



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017

Prelude

Alleluia- Mozart
Thine is the Glory - Handel

Gathering Hymns

Come, let us all unite to sing

HWB 12

God sent his Son (repeat once)

HWB 345

Welcome/Call to Worship

Prayer

There's a wideness in God's mercy

HWB 145

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Worship Music

Presentation of Hymnal Worship Book to Xavier Ward

Time of Offering

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

I know that my Redeemer liveth - Stickles

Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

My Coins Count - food for everyone

For God so loved us

Scripture Reading

Message

The love of God

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

HWB 167

Psalm 136: 1-6; 23-26

God Loves You

STJ 44

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Pastor Todd & family during this time of Sabbatical
- Reagan Medina (underwent heart procedure on April 25)
- Larry Hofer
- Christopher Hofer (born 4/5, son of Chris & Melissa: in NICU)
- Additional Prayers

TODAY - May 7, 2017

Greeters: Cameron & Rina Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Norma Hofer

Song Leader: Amanda Mettler

Worship Leader: Brandon Waltner

Worship Music: Isabel & Addison Waltner (arranged by Brandon & Kylea Waltner)

Music Committee presentation of hymnal: Charlene Friesen

Children's Message: Edie Tschetter

Message: Dennis Schrock

Coffee Time: **NO Coffee Time** due to noon meal

11:10 am: Sunday School

12:00 noon - MCC Relief Sale Fundraiser meal

NEXT SUNDAY - May 14, 2017 - Mother's Day

Greeters: Larry & Nicolle Timmerman

9:45am: Worship Service

Accompanist: Shirley Hofer

Song Leader: Joline Thomas

Worship Leader: Monica Clem

Worship Music: SS Children

Children's Time: Charlene Friesen

Message: Les Rensink

Moment in Mission: Ian Hofer

Coffee Time: Dustin & Kym Tschetter

11:10 am: Sunday School for All Ages

MAY PROJECTS

Congregational Ministries: Infant Care Kits - make your own (see S.S. foyer for list of kit contents)

OR contact Sharon Waltner (\$25/kit)

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

THIS WEEK:

Monday, 7:00pm: Prayer Shawl

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18, 8:00pm: Church Board

May 21, noon: Shalom Readers pizza party

May 29, 9:00am: Vacation Bible School Kick-off!

June 15-18: CPMC Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls

July 22: SD MCC Relief Sale, Pioneer Hall, Freeman Academy campus

Join us TODAY for a delicious noon meal prepared and served by the Steve Friesen family and Merlin & Sylvia Hofer. The menu will include ham, potatoes and cheese cake. This is a fund raiser for our local MCC Relief Sale expenses. Donations will be accepted. **Please make your checks payable to HMC Fellowship Unlimited.**

A number of printed copies of the **Congregational Ministries Quarterly Financial Report** are available on the table in the foyer.

Come make frozen meals! On Saturday afternoon, **May 13 at 1:00** we will be making frozen meals for Kim and her family here at church. If you would like to assist with food or supplies talk to Monica Hofer.

"Jesus is the Path to Peace". **Calling all Shalom Readers:** We will have a Shalom Kick-Off Party to get us started reading some Shalom books during the summer. **All persons age 4 -14** are invited to join us in the church fellowship hall for pizza, **May 21, at 12:00 noon**. We will be practicing peace activities and checking out some summer reading material. Parents may pick up their children at 1:00 pm.

ACE, the Arctic Circle Exploration Co. needs your help as we explore the Bible, the coolest book on the planet. **VBS** will run **May 29-June 2** with a program on Sunday morning, June 4. ACE is looking for volunteers to decorate, lead, act, play, sing, and learn as we "chill-out" and learn how the Bible can be our compass. Check out the bulletin board in the Sunday school wing and the sign-up sheets that will be coming soon.

The **Cemetery Committee is seeking donations** to help pay for the straightening of head stones in the cemetery that are leaning. Doug Runge, from Pierre, SD specializes in tombstone restoration and is planning to come to our cemetery in the next couple of weeks to perform the work. A donor has already contributed \$1,000 to jump start **the** project in hopes that others will also donate. Doug estimated it would cost \$1,600 (about \$200/stone) to fix the stones that need the work. He has a series of jacks to lift the stones and uses mostly sand to level off the ground underneath. Any extra money given will be used to pay for this year's grass mowing bill. If this project interests you, **make a check payable to the Cemetery Society** and give it to Stan Hofer. Thank you for your consideration. Stan Hofer

Freeman Academy will present its High School **Spring Music Program** on **Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m.** in Pioneer Hall. Ensembles include the Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and the Concert Band (grades 7-12). The public is invited to attend this evening of uplifting music.

The **Freeman Academy Creative Arts Feature** presents **duo pianos Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm** in Pioneer Hall. Mory Ortman and Sherilyn Ortman feature music for two pianos titled "It Takes Two to Tango" Tickets, which include a dessert reception, can be purchased at the door: \$15/adult and \$8/student (K-12). For further information see the Freeman Courier or contact Amy Hofer Vetch at 605-925-4237 Ext. 240 or by email ahofer@freemanacademy.org Feature is sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America, Shane Vetch; Marlo and Mavis Ortman and Freeman Academy.

The 22-voice mixed chamber choir **Bel Canto Singers** from Hesston College and director Dr. Russell

Adrian will embark on an eleven event Summer Concert Tour, presenting a diverse repertoire of choral music throughout the Midwest, 14-24. The choir is accompanied by director Kenneth Rodgers. The group's program "God is Near", is inspired by the call to seek out faith in our lives and features a cappella works, organ and piano, and music by soloists/ensembles. Alumni/friends are invited to attend the concert at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church on **Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00pm.**

Are you missing your brothers and sisters from Central Plains? You'll get to see them soon! Plan to come to Sioux Falls June 15-18 for Annual Meeting 2017 where our worship theme will be A Covenant People: Responding to God's Love. Children, youth and adults welcome! Find registration information in your church office and at www.centralplainsmc.org

For more information on Hutterthal Mennonite Church happenings visit www.HMCFreeman.org

MESSAGE TEXTS

John 3:16 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. (KJV)

1 John 4:8 ...God is love...

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1 John 4:9 This is how God showed His love for us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. (You) reap what you sow.

Romans 6:1, 2 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Hebrews 12:6 the Lord disciplines the one he loves,

John 10:10 I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who [i] been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be

conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Galatians 5:22, 23 ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church;

Ephesians 4:15, 16 ...speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Galatians 6:2 Bear each other's burdens. (KJV)

Galatians 6:1 Restore the brother or sister overtaken by sin in the spirit of gentleness.

John 13: 34, 35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

No pain as great as when we are hurt by our brother and sisters in Christ, who ought to be committed in love to our welfare and spiritual health.