



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ Centered –

Living, Relating, Serving

Sunday, September 22, 2024

9:45 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship & Prayer

*Welcoming One Another

*Gathering and Praising

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song VT #56

O Blessed Spring VT #522

Scripture Reading John 15:1-17 Pew Bible p. 570

Sharing Time and Prayer

Children's Time

Worship Music "Ain't No Grave" - Wartburg Choir

Welcome Back for Pastor Randall

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:5-13 Pew Bible p. 511

Message Seeking Peace with God: Creator,
Redeemer, Sustainer

Offering Prayer

*Responding and Sending

Abana alathi (Abana in Heaven) VT #675

Heart with Loving Heart United VT #813

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able

HMC Service may be viewed on our web-page:

www.HMCFreeman.org

TODAY September 22, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Kenneth Birkey

Accompanist: Paige Hofer

Song Leader: Aprille Birkey

Children's Time: Twyla Hofer

Worship Music: Marcia Schrock

Message: Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Gordon Waltner

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

NEXT SUNDAY September 29, 2024 9:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: Les Rensink

Accompanist: Charlene Friesen

Song Leader: Suzanne Koerner

Children's Time: Kenneth Birkey

Scripture: Psalm 139

Message: "Seeking Peace Within" - Pastor Randall Koehler

Coffee Time: Marcia Schrock

Children's Sunday School following the worship service. Adult Sunday School following coffee time in the Education Wing.

Calendar:

TODAY: Church Picnic at Freeman Community Park at 5 PM

Sept. 24: HMC Deacon Team Meeting at 7 PM

Sept. 26: FRHS Assisted Living Chapel service at 2 PM

Oct. 6: World Communion Sunday

Oct. 20: Harvest Mission Festival

HMC Congregational Ministry Project for September:

Cash for Mennonite Women and Mennonite Men, MCUSA
Donations can be given to Joyce Hofer, treasurer, or placed in
the C.M mailbox.

Hutterthal Family, don't forget about the **church picnic** today!

Where: Freeman Community Park

When: Sunday, September 22

Time: 5 pm

Come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship and some entertainment.

Bad Weather location: Church basement!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the **Anabaptist World magazine** through the church, please let Aprille know by October 1. Thank you!

The Christian Education Committee would like to verify the numbers for **ordering Rejoice books**. On the table in the foyer is a list of names. If you are wanting to receive a book each quarter, please check to ensure your name is on the list and if you are needing more than one, please put that number behind your name. If you are not wanting a book, please cross your name off the list. This will ensure we have the correct number of copies for everyone that wants one. Thank you for your help in this!

Rural Revival to meet Monday, September 23

Rural Revival will host a presentation on Permaculture by Matt Stone on Monday, September 23 at 7:30 P.M at the Freeman library followed by the regular monthly meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- Praise God that Pastor Randall was able to complete his time of Sabbatical and return to ministry alongside our church. We are thankful that he and his family are with us once again.
- Pray for Suzette Shreffler as she is ordained at White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Busby, MT. We give thanks for God's calling on Suzette's life and pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Suzette and White River Cheyenne Mennonite share.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Euclides Bauza, a Mennonite church leader in Venezuela, who served as an election observer in the country's disputed presidential election in July. Pray for Bauza's safety, the families mourning the deaths of loved ones, protection for those who have been arrested and that Venezuelan authorities will care for the needs of citizens.

Pastor Randall's contact information:

Pastor Office Hours: Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30 AM -12 PM

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OAA Hours: Thursday mornings

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Welcoming Our Pastor's Return from Sabbatical

One: Can it be just three short months ago that we bid farewell as you embarked on sabbatical? It was the beginning of summer.

The earth was bursting with the early growth of the season.

Earth has continued its journey around the sun;

the days have marched on;

the work of this church has continued;

and today, we observe the first day
of fall.

How appropriate that today, we pause to mark the “harvest” brought with you, from your time of rest, renewal, and study, and your return to our ministry together here at Hutterthal.

Congregation: We have missed your presence, while rejoicing in the opportunity that was before you. This day we give thanks and praise to God for your safe return.

Pastor Randall: I am grateful to the congregation for this sabbatical time. I have been blessed during this time of leave, and give thanks for your support. I look forward to what this new season holds for us and ask God's continued blessing on our work and service in ministry together.

One: God said to Jeremiah, “I chose you.” We recognize that God’s call comes to all of us from out of eternity. Today, we celebrate, as we did at his ordination, that God’s call came to Pastor Randall to walk alongside us here at Hutterthal. We celebrate Pastor Randall’s courage and faithfulness in hearing God’s call over 4 years ago to be our pastor. We rejoice that he has had this sabbatical and welcome him to our ministry together.

Congregation: As members of Hutterthal Mennonite Church, we renew our commitment to your leadership in helping us to fulfill God’s call on all of our lives. May our shared work in the power of the Holy Spirit bring God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. May our spiritual, financial, and physical support of our shared ministry increase.

One: As you did at your installation and ordination to this ministry, we invite you, Pastor Randall to come forward and accept our continued affirmation of your ministry with us.

Let us pray: Eternal God, you fill us with every good thing and your steadfast love endures forever. We thank you for Pastor Randall, for his family, and for our life together at Hutterthal Mennonite Church. Pour out your spirit again on our church and on Pastor Randall that we may be faithful to Christ’s call to love you, our neighbors, ourselves, and all of creation. Empower us to demonstrate the fruits of your spirit, the first-fruits of our expectation of your return, of resurrection, and of renewed life today. We join together in the prayer that you gave us:

Congregation: Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

One: Today we give thanks to God for the work God gives this congregation, and for the leadership Pastor Randall provides. We ask God's blessing on us and on Pastor Randall as he returns to us. We give thanks to God for using this intentional time apart for growth and rest both for Pastor Randall and for our congregation. We give thanks to God for bringing Pastor Randall back to our community safely, and we look forward to all that God is calling us to in this next season of ministry

Congregation: Pastor Randall, we rejoice that God has brought you back into our presence refreshed; we welcome you with open arms. With you, we seek to serve in ministry. We will listen with open ears for the wisdom and knowledge you have gained, so that together we may weave a beloved community for all who are here and all who may come.

The **September issue of the Swan Lake Christian Camp newsletter** is available online at www.myslcc.com. Jerry Kroeker, Exec. Director, shares reflections on the summer.

Swan Lake Christian Camp has employment positions available

Youth Camp Program Director

- Love of Jesus Christ and commitment to share His love with youth
- Flexible hours September - May
- Responsible for summer curriculum, finding weekly speakers for youth camps, hiring summer youth program staff, directing the daily activities of youth camps, directing and organizing winter retreats in January
- May include hosting guests on weekends September - May
- Other duties as assigned and will work within person's gifting

Cook Position

- Desire to serve the Lord by providing good quality food to guests
- Ability to read a recipe and make food in large quantities
- Ability to get food ready for 15-100 people
- Some weekdays, 2-3 weekends a month
- Full or part time

If you have any questions or are interested in either position, please call Judi Kroeker, Office Manager at 605-326-5690. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this wonderful ministry.