



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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March 4, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: *Come rule makers, rule breakers, and you who are still finding your way. Come. Whether you speak with wise words or with wisecracks, you are made in the image of God. Come into God's house. Hear God's Word. Prepare to meet your Maker and your match. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is greater than human strength.*

People: Some of us like certainty and structure. Some of us don't. We come by different roads, yet we are here together. We want to know God, and to be known by God. We are here to worship the Lord.

Leader: *Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there." We are here and Christ Jesus is here. We join our hearts in worship.*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn

Teach Me, O God

HWB #487

I long for Your Commandments

HWB #543

Children's Story

Worship Music

Offering/Prayer

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-17(Page 42 in Pew Bible)

Sermon

Respect

Confession

God, we call you ruler of all,
but sometimes we make excuses.
We try to avoid applying your rules
to our actions and interests.
At other times, we hold so tightly to rules
that we break relationships.
It is easier to imagine that you are like us
than it is for us to be like you.
We judge ourselves by success;
you judge us by how we treat others.
Help us to face our truth.
Forgive us when we fail.
Give us the courage
to keep trying to live as you love.

Words of assurance

The Lord's rules can be trusted.
They make plain people wise.

Teach Me Thy Truth

HWB #548

Sharing Time/Prayer

Sending Hymn

Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace

STJ #52

Benediction

We are people of God.
We go in God's love
to extend God's love
and live God's promise.

Musical Response

Postlude

PRAISE/PRAYER CONCERNS

- Anita Watkins(Rebecca Hofer's Mother) - chemo treatments
- Additional Concerns

TODAY - March 4 - Third Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Donovan & Sherryl Friesen

9:45 am: Worship Service
Accompanist: Amy Hofer Vetch
Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen
Children's Time: Amanda Mettler
Worship Music: Fortis
Message: Jack Scandrett
Coffee Time: Vernon & Twyla Hofer

NEXT SUNDAY - March 11– Fourth Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Marj Hofer & Joyce Hofer
9:45 am: Worship Service
Accompanists: Amy Hofer Vetch
Worship Leader:
Children's time: Amanda Mettler
Worship Music: Marj Hofer
Message: Jack Scandrett
Coffee Time: Mildred Hofer
11:10 am: School for all ages

MARCH PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: Soap & Hygiene Kits for MCC
Children's S.S. Department: Swan Lake Christian Camp

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 15, 7:30 pm: Church Board meeting

ALL EMAIL CORRESPONDANCE to the Church Office Administrative Assistant should be sent to
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CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY & BEYOND

You are invited to attend the world premiere of “Three Groups, One Story: The Journey That Built a South Dakota Community” Today at 5 p.m. at the Lund Theater in Viborg. Come watch on the big screen as Robert Engbrecht, S. Roy Kaufman and Norman Hofer tell the story of the Low German Mennonites, Swiss Amish Mennonites, and Hutterites who settled in the Freeman area in the 1870s. Maps, photos and re-enactments by local actors help bring the story to life. Admission by donation. This project was sponsored by Heritage Hall Museum & Archives and was filmed and edited by FiveCore Media of Goshen College, Goshen, IN. It was made possible with a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council and generous donors. Copies of the DVD/Blu-Ray disc set will be available for purchase at the Heritage Hall Archives during Schmeckfest 2018.

S.D. Mennonite Disaster Service unit annual meeting: Salem Mennonite Brethren Church, rural Bridgewater, Sunday, March 11, at 2 pm. The featured speaker, Maretta Champagne, is from Pine

Ridge, S.D. and is Outreach Coordinator for Pine Ridge Long Term Recovery. Region III Coordinators will also be attending the program which will be followed by the business meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

SCHMECKFEST:

- Volunteers are needed for **making 1400 kuchen** that will be used at the meal (600) and sold in the Country Kitchen (800). We will be baking all kuchen at the Tyndall Bakery on: **March 9 will need workers from 1:00-7:00p.m and March 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** The filling needs to be made in the Pioneer Hall kitchen prior to each baking day. Helpers are welcome for all or part of a shift. Donations of peaches, cherries, mulberries, rhubarb, raspberries, etc. is greatly appreciated. We need about 10 people for each baking day and 4-6 for making pudding. Please contact Vernetta Waltner at waltners@hotmail.com or 321-7351 or 925-7620 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.
- The Schmeckfest Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items for March 16, 17, 23 and 24. Poppy seed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. Thank you!

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