



**Hutterthal
Mennonite
Church**

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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Hutterthal is suspending church services indefinitely.

*“With church doors shutting across America, it is
time for us show that the church
has never been about the building.
WE are the church!”*

Prayer Requests:

- For HMC members who lonely and missing loved ones. Pray that our church members and community stay healthy
- Pray for our country and the world as we figure out how to live well in this time of quarantine. We pray for those who are anxious, fearful, or lonely. We ask that God would give us wisdom and strength in these days.
- For those who are in the nursing homes, who are unable to have family and other visitors. And also pray for their caregivers and all medical field

Hutterthal Church offerings: As you know, church expenses continue to come in on schedule whether we meet or not. It would be much appreciated if you could send your regular offering checks to our church treasurer, John Clem, at his personal address: PO Box 493, Freeman, SD 57029. Thank you for carrying on the work of the church as we find new and different ways to stay connected. Edie Tschetter

Community news

Since Schmeckfest has been postponed, it has been decided to sell some items that would normally be sold in the Country Kitchen. There will be a **mini Country Kitchen** at the Freeman Academy campus on Friday, March 20 & Saturday March 21 and again on Friday, March 27 & Saturday, March 28. Since there are recommended restrictions on how many people can be in a space at one time, this will be a drive-up shop. Please check out Schmeckfest.com to see what is available for purchase. You can also drive up and fill out an order form for the items you want. In either case, someone will fill your order and bring it to your car. You will not be allowed to come into the building and pick out the items you want. Items must be picked up, they will not be shipped. Anyone wanting to offer food products that were made for the Schmeckfest Country Kitchen may call Amy Waltner at 648-3772 or Kathy Kleinsasser at 925-7952 and schedule a time to deliver them. The sales event will follow the state recommended guidelines for safety from COVID 19.

For logistical reasons, **Schmeckfest Sausage** will be processed in March as planned. The retail sales counter for smoked and unsmoked fresh sausage will be open March 20, 21, 27, and 28 from 1-6 PM at the maintenance building on the Freeman Academy campus. Remaining sausage will be frozen and available for sale at the postponed Schmeckfest event. Due to difficult circumstances sausage supplies are reduced 40 percent from last year. Help yourself and us by getting your sausage early. Submitted by Les Rensink

Rural Revival that was to meet March 23 at 8:00 p.m. has been cancelled.

From the Pastor's Heart: March 20, 2020

Dear Hutterthal Church family-- though the days seem dark do not be discouraged.

The world is anxious. People are deeply stressing and fearful of COVID-19. Even so, we have overcome the world in Christ. We can walk in His peace and be anxious for nothing. Philippians 4:4-7 reads, **“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

The Apostle Paul, in this text, urges us, earnestly, to bring our worries to God in prayer. List them one-by-one and lay them out before Him. I Peter 5:7 tell us “to be casting all our care on Him who cares for us,” knowing, that He will meet our deepest apprehensions with His peace. Present your concerns, “request,” to Him with a grateful, thankful heart. And the “peace of God will....” Have you ever experienced the peace of God? There is nothing to be anxious about. There is only confidence that He will hold you in His hand and attend to your every need. He will keep your mind and your heart calm in Christ Jesus. And you will not be disturbed by the worries of this world. Let God have whatever concern that wants of grip your life with fear and agitation. Give it to Him. Receive His peace. Amen

Let us stay connected. Share your brief word or story of encouragement, your prayers, and wisdom with us. Kathy Pullman will see that it is posted to the church family.

Send your email to our church email Hutterthal@goldenwest.com and then Kathy will get it sent out to our church family.

Shalom, Pastor Jack

Shared verses

From Alvina Hofer:

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face; and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, I will forgive their sins and heal their land.

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

From Shirley Hofer:

The verses from I John 4:15-18 have brought me peace and calm. "Perfect love casts out fear."

" If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has of us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgement because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear had to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made in love."

March Projects:

Congregational Ministries:

Soap & Hygiene kits

(to be delivered to church at a later date)

Children's Sunday School Department:

School kits

Submitted by

Joline Thomas;

Did you know that

technically Moses

was the first man

that downloaded

files from the cloud

using a tablet?

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