



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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February 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: The time has come;
the kingdom of God draws near.
Repent and believe the good news.

People: **We have come.**
We are here.
We worship God together.

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

HWB #48

Children's Story

Offering/Prayer

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17(Pew Bible Page 5)

Sermon

Rainbows in the Sky

Confession

God of creation and salvation,
too often we fear there is not enough,

and we want to keep what there is for ourselves,
including your love,
so we build barriers.

We want to decide who's in or out.

We fail to see the impact of our selfishness.

Help us to value all of your creation—

the earth, air, water,

and all living creatures,

both the tame and the wild—

the way you do.

Help us to preserve and not destroy them.

Forgive us

for making your love too small.

Teach us

to act with humility, grace, and mercy

as we seek to make things right.

Words of Assurance

All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful

for those who keep God's covenant and laws.

Sharing Time/Prayer

Like Noah's Weary Dove

HWB #496

Sending Hymn

Christ is Our Cornerstone

HWB #43

Benediction

We are people of God.

We go in God's love

to extend God's love

and live God's promise.

Musical Response

Postlude

PRAISE/PRAYER CONCERNS

- Anita Watkins(Rebecca Hofer's Mother)– Recovering from surgery
- All those who have suffered loss during the 14 school shootings that have taken place in our country since January 1 and the fear that this instills in the lives of all students and staff.
- Additional Concerns

TODAY - February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Phil & Joline Thomas

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Paige Zachariasen

Worship Leader: Todd Koerner

Children's Time: Amanda Mettler

Message: Jack Scandrett

Coffee Time: Chad & Rebecca Hofer

NEXT SUNDAY - February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

Greeters: LeRoy & Kathy Pullman

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanists: Charlene Friesen with Clara Koerner assisting

Worship Leader: Les Rensink

Children's time: Amanda Mettler

Message: Kate Friesen

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

11:10 am: School for all ages

FEBRUARY PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: Cash for Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's S.S. Department: MCC Project

ALL EMAIL CORRESPONDANCE to the Church Office Administrative Assistant should be sent to hutterthal@goldenwest.net

Connection! Deadline: Wednesday noon, February 21.

Families with children: It's not too late to start Lent family worship. Just go to www.anabaptistfaithformation.org and download "Between Me & You," a free guide for family worship from now through Easter, April 1.

The **Everence Sharing Fund** provided \$450 in matching funds to support special needs in our church in 2017. John Clem serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact John for more information.

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY & Beyond

Monday night, February 26, 7:00-8:30 P.M. an event called "The Loss of Turtle Island" will be held at the Freeman Community Center. Erica Littlewolf, formerly of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and Karin Kaufman Wall, formerly of near Parker S.D., will be the facilitators for this participatory presentation. (See poster on the bulletin board for more information.) A freewill donation will be accepted to defray costs and what is above will be given to "The Indigenous Visionary Circle", a program of MCC, to further the work of this learning experience. This event is sponsored by FNJP (Freeman Network for Justice and Peace).

Swan Lake Christian Camp will be holding its **annual meeting** on March 3rd at 6:00 pm. A supper will be served followed by the business meeting. All are invited to attend. Please RSVP at 605-326-5690 or campoffice@myslcc.com

Swan Lake Christian Camp invites you to join us for a **Crafters Weekend April 6-8**. Bring whatever crafts you would like to work on for the weekend. Cost is \$120. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact the camp at 605-326-5690 or campoffice@myslcc.com

SCHMECKFEST:

- **Cottage cheese pocket making days: Feb. 20 & Feb 27** starting at **9 a.m.**, in the Pioneer Hall basement. All are welcome. If you have any questions contact Boni Hofer.
- Volunteers are needed for **making 1400 kuchen** that will be used at the meal (600) and sold in the Country Kitchen (800). We will be baking all kuchen at the Tyndall Bakery on three separate days: **February 22, March 3 and March 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** each day. The filling needs to be made in the Pioneer Hall kitchen prior to each baking day. **February 21, March 2 and March 9 will need workers from 1:00-7:00 p.m.** each day. Helpers are welcome for all or part of a shift. Donations of peaches, cherries, mulberries, rhubarb, raspberries, etc. is greatly appreciated. We need about 10 people for each baking day and 4-6 for making pudding. Please contact Vernetta Waltner at 321-7351, 925-7620 or waltners@hotmail.com to volunteer your time in any of these ways. Cash donations to defray the costs for kuchen can be given to Debra Schmeichel or any area Schmeckfest food committee member.

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