



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes!

The invitation to carry Light comes to each of us, no matter who we are.

All: O God, you choose to dwell within us.

You promise to move about with us until we find our rest in you.

Leader: Your call seems risky; saying yes takes away our breath.

All: Yet we know your faithfulness and steadfast love endure forever.

Leader: You are our strength.

All: Yes! Let it be now.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Welcome

Opening Prayer

O Come all ye faithful

HWB #212

Offering/Prayer

Children's Story

O How Joyfully

HWB # 209

Scripture

Luke 2: 1-20 (Pew Bible p. 541)

Sermon

The Response

My Soul Proclaims with Wonder

HWB #181

Confession

Words of Assurance

Sharing Time

Pastoral Prayer

To Us a Child of Hope is Born

HWB # 189

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Those around the world who are not experiencing “Peace on Earth”
- Those in our congregation who are hurting

TODAY - December 24, 2017 -

Greeters: Todd & Suzanne Koerner

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Maria Paff

Worship Leader: Les Rensink

Lighting the Advent Candle: Torrie Zachariasen

Song Leader: Clara Koerner

Children’s Time: Todd Koerner

Message: Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: Alvina Hofer

NEXT SUNDAY – December 31, 2017

Greeters: Cameron & Rina Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch

Worship Leader: Dennis Schrock

Children’s time: Todd Koerner

Message: Pastor Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: Larry & Edie Tschetter

11:10 am: Sunday School for all ages

Soup meal followed by Bible Study, 12:30-1:30pm

DECEMBER PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: cash for families of Amy Hofer Vetch & Rina Hofer who are recovering from hurricane damage in Puerto Rico & St. Croix. **Make checks payable to Congregational Ministries.**

Children's S.S. Department: MCC Project

This Week:

Monday, 10:00 am: Christmas Day Worship Service

Greeters: Dennis & Marcia Schrock

Accompanist: Elvera Deckert

Worship Leader: Monica Clem

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Madeline Hofer

Message/Sharing time: Jack Scandrett

Wednesday noon, Dec. 27: *Connection!* deadline

On Christmas Day you are invited to celebrate with seasonal songs and testimonies of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please come prepared, if you so desire, to share a 2-3 minute testimony of what Christmas means to you. Looking forward to seeing you all there

An **offering basket** will be available in the foyer on Christmas Day and thru New Year's Day to support the work of the **S. D. Mennonite Disaster Service Unit** which responds to local disasters. If you will be unable to attend those days and would like to contribute, you may put your gift in an envelope and place it in the offering plate the Sundays before or after Christmas Day and New Year's Day. **Checks should be payable to SD MDS Unit.**

CALDENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 7, Soup meal followed by Bible Study, 12:30-1:30pm

Last call for address updates for the 2018 HMC Yearbook. Send info to hutterthal@goldenwest.net

For our **Winter Bible Study**, we will be studying "Being God's Faithful Community - A Covenant of Spiritual Practices" by Tim Detweiler. We are planning on starting the studies on Jan. 7 and hope to finish on Feb. 11. We will be holding the Study on Sunday afternoons starting at 12:30 and ending at 1:30 pm. There will be a soup meal provided before the study starts. We hope everyone will come and join in this time of study and fellowship.

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY

Swan Lake Christian Camp announces a new **Family Camp** set for January 12-14, 2018. Families with children, grandparents, singles and young married couples are all invited to attend this fun filled weekend led by our speakers Joey and Patti Graber.

Salem Mennonite Home Annual Meeting:

Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 pm in the Activities Area. The Salem Mennonite Home for the Aged is a South Dakota nonprofit corporation and operates an assisted living facility and independent living apartments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Any one person, who, during his /her lifetime, makes a monetary contribution of \$25.00 to the corporation or its institutions, shall be entitled to a membership in the corporation. Members of the Salem Mennonite Home Corporation are entitled to vote upon business and other matters arising at annual and special meetings. *Refreshments will be available during the meeting.*

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