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Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: LIVING INTO THE REALITY OF JESUS February 22, 2015

Prelude:

The Lord's Prayer (Malotte)

Gathering Song: HWB no. 651,

I Owe the Lord a Morning Song

Welcome

Lighting of the Peace Lamp Passing the Peace

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sins/sinned against us)

Call to Authenticity

L: If it were up to us, we'd do it differently.

P: Everyone knows that the way to make a promise stick is to require each party to do some of the heavy lifting.

L: Yet, through Jesus Christ, God offers all creation the promise of reconciliation apart from our effort.

P: That promise is hard for us to accept because it invites, not heavy lifting, but humble sacrifice.

Silence

L: God, in Your mercy,

P: grow in us the depth of trust our effort can't produce that we might live into the reality of Jesus.

Hymn: HWB no. 327,

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Children's Time: 40

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

Mark 1: 9-15 (Pew Bible p. 528)

Hymn: STJ no. 23,

Slowly Turning, Ever Turning

Message: Lambs

A Time of Reflection

1. What does *living into the reality of Jesus* mean for you, the church, and the world? And, how do you see this reflected in the painting by David Bonnell that appears on the cover of our bulletin?
2. How can you begin to more fully practice *living into the reality of Jesus* this week?
3. How does *living into the reality of Jesus* proclaim the Kingdom of God has come and

how might it open opportunities for you to share the Good News?

Hymn: STJ no. 42,

Listen, God is Calling

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts: *Difference Maker* (Needtobreathe)

Offertory Prayer

Call to Commitment

L: Jesus calls us to live into His reality, and to receive the Kingdom of God.

P: In His presence and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I vow to carry out in my life the love and example of Jesus , the Lamb of God, that all may “repent and believe in the Gospel.”

Postlude:

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Chesterton)

Worship Participants: *Norma Hofer (accompanist), Hannah Jones (lighting of the peace lamp), Suzanne Koerner (song leader), Amanda Mettler (worship leader), Todd Jones (children’s time, message, & worship/offertory music arranged by Larry & Edie Tschetter for Feb. 8, 2015)*

TODAY

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

Coffee Time: John & Monica Clem

11:10am: Sunday School

MW January Project: Cash - Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's S.S. Winter Quarter Project: MMN Argentina - funding Mennonite workers’ travel

NEXT SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Lent

Greeters: LaVonne Tschetter & Monica Hofer

Accompanist: Elvera Deckert

Worship Leader: Larry Tschetter

Song Leader: Clara Koerner

Coffee Time: Doug & Becky McCune

THIS WEEK

Tues: "Tuesday's with Dave," 7:00pm (Bethany MC)

Wed: *Connection!* Deadline (please send newsletter info to Edie at Hutterthal@goldenwest.net and Church News to Twyla Hofer)

DVBS Planning Meeting, 7:00pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 4: Freeman Network for Justice and Peace — 11:30am (Library)

Mar. 5: Freeman Ministerial — 10:00am (Freeman Academy)

Mar. 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins

Gathering 58: 6 — 9:00am

Mar. 9: Prayer Shawl — 7:00pm

Mar. 10: Deacons Meeting — 7:00pm (Parsonage)

Mar. 29-Apr. 1: Holy Week Services featuring Marlene Kropf — 7:00pm

Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion — 7:00pm

The Intergenerational class is sponsoring a **Songfest March 15**. We will have a pot luck after Sunday School followed by a time of singing together. Our theme for the time of singing is Happiness. If you have suggestions of happy songs you would like to sing, give them to Les Rensink. Emails welcome les@goldenwest.net, or drop a note in my mail box.
~ Les

SCHMECKFEST:

- **Cottage cheese pocket making: March 3, 9am** in Pioneer Hall. Everyone is welcome to come help. Please bring a rolling pin. Contact June Pullman or Boni Hofer if you have any questions.
- **Knepf making: Fri., Feb. 27, 2-7 p.m.** and **Sat., Feb. 28, 9am-3pm** to make 96 gallons of knepf.
- **Kuchen Prep: March 2, 6 & 11, 1-7pm or 8pm**, Pioneer Hall — this is to prepare the fillings needed for the kuchen that will be baked at the Tyndall Bakery; come for all or part of a shift; need 4-6 people/shift; donations of peaches, cherries, mulberries, rhubarb, raspberries, etc., as well as cash are welcome
- **Kuchen Baking: Mar. 4, 7 & 12;** need about 10 people each day in Tyndall; 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.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner for Swan Lake Christian Camp association is set for March 7, 2015 at 6:00pm. All are invited to attend. Tours of the new retreat center will begin at 5:30pm. Please RSVP by March 1 if you plan to attend: 605-326-5690 or campof-lice@myslcc.com

MDS is requesting volunteers during the first week of March to assist in rebuilding houses in **Pilger, Nebraska**, 100 miles south of Freeman, which were destroyed in a tornado last summer. Work would involve new house construction, already framed. Transportation, food, and lodging, is provided for those staying more than one day. If you would consider helping for 1 - 5 days, please contact Dennis Ries to discuss details and make further arrangements.

Heritage Hall Museum is looking for volunteers for our pre-Schmeckfest work day on Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. This will include cleaning, rearranging, and some last minute work on exhibits. The museum is also in need of hosts to assist visitors during both weekends of Schmeckfest. Hosting is a fun, simple job and can be done with a partner so bring a friend! Contact Kelsey Ortman at 605-421-1318 or email museum@freemaninfo.com for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Heather VanMeveren**
- **Glenda Langeland** (in therapy)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Next Sunday, Aaron Carlson will be ordained at Manson (Iowa) Mennonite Church. Pray for God's guidance and blessing for Aaron and the con-gregation as they embody and proclaim the reign of God in Manson.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Thank God for MMN personnel involved in building relationships with Muslims. Pray for their protection and that they may find appropriate and compassionate ways to bridge this great divide in today's world.
- **Additional Prayers:**

About the Bulletin Cover Art and Artist:

The Moon The Dove and the Footwasher

Daniel Bonnell lives in Savannah, Georgia where he continues to create art that seeks to, in his own words, “reflect on the ultimate human need to fulfill an intrinsic longing that extends from birth to death. Simply put, it is a need to be held. My art symbolically speaks to this notion, especially with darkness (black) embracing light (color), with negative space enclosing positive space, and with texture calling out to be touched.”

As you continue our Lenten journey, we invite you to meditate upon Bonnell’s work as you prayerfully engage our theme, *Living into the Reality of Jesus*.