



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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“... I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how, wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3: 17b-19, NIV

Prelude

I know whom I have believed ~McGranahan

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome

Call to Worship: from Take Our Moments and Our Days: Volume 2 (p. 335-336)

L: Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

P: Nations shall come to Your light, and kings to the brightness of Your dawn.

L: I thank You, Lord, with all my heart, You have heard the words of my mouth.

P: In the presence of angels I will bless You. I will adore before Your holy Temple.

ALL: I thank you for Your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of You.

P: On the day I called, You answered; You increased the strength of my soul.

L: All the rulers on earth shall thank You when they hear the words of my mouth.

P: They shall sing of the Lord's ways:

ALL: *"How great is the glory of the Lord!"*

Prayer

Hymn: STJ no. 53,

O God in Heaven

Children's Time:

The Power of the Good News

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Be Thou my vision~ (Irish folk melody)

Offertory Prayer

Moment-in-Mission:

Wellspring

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 (Pew Bible p. 608)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 335,

This is the Threefold Truth

Message:

Proclaiming the Mystery

Worship Music:

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Hymn: HWB no. 263,

The Strife is O'er

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Norma Hofer (accompanist), Amanda Mettler (moment-in-mission), worship music arranged by Merlin & Sylvia Hofer and Todd Jones (children's time & message)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Boni Hofer** (recovering from knee replacement surgery)
- **Frank Wiebe** (undergoing chemo)
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Pray for David Boshart and the rest of the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board as they meet this weekend in Chicago.
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Today, a delegation of 13 North Americans are worshiping with a congregation in Benin, the Eternal Sacred Order of the Cherubim and Seraphim. Thank God for partnerships developed through MMN. Pray for Christ's body to be strengthened through relationships deepened on this two-week fellowship visit.
- **Additional prayers**

TODAY

Greeters: Marj Hofer & Adeline Friesen

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Cameron & Rina Hofer

11:05am: Sunday School for all ages

MW February Project: Cash for Swan Lake Christian Camp

Children's S.S. Fall Project: CPMC Ecuador Partnership

NEXT SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

Accompanist: Elvera Deckert

Coffee Time: Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

THIS WEEK

Mon.: 7:00pm Prayer Shawl

Wed.: ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Midweek Bible Study

Sat.: 2-4pm 80th Birthday Celebration for LaVonne Tschetter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 15: 7:00pm Freeman Network for Justice & Peace (Library)

Feb. 16: 9:15am Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

Feb. 18: 7:00pm Church Board

Mar. 27: EASTER SUNDAY

There will be a **brief congregational meeting** following the worship service **this morning** to vote on the following recommendation presented by the Church Board. “The Board recommends that we add a permanent extension to the stage area at the front of the church and replace the sanctuary carpet at an approximate cost of \$7,000. The funds will come from the Capital Improvement Fund.” (This does not include the piano or pipe organ areas.)

The Education Committee would like to inform you of **two current ministry needs/opportunities**:

1) **2016 VBS Chairperson:** As we approach spring, we are seeking a person or persons to head up our VBS program this year. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Larry Tschetter.

2) We are seeking an individual as our **Junior Sunday School Assistant Superintendent**. We are accepting volunteers or names of those we may reach out to in regard to this ministry. If interested, please contact Larry Tschetter

Midweek Bible Study: “Holy Land” — Our Midweek Bible study will conclude this Wednesday evening. We will begin with a soup supper fellowship at 6:30pm with the study starting at 7pm.

Please join us for an **open house** celebrating **LaVonne Tschetter’s 80th birthday** on **Saturday, February 13th**, from **2:00 to 4:00 pm** at Hutterthal Mennonite Church.

Sewers needed: We need help sewing drawstring bags that Twyla has already pre-cut and are available in the kitchen. The bags will be used when the children pack the March project of Hygiene Kits. Please sign as to what color you have taken, return thread to Twyla and the completed bags returned to the kitchen. Thank you so much.

Are you interested in making deeper connections with the work of our conference? Would

you like to help influence that ongoing ministry? Currently, we are **seeking delegates** to the Annual Meeting of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference. The meeting is scheduled for **June 16-19, 2016 in Des Moines, Iowa**. Those interested in learning more or participating as delegates are asked to contact Pastor Todd for further information.

LENT 2016:

1) Our 2016 Lenten journey will begin on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. We strongly encourage you to enter into an extended period of prayerful contemplation in regard to the cross of Christ. We encourage you to use Psalm 51 as a focus text for this time, meditating on the themes of confession and repentance as you breathe in the new life of Christ. If entering into this practice during breakfast or lunch you may also consider the spiritual discipline of fasting during this period and/or journaling (see below).

2) Throughout our Lenten journey we will have the opportunity to record and become more fully aware of our spiritual stories. This will include focus questions during our worship time together as well as “homework.” The “homework” will consist of journaling, and all are strongly encouraged to participate throughout the season. *The journaling exercise need not be complex.* If you do not have a journal, simply staple several pieces of paper together (nothing fancy) that provide you with the space necessary to reflect on Scripture through writing or doodling. These can be daily or weekly entries. There are no rules. You are simply asked to write honestly about the joys and struggles of life knowing that the entries will remain confidential.

SCHMECKFEST NOTES:

“ **Noodle making** for the Country Kitchen and meals: **Tuesday, February 9**, in the Pioneer Hall dining room starting at 9 a.m. Volunteers to help will be appreciated.

“ **Cheese Pocket making: Feb. 16, 23 and March 1** at Freeman Academy dining room starting at 9 a.m. All help would be appreciated. Contact June Pullman if you have any questions.

Have you always wanted to experience another culture while growing professionally, spiritually, and personally? Then **MCC's SALT program** is for you! We have upwards of 120 diverse assignments in over 35 countries waiting for the perfect applicants to fill them. **Deadline to apply is Feb. 15.** Make 2016 the year you will step out in faith and do it. Apply today at mcc.org/salt !

Swan Lake Christian Camp invites you to attend the appreciation **dinner and annual meeting March 5th at 6:00 pm**. The meal is our way of saying thank you for partnering with us in ministry. Please RSVP by February 28 to 605-326-5690 or campoffice@myslcc.com.

At-Home Lent Devotionals available! From February 9 through Easter Sunday, nurture your family's identity as Christ-followers by using these daily scripture readings and activities. Research shows that the best way to pass faith to children is through family worship in the home. These family devotions give you just the tools you need! Here is the link where you can find the devotionals in several formats. You could even print booklets for your families! <http://www.commonword.ca/SelectDownloadFormat/43/18139>

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