



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-20 (NKJV)

Opening Prayer: STJ no. 128 (modified and expanded)

L: God of the weak and the wounded, as we gather in Your presence, we seek a fuller understanding not only of Your grace, but of what it means to be gracious. We recognize that we've demanded forgiveness from You as well as from others, but we have resisted Your call to be forgiving. Lord, cleanse us as we grant us a heart like Your own.

ALL: We have been heedless in our thoughts, cruel in our words, and shameful in our actions. We are indifferent to a world made sad by want and wastefulness. We pass by on the other side when we see our neighbor in need. We wander from the way that leads to peace in paths of our own pleasing.

L: God of the weak and the wounded, hear us and heal us as we lift our brokenness before You.

Silent Prayer

L: God of the weak and the wounded, Redeemer, Healer, and Reconciler,

ALL: You have forgiven us. Teach us now, as we gather in Your presence, to be forgiving. Amen.

Hymn: HWB no. 149, *Great God of Wonders*

Children's Time: Forgive Us Our Sins

Dedication of Xavier Ward

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

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

Worship Music: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Time of Offering

Offertory Invitation

Sharing Our Gifts

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35 (Pew Bible p. 519)

Silent Meditation

Hymn: HWB no. 137, *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

Message: The Liberating Power of Forgiveness

Hymn: STJ no. 23, *Slowly Turning, Ever Turning*

Benediction:

L: We have heard Jesus' call to forgive.

P: We acknowledge that it's difficult to forgive those who've hurt us. We want to strike back, but we've been called to reach out with the reconciling love of God.

L: As we have been forgiven, may we abound in forgiveness.

P: May we walk in this new way in which we've been called, living expressions of Christ's shalom!

ALL: Amen!

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Assistants: Paige Zachariasen (piano), Todd Jones (children's time &

message), & Fortis (worship music)

PRAYER CONCERNS/PRAISES

- **Dustin & Kym Tschetter** (birth of son, Gunner, on Wed., Sept. 10)
- **From CPMC:** Pray for those participating in the women's retreat at Swan Lake camp next weekend, that each would find a path to a deeper relationship with God, God's people and God's mission.
- **From MMN:** Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter, who serve through MMN, are helping the Round Chapel, a congregation in London, England, find new ways of engaging the community – a weekly parent-toddler time, and intergenerational sessions of exploring arts and cooking. Pray that people will be drawn to Jesus through these activities.

TODAY:

9:00am: Gathering 58:6

Greeters: John & Monica Clem

Coffee Time: Colin & Michelle Hofer

11:10am: Sunday School

Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner: 12pm

Church Volleyball Tournament: 4pm (Pool Park)

Church Picnic: 6pm (Pool Park)

MW September project: Cash - Mennonite Women USA

Children's S.S. Fall Quarter Project: Sole Hope in Uganda

NEXT SUNDAY: Peace Sunday

Greeters: Vernon & Twyla Hofer

Piano: Elvera Deckert

Music: Derrick & Jessica Preheim

Coffee Time: Gordon & Sharon Waltner

THIS WEEK

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

Wed.: Deacons Meeting, 7:00pm (Clem Residence)

Thurs.: Church Board, 8pm

Sat.-Sun.: Women's Retreat @ SLCC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 5: World Communion Sunday

Oct. 18-19: Harvest Mission Fest

Nov. 10-11: MCC Meat Canning @ John Deere in Freeman

Please send **bulletin announcements** to hutterthal@goldenwest.net or give to Edie. **Deadline is Thursday noon.**

The **scholarship committee** invites you to a **pork loin dinner today** after Sunday School. This is a fundraiser to assist those attending Hutterthal who are enrolled in Freeman Academy or other Mennonite schools or colleges. The meal is free and open to all. Donations will be accepted at the meal.

Join us for **Hutterthal Youth's Volleyball Fundraiser!** Grab some friends and form a TEAM!

WHEN: TODAY- games begin at 4:00pm **WHERE:** Freeman Pool Park **TIME:** Volleyball games will begin at 4:00 p.m. **EVERYONE is welcome to come watch the fun!** All players are asked to DONATE \$10.00 per person to play in the game! ALL ages are welcome to play! NO SKILLS REQUIRED! Bars and drinks will be available with a free will donation during the volleyball game. Team sign up sheet will be located in the church entrance!

Church Picnic TODAY 6:00 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park. We will be providing hotdogs, beverages, and table service. Please bring either a salad or a dessert to share and a lawn chair. We are looking forward to a time of fellowship. - Kylea & Jill on behalf of Mennonite Women

Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp is scheduled for Sat. & **Sun., Sept. 20 and 21. Pre-registration is requested and due by TOMORROW** by contacting Edie Tschetter at letschetter@gwtc.net. Please check out the poster on the bulletin board or the *Connection!* for details on cost, lodging, etc.

James Schrag from Rochester, NY will be playing his violin on Sunday, September 21 at 4:00pm at the North Church. He will be accompanied by Debra Schmeichel. James is the grandson of Vera Schrag and has been playing since the age of four. He wants to dedicate this concert to the memory of Mark Schrag. A freewill offering will be taken for the Prairie Arboretum and a dessert reception will follow.

The **Activity Department** at the **Salem Mennonite Home** is in need of some **volunteer helpers**. If you would be able to donate a bit of your time to assist us in any way, please call Denise Peterson at the Salem Mennonite Home at 925-4994.

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