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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Prelude

Worship Hymns

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HWB #178 Comfort, Comfort, O MY People HWB#176

Call to Worship

One: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

Many: Asking, when will you bring righteousness,

defend the poor, deliver the needy?

Asking, when will you make harmonious creation?

When will you crush the oppressor?

One: When will your love, mercy, and justice rule us?

All: God, what are you waiting for?

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Responsive Reading (from Romans 5:4-11)
Leader: God calls us to live with endurance.

People: We glorify the God of hope.

Leader: The God of encouragement calls us to unity.

People: We thank the Lord for the bounty of God's mercy.

Leader: God calls us to a new vision for all of creation.

All: Let us all praise the Lord.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Confession

John the Baptist did not fit the religious structures of any time. He wore funny clothes, he ate distasteful food, and he preached costly peace. His solo voice carried your beautiful song. Forgive us when our voices create disharmony with your people and your creation.

(silence)

Restore our voices to join in your holy song. Thanks and glory be to God!

Worship Music

Children's Time "The Little Town of Bethlehem"

Offering & Prayer

Hymn On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry HWB #183

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Colossians1:13-20

<u>Sermon</u> "Things you may have missed is Sunday School"

Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed STJ #185

Benediction

Musical Response and Postlude

TODAY - December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Joyce Hofer & Brigitta Hofer

9:45 am: Worship Service

Advent Candle Lighters: Delmer & Shirley Hofer

Accompanists: Charlene Friesen
Worship Leader: Todd Koerner

Worship Music:

Children's Time: Barbie Hofer **Scripture Reading:** Norman Hofer

Message: Bob Engbrecht

Coffee Time: John and Monica Clem **10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages**

NEXT SUNDAY – December 15

Third Sunday of Advent Sunday School Christmas

Program Brunch (Note 10:00 start)

Greeters: John and Monica Clem **10:00 am: Worship Service**

Advent Candle Lighters:

Accompanist: Paige Zachariasen

Worship Leader:

Worship Music: Children's Sunday School

Scripture Reading:

Message: Pastor Jack Scandrett

No Coffee Time:

12:00 p.m.: Noon Brunch

Prayer Requests:

- Pastor Jack-Bless the time with their family
- * Bekka Kramer recovering from surgery
- * Other Concerns

Don't forget to sign up for the Children's Sunday School Christmas Program Brunch in the Narthex today!

Pastor Jack is taking vacation time to be with his family in Sioux Falls. He will resume his regular responsibilities Dec 12. Until then we ask that you address all pastoral concerns to the deacons.

The HMC Annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be Friday December 13 (snow date-Mon., Dec. 16).

Citizen Center by 9 am.

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Please bring your cookies to the Senior

Cookie Walk funds raised are designated for Randy Glanzer who has been experiencing health issues and recently underwent surgery.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting the following ballot was approved;

2019 ballot:

Secretary (3 year term): Joline Thomas

Deacon (3 year term): Les Rensink

Trustee (3 year term): Lyndon Hofer

Leadership Comm (3 year term): Todd Koerner

Connection Board (3 year term): Marcia Schrock

Music Comm. (2 year term): Alvina Hofer

Music Comm. (1 year term): Kathy Pullman

Asst. Head Usher (1 year term):

Cameron Hofer

Ushers (1 year term):

Joyce Hofer Cole Hofer

Eric Neuharth Boni Hofer

Aprille Hofer Darnell Tschetter

Asst. Adult Supt. _____(1year term will be Adult Supt. the next year)

Still needed: Please volunteer for the position!

December Projects

Congregational
Ministries:
Cookie Walk

Children's Sunday School

Department: Swan Lake Christian Camp **Calendar of Events**

December 9, 1:30pm: Prayer Shawl Ministries **December 12th, 6:00pm:** HMC Live Nativity

December 13, 10:00am: Cookie Walk Senior Citizen Center

December 15, 10:00am: SS Christmas Program **December 18, 7:00pm:** Church Board Meeting



Thursday, December 12th, 6—7pm. We still need people to be in the Live Nativity & to help set up.

Community & Beyond

As the holidays approach, the **Et Cetera Shoppe** once again would welcome your **donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies** made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Making peppernuts can be a fun holiday activity to do with grandchildren, mentees, youth groups, extension clubs, and anyone else – so please consider making a batch and bringing them.

Swan Lake Christian Camp 2020 Winter Retreats are just around the corner. Make plans now to attend. Family Camp is February 28–March 1. Families with children, grand-parents, singles and young married couples are all invited to attend this fun filled weekend. ALSO don't forget to sign your kids up for Winter Youth retreats. Dates are as follows: 5&6th Grade Retreat January 10-11, Junior Hight Retreat January 17-19 and Senior High Retreat January 24-26. SIGN UP AT **www.myslcc.com**

Flandreau Project: Another delivery of donated items will be delivered to Flandreau on Wednesday night, December 18. Items need at this time are diapers(sizes 4,5 & 6) as well as food items (Corn tortillas, Rice, Tomato products, Dry beans or Canned beans). Please drop off your items by Tuesday evening, December 17 in Gary Grabers garage at 904 E. South County Rd in Freeman. Monetary gifts can be made out to: "Bienvenidos a Brookings" (Flandreau Project in memo) or to "Brookings Foundation" (501(c)(3) with (Bienvenidos a Brookings in memo) and mailed to Tom Manzer, 929 4th St. Brookings, S.D. 57006



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