



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3: 16, KJV

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship:

Written by Lavon Bayler

L: Come all who are born of God; abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

P: We come in response to the One who calls us friends. We are here in obedience to Christ’s command.

L: Remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness. Let hands and voices echo God’s praise.

P: Let our lips pour out a joyful noise. Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.

L: Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things. Obey God’s commandments which are not burdensome.

P: We clap our hands and shout for joy.

ALL: We live by faith that conquers the world.

Prayer

Welcome

Hymn: HWB no. 592

Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling

Scripture Reading
Silent Meditation

John 15:9-17 (Pew Bible p. 571)
1 John 4:7-21 (Pew Bible p. 643)

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Hymn: STJ no. 44

The Love of God

Message

No Greater Love

Worship Music

Sharing Time
Congregational Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Hymn: HWB no. 145,

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Benediction

Musical Response

Annual Sunday School Meeting

Postlude

Worship Participants: Elvera Deckert, accompanist; Monica Clem, worship leader; Pastor Bob Engbrecht, message; and Steve Mendel, worship music

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Amos Kleinsasser** (recovering from pneumonia)
- **Tom Stahl** (recovering from illness)
- **Frank Wiebe**
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Robin Gingerich is taking a leave of absence from the LCC International University campus in Lithuania, where she has worked through MMN for 19 years. Pray for her as she begins to work with a new LCC program in Georgia, assisting refugees toward a hopeful future.

- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** Next weekend Marco Guete will teach a workshop in Spanish on pastoral ethics in Muscatine, Iowa. Pray for him as he prepares and travels and pray for the fellowship and learning of those CPMC pastors who attend.
- ***Additional Prayers***

TODAY

Greeters: Colin & Michelle Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Coffee Time: Alvina Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School for All Ages

11:10 am: **“Discernment Gathering”** (during the Sunday School Hour)

Following worship: *Annual Sunday School Meeting*

MW July Project: Cash for MEDA—Mennonite Economic Development

Children's S.S. Summer Project: Swan Lake Christian Camp

NEXT SUNDAY— August 7

Greeters: Shane & Amy Hofer Vetch

Accompanist: Norma Lee Hofer

Coffee Time: Rodney & Amanda Mettler

Worship Music: Doug & Becky McCune

Following worship: Congregational meeting

12:00 pm: Scholarship Committee Fundraiser Meal

THIS WEEK

Tues, 1:00 pm: Intercessory Prayer Meeting with Marlene Kropf

7:30pm: Deacons Meeting (Koerner Residence)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 7, 12:00 pm: Scholarship Meal

7:00 pm: JLV Memorial Fundraiser Movie On Main Street (Freeman)

Aug. 8, 8:45 am: FNJP

7:00 pm: Prayer Shawl

Aug. 23, 9:15 am: Pastor-Peer (Sioux Falls)

Aug. 24: First Day of School—Freeman Public, Canistota, & Bridgewater-Emery

12:00pm: Connection Deadline

Aug. 25: First day of School—Freeman Academy

Our local churches are currently pulling together a **Local Host Committee** for the 2017 CPMC Annual meeting to be held in South Dakota. If you are interested in assisting with planning please contact Pastor Todd.

The **annual Sunday School meeting will be held THIS MORNING**, following the worship service. The Leadership Selection Committee will bring the following slate to the meeting:

Adult SS Superintendent: Kathy Pullman (moved up from Assistant)

Adult Assistant SS Superintendent: Sylvia Hofer

Children's SS Superintendent: Rebecca Hofer

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Secretary/Treasurer: Phil Thomas

Elected member: LeRoy Hofer

Children's Sunday School Teachers needed! The SS department is looking for teachers for all age groups for the coming school year. If you are interested in teaching our children about the love of Christ, please talk to Becky McCune or Rebecca Hofer.

Sunday school teachers, wouldn't it be nice to have just a little more training on how to facilitate a good Bible study? Central Plains conference is offering **three different webinars** this fall on interpreting and teaching the Bible. Plan to join us September 12, October 24 and November 21. Watch for more details.

Missing! Merchant's State Bank money pouch belonging to Christian Education's Children's Sunday School. Was last seen on the library table in the library. The record book was left but the money pouch is missing. It went missing between the close of Sunday School and the end of the potluck lunch. Please return to Phil Thomas. Thank you.

Please join us for **The Jackson Lee Vetch Memorial Fundraiser Movie on Main Street**, in Freeman: August 7th. The Festivities will begin at 7:00 pm with food & refreshments available. Don't forget your lawn chairs, the movie, *Spare Parts*, will start at dusk. We hope to see you there! We ask that you would prayerfully consider supporting this fundraiser www.jacksonleevetchmemorialfund.org : Helping kids attend Christian based summer camps.

Discerning God's Will Together:

1. **“Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love:”** At the biennial gathering in Kansas City last summer, MCUSA asked that local congregations consider adopting this as a way to help us be the Church together at the local, conference, and national level. As we continue to walk together, seeking to be faithful in the midst of cultural change and trying to discern together through the crossroads of questions, concerns, and blessings that we come too, the time seems ripe for us to work at this. So, please, carefully read the document, pray over and through it, share thoughts together regarding what it might mean for us to adopt it, and take the opportunity at one of the “Discernment Gatherings” to speak on this matter. Let us be the Church together.
2. A **congregational meeting** will be held on **August 7** in regard to adopting the “Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love” document. This will be a ballot vote. How would Christ have us move in response to the denomination’s recommendation?

Swan Lake Christian Camp invites you to an **Open House of the Still Waters Retreat Center** TODAY from 2:00-6:00 pm. Tours of the facility, an antique tractor display, and homemade ice cream will be available.

The **Scholarship Fundraising Dinner** will be held on August 7, 12:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving a meal of Schmeckfest sausage and other dishes. The funds raised will be used to give students attending Mennonite Schools scholarships for the coming 2016-2017 school year. All are invited to come and fellowship around the tables!