



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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“... you will bear testimony to Me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.” Luke 21: 13-15, NIV

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Today, the words of God come to us, in love,

P: inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

L: Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,

P: inviting us to trust in the One who knows us,

ALL: to place our hope in the One who saves us.

L: Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope,

P: inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 499,

Lord Speak to Me

Children's Time:

You're It!

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 (Pew Bible p. 394)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 491,

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Message:

Messy Beautiful

Worship Music: HWB no. 598,

A Wonderful Savior is Jesus

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Hymn: HWB no. 498,

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Benediction: HWB no. 755

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Charlene Friesen (accompanist), worship music arranged by Melvin & Emma 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):** Tim Detweiler began chemotherapy treatments on January 20. Pray for courage, strength and for God's healing as he begins his journey of fighting cancer.

- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Pray for MMN personnel and their colleagues in Nepal as they share the good news of God's providence through the creation of small businesses, including a coffee shop. Praise God for the success of this hospitality ministry that is prospering and giving hope to many visitors.
- **Additional prayers**

TODAY

Greeters: Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

9:45am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Alvina Hofer

11:05am: Sunday School for all ages

MW January Project: Blankets, Sheets or Towels (see mailbox flyer for details)

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Marj Hofer & Adeline Friesen

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Music: Merlin & Sylvia Hofer

Coffee Time: Cameron & Rina Hofer

THIS WEEK

Tues.: 7:00pm Deacons Meeting (M. Hofer Residence)

Wed.: 10:00am Freeman Ministerial (South Church)

6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Midweek Bible Study

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 8: 7:00pm Prayer Shawl

Feb. 10: ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Midweek Bible Study

Feb. 13: 2-4pm 80th Birthday Celebration for LaVonne Tschetter

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

Today is the last day that the **donation box** will be in the upper foyer to receive donations to offset the costs of the Pictorial Directory. The Directories cost \$20 each to produce. If you are not prepared to give today, you may give your donation directly to treasurer, Edie Tschetter. The Deacons encourage you to use your Directories as a prayer journal and a reference for birthdays or anniversaries.

Midweek Bible Study: "Holy Land" — Our Midweek Bible study featuring guest presenter Pastor. S. Roy Kaufman will continue on February 2. We begin each Wednesday session with a soup supper fellowship beginning at 6:30pm with the study starting at 7pm.

There will be a **brief congregational meeting** following the worship service on **Feb. 7** 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.)

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.

The Trustees are **seeking someone to fill the position of Church Office Administrative Assistant** which becomes available March 1. If you are interested in, or have suggestions for this position, please contact one of the Trustees - LeRoy Pullman, Darnell Tschetter or Paul Hofer.

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 2, Saturday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 9**, in the Pioneer Hall dining room starting at 9 a.m. Volunteers to help with the noodle making project 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.

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