditation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

The Joy Candle

Gathering Hymn: HWB no. 178,

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Welcome

Call to Worship:

adapted from Isaiah 61

L: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship.

Time of Silence

L: Redeeming God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the joy that comes from remembering Your splendor.

ALL: Oh, that You would reveal Your joy to us, O Lord.

L: We celebrate the year of the Lord's favor,

P: a time of comfort for those who mourn.

L: There will be crowns instead of ashes,

P: joyful anointing instead of tears,

L: cloaks of praise instead of spirits of despair,

P: cities of renewal instead of devastation.

ALL: The Lord will wrap us in robes of righteousness. Come, O God, and clothe us in garments of salvation.

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 203,

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light

Children's Time:

Colors

Sharing Time

Sharing Together

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

Away in a manger~Spillman

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

John 1: 1-5 (Pew Bible p. 560)

Hymn: HWB no. 197,

Angels We Have Heard on High

Message:

A Joyous Unfolding

Hymn: HWB no. 318,

Joy to the World

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

O come all ye faithful~Hofland

Worship Participants: Paige & Torrie Zachariasen and Xavier Ward (Advent Wreath), Norma Hofer (organ), and Todd Jones (worship leader, children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Heather VanMeveren** (Recovering from surgery to remove tumor and entire right lung)
- **Glenda Langeland** (undergoing therapy)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for the pastors of our conference congregations, that they may lead us by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Alfonsina Oyanguren, who serves in Argentina with MMN, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She has to travel 800 miles for surgery and a treatment regimen. Pray for peace and healing for Alfonsina. Pray also for husband, José, and their four children as they miss Alfonsina at home.

TODAY

8:30am: Gathering 58: 6

Greeters: Ian Hofer & Todd Koerner

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

11:10am: Sunday School

MW December Project: Carrol & Glenda Langeland/Cookie Walk

Children's S.S. Winter Quarter Project: to be announced

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Cole Hofer & Chad Hofer

Piano: Charlene Friesen

Coffee Time: Phil & Joline Thomas

7:00pm: Christmas Program/Family Christmas

THIS WEEK

Wed.: Christmas Program Practice, 7:00pm

Church Board Meeting, 7:00pm (**Note that this is a Wed. mtg.**)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 17: Youth make cheese logs, 5:30pm

Christmas Program Practice, 7:00pm

Dec. 20: Youth make cheese logs, 8:30am

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Worship, 10:00am

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

Jan. 7: Midweek Bible Study fellowship meal and orientation, 6:30pm

Throughout the Seasons of Advent and Christmas we will be celebrating “family” and you are invited to bring a “Christmas card picture” of your family, your “Christmas Letter”, or a Christmas Card that you will be sending out as part of our “Family Christmas” display on the bulletin board in the foyer by the sanctuary entrance.

Reminder: You may donate toward **Coffee Time** expenses through-out December during Coffee Time in Fellowship Hall.

Order your Christmas Cheese Logs! Cheese logs are homemade by the Hutterthal Youth Group and they cost \$10.00. Place your order with any youth member/sponsor by **TODAY**. Delivery date: Dec. 21.

THE MENNONITE Anyone interested in receiving The Mennonite at the group price

give a check to Ardella Gross for \$37. made out to The Mennonite.

Deadline for Yearbook info.: Dec. 21. Please get all info to Edie.

Please bring a plate of Christmas Goodies the morning of the **Dec. 21st** to be shared around the tables with fruit and peanuts provided for our Family Christmas/S.S. Christmas program. We hope everyone can attend!

Offering on Christmas Day: S.D. Mennonite Disaster Service. If you are unable to attend that day, place a check indicating S.D. MDS in the memo line (or cash in an envelope) in the offering plate on Sunday.

You are invited to attend an **alternative discussion-based Sunday School** class on January 4, 11, 18, 25. We will be studying the book from Anabaptist Seed by C. Arnold Snyder. We will be discussing 1. Anabaptist Doctrines, 2. Anabaptist Church Ordinances, 3. Disciple-ship: Living the Faith, 4. Conclusion: Now what?. There is a sign-up sheet in the back foyer, please sign up so we can get you a book. I am leading this study as part of my PSDE studies and would appreciate your participation. -Jill

One Thousand Gifts: Our Midweek Bible Study will kick-off with a fellowship meal and orientation on January 7, 2015 at 6:30pm. In anticipation of our study titled “One Thousand Gifts,” the Deacons invite you to take and read a copy of the book by Anne Voskamp that inspired it. Physical copies of the book can be found in the church foyer (one per household please!) or can be purchased at The Kairos. (Digital editions are also available for both Kindle and Nook.)

Freeman Academy and FJC Alumni and Friends are invited to an evening of fellowship and activity on Monday, **Dec. 29** in Sterling Hall. The women’s volleyball game begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by a men’s basketball game around 8:00 p.m. Free popcorn and pop sponsored by the FJC/FA Alumni Association. Drawings for various Bobcat spirit items throughout the evening – you must be present to win!

During the Christmas season, the **Salem Mennonite Home** will be decorating an “**Angel Tree**” to raise funds to purchase a Nu-Step machine (exercise bike) and a new computer for resident use. For each gift of \$25 or more, an angel ornament will be placed on the “Angel Tree”. Help us attain our goal by sending gifts to: Salem Mennonite Home, 106 West 7th Street, Freeman, SD 57029. Thank you for your continued support of the



Salem Mennonite Home. May you have a Merry Christmas & many blessings in the New Year.