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## Hutterthal Mennonite Church

*Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving*

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### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: LIVING INTO THE REALITY OF JESUS March 1, 2015**

**Prelude:**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer  
Jesus Loves Me  
O Breath of Life*

**Gathering Song:** STJ no. 35,

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp  
Passing the Peace**

## Sharing Time

### Congregational Prayer

**Lord's Prayer** (sins/sinned against us)

## Call to Authenticity

L: Jesus, You are hard to follow.

**P: Be reasonable! Don't talk about suffering and rejection, death and dying.**

L: Like Peter, when we said we would follow You, we had something else in mind.

**P: We thought immediately of ourselves, what we would receive, while You thought of others and how You might serve, even going so far as to lay down Your life for others.**

## *Silence*

L: Jesus, keep us close by Your side,

**P: and give us the vision to see what You see and the courage to follow You, living more fully into Your will.**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 340,

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

**Children's Time:**

Horton Hears a Who

**Scripture Reading:**

Mark 8: 31-38 (Pew Bible p. 533)

**Silent Meditation**

**Hymn:** HWB no. 536,

*Take Up Your Cross*

**Message:**

Active Participation

## A Time of Reflection

1. How have you responded to Christ's teaching in regard to suffering? How does Daniel Bonnell's painting on our bulletin cover speak to Jesus' call not only to servanthood, but to suffering?
2. Is your life marked by self-denial, cross-bearing, and following the way of Jesus?
3. What can you do *today* to live more intentionally into the reality of Jesus? What can

you do *today* to help bring justice, healing and peace to yourself, your neighbors, and the world?

**Hymn:** HWB no. 535,

*Who Now Would Follow Christ*

### **Time of Offering**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Sharing Our Gifts:**

*Bringing in the Sheaves*

**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 in the power of the Holy Spirit, I vow to practice self-denial, to humbly serve all, and to boldly follow as a witness to the Way.**

**Postlude:**

*Blessed Assurance*

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**Worship Participants:** *Elvera Deckert (accompanist), Madeline Hofer (lighting of the peace lamp), Clara Koerner (song leader), Larry Tschetter (worship leader), and Todd Jones (children's time & message)*

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- **Pastor Ken Dalke**
- **Heather VanMeveren**
- **Glenda Langeland**
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):** *Today Iglesia Cristiana El Balsamo dedicates their new building in Muscatine, IA. Pray for the church and for Pastor Alejandro Huesca as he recovers from a recent stroke.*
- **Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** *Pray for MMN personnel in Paris, France – Janie and Neal Blough, Linda Oyer, and Brad and Brenna Steury Graber – as they help youth and adults in their congregations and communities make sense of the recent violence. May they help provide a Jesus-centered perspective to the outrage and anger.*
- **Additional Prayers:**

## **TODAY**

**Greeters:** LaVonne Tschetter & Monica Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Doug & Becky McCune

**11:10am:** Sunday School

**MW March Project:** Hygiene Kits (see *Connection!* for details)

**Children's S.S. Spring Quarter Project:** First Fruit Community Gardens

## **NEXT SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Lent**

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

**9:00am:** Gathering 58: 6

**Greeters:** Les & Mary Rensink

**Accompanist:** Edie Tschetter (organ), David Friesen (guitar)

**Worship Leader:** If you are interested in assisting with this ministry next Sunday please contact Pastor Todd

**Song Leader:** Jill Hofer

**Coffee Time:** Mildred Hofer

## **THIS WEEK**

**Wed.:** Freeman Network for Justice and Peace — 11:30am (Library)

**Thurs.:** Freeman Ministerial — 10:00am (Freeman Academy)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Mar. 9:** Prayer Shawl — 7:00pm

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

**Mar. 19:** Church Board— 7:30pm

**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](mailto:les@goldenwest.net), or drop a note in my mail box.

~ Les

## **SCHMECKFEST:**

- **Cottage cheese pocket making: March 3, 9am** in Pioneer Hall. Contact June Pullman or Boni Hofer if you have any questions.

- **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.
- **Heritage Hall Museum** pre-Schmeckfest work: **Sat., Mar. 7 at 9:00 a.m.** This will include cleaning, rearranging, and some last minute work on exhibits. The museum also **needs hosts** to assist visitors during both weekends. 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.
- “The Freeman Academy Auxiliary appreciates everyone who has volunteered to work at Schmeckfest. **We still have 60 positions to fill** in the areas of table service, clearing and resetting. If you are willing to help, or have suggestions of possible workers, please contact Debra Schmeichel at ssag@goldenwest.net or 648-3430. Thank you!”
- The **Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items** for March 20, 21, 27, and 28. Poppyseed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish, and summer s savory sell especially well. Items should be marked.

**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: 326-5690 or campoffice@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 call Dennis Ries at 925- 7788 or email at rriesdennis105@gmail.com to discuss details and make further arrangements.

**Rural Revival** will meet on Monday, March 2 at 8:00pm in the Freeman Public Library. All are welcome. (www.ruralrevival.org)

The next meeting of the **Freeman Network for Justice and Peace** is planned for **11:30 in the Freeman Library Community** room on **March 4**. Please plan to join us.

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*.