



# Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

**Sunday April 30, 2023**

**9:45 a.m.**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 2:3-4 VT #13

Prayer

Welcoming One Another

**\*Gathering and Praising**

*Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT #1

*Christ is Our Cornerstone* VT #4

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:22-2:10 Pew Bible p. 639

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Special Music

*You Are Salt for the Earth*

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:22-2:10 Pew Bible p. 639

Message

Something Bigger

Offering Prayer

**\*Responding and Sending**

*God of the Bible* VT #420

*The Lord Lift You Up* VT #832

**\*Benediction**

Postlude

**\*please stand if you are able**

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

[www.HMCFreeman.org](http://www.HMCFreeman.org)

**TODAY April 30, 2023 9:45 am**

**Worship Leader:** Charlene Friesen

**Scripture Reader:** Steve Mendel

**Accompanist:** Paige Hofer

**Song Leader:** Les Rensink

**Children's Time:** Kenneth Birkey

**Special Music:** Pastor Randall & Morgan Koehler

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Brigitta Hofer

**Children's Sunday School following the service.**

**Adult Sunday School in the South Room and the fellowship hall following coffee time.**

**NEXT SUNDAY May 7, 2023 9:45 am**

**Worship Leader:** John Clem

**Accompanist:** Charlene Friesen

**Song Leader:** Aprille Birkey

**Children's Time:** Edie Tschetter

**Special Music:** Todd & Suzanne Koerner

**Message:** Pastor Randall Koehler

**Coffee Time:** Jarrod Kramer

**Children's Sunday School following the service.**

**Adult Sunday School in the South Room and the fellowship hall following coffee time.**

**Calendar:**

May 7: SD MCC Relief Sale Pizza Fundraiser after Sun. School

May 7: Freeman Ministerial Association Baccalaureate Service  
at 4 PM at the Freeman Community Center.

May 30 - June 2: HMC Vacation Bible School 9am - 12 pm.

June 15-18: CPMC Annual Meeting in York, NE

July 3-8: MennoCon23 in Kansas City, MO

**HMC Congregational Ministry Project for April:**

SD MCC Relief Sale Kitchen Time Savers Expenses

Donations to Joyce Hofer, Treasurer, or place in C.M. mailbox.

Many many BIG **thank yous** for your welcome and support of Samuel's baby show a few weeks ago. Money keeps trickling in to buy more materials for more infant kits. Thank you for your generosity towards these MCC infant kits. Infants somewhere in our world will benefit from your warm hearts and open wallets, as all funds went towards the purchase of 17 infant kits.

Thank you,  
Matthew, Violeta, Lilly, and Samuel

Central Plains Mennonite Conference's **Annual Meeting** is coming up and is now open for registration. This year, we will be gathering in York, NE on June 15-18, and our theme is "Where Do We Go from Here?" If you are interested in attending as one of the delegates from our church and connecting with our conference brothers and sisters, please contact Todd Koerner or Pastor Randall to talk more about it.

Mennonite Church USA's biennial national convention, MennoCon, is coming up and open for registration. **MennoCon23** is in Kansas City, MO this year on July 3-8. Different than previous years, attendees from our church will be able to participate in MennoCon23 activities during July 3-6, and then the delegate assembly is on July 7-8. If you are interested in attending as one of the delegates from our church, contact Todd Koerner or Pastor Randall to talk more about it.

The Freeman Academy Music Department will present their **High School Spring Concert** Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. A variety of music will be performed by the Concert Choir, the Chamber Choir, and the Concert Band (grades 7-12). Music awards will be presented during the evening. Come join us!

### **Prayer Requests and Praises:**

- Birthdays/Anniversaries: Kenneth Birkey on April 30 (today).
- Pray for the work of the Christian Formation Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they help us to be intentional and to think theologically about Christian formation for all ages.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who serve as hosts at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, which offers temporary shelter to migrants from Africa and the Middle East. Pray for the Givens family as they work with many volunteers. May their presence encourage the sojourners they encounter.
- Pray for students who graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary yesterday. Give thanks with them for how God has used their seminary experiences to help prepare them for future roles.

### **Pastor contact information:**

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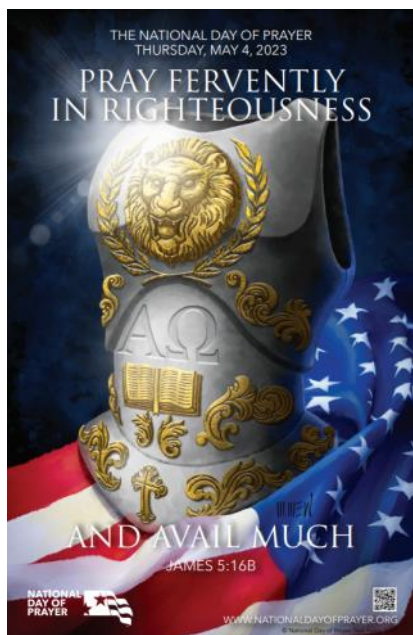
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Come and worship with the Freeman Ministerial Association and graduates of Freeman Public High School and Freeman Academy. The annual **Baccalaureate Service** will be on May 7, 2023 at 4 PM at the Freeman Community Center. All are welcome to attend and show their support for this year's graduates and their families. Music will be led by Craig Wollman, a message will be shared by Pastor Randall Koehler, and the rest of the service will be officiated by members of the Freeman Ministerial Association. The service will also be live-streamed for those who would like to show their support from a distance or from home with this link: [YouTube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051](https://www.youtube.com/@salemzionmennonitechurch8051)

The April edition of On the Level is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: learn why some volunteers feel driven to be a part of the RV (recreational vehicle) program; search and rescue volunteers in Arkansas help bring closure to a grieving family; and volunteers in Florida deliver hope just in time for Easter. <https://conta.cc/3USblhq>



## National Day of Prayer May 4, 2023

2023 Theme:  
Pray fervently in  
righteousness and avail  
much

James 5:16b “The  
effective, fervent prayer  
of the righteous avails  
much.”

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.”

Though days of prayer were decreed as far back as the 1700’s, The National Day of Prayer that we know today was founded in 1952, an effort between the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. It stands as a day that continues to encourage the decision-making of the country’s founding fathers, which used Biblical morals for difficult situations.

The National Day of Prayer is celebrated by Americans of many religions and faiths.

Traditionally, the President of the United States issues an official National Day of Prayer proclamation each year and observances are held around the country on courthouse steps as well as houses of worship.

For more info: [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org)