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Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

March 10, 2019 First Sunday of Lent

Praise Music

In the bulb there is a flower Shall we gather at the river

HWB #614 HWB #615

Prelude

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalms 63 and 91)

Leader: O God, you are our god. We seek you.

People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: We trust in the Lord, who is our refuge, who commands his angels to guard us.

People: God delivers and protects us when we are in trouble.

All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast. In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.

Prayer

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

We sing to you, O God

STI #1

Children's Time

Worship Music

Sonatina in G

Beethoven

Offering/Prayer

Shepard me, O God w/Cathy Scandrett & Amy Hofer Vetch

HWB #519

Sharing Time

Congregational Prayer

Scripture

Psalm 91 (Page #316 in pew Bible)

Sermon "Under the Shadow"

Confession and Reconciliation

Leader: (reading Romans 10:11-13) Scripture says, "No one who believes in God will be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on God. For, Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Who will call upon the Lord today?

Confessional Response by Congregation

All: We will call upon the Lord today.

Leader: We are all invited to call upon the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: Saving God, we call upon you, for you alone can save. When we find ourselves wandering in a wilderness, we call to you.

Leader: When we face temptations, we call to you. When our souls hunger for what only you can provide, we call to you.

All: In the morning and in the evening, we will call upon the Lord.

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

Sending Hymn

Lord Jesus, think on me

HWB #527

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Prayer Requests

- * Our Church Family Continue to pray for healing and peace
- LeRoy Hofer- coping with cancer
- * Melvin & Emma Hofer- Settling in at Oakview Terrace
- * Additional Requests

TODAY - March 10- First Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Lyndon & Barbie Hofer

9:30 am: Praise Music led by Amy Hofer Vetch

9:45 am: Worship Service

Accompanists: Norma Lee Hofer

Worship Music: Jada Koerner arranged by Gordon & Sharon Waltner

Worship Leader: Charlene Friesen Children's Time: Brigitta Hofer Scripture Reading: Paul Hofer, Jr. Message: Pastor Jack Scandrett Coffee Time: Mildred Hofer

10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

12:00 pm: Soup & Study, child care provided

NEXT SUNDAY - March 17 - Second Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Dennis & Marcia Schrock

9:30 am: Praise Music led by 9:45 am: Worship Service *Accompanist:* Charlene Friesen

Worship Music: None Worship Leader:

Children's Time: Brigitta Hofer

Scripture Reading:

Message:

Coffee Time: Brigitta Hofer

10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages

No Soup & Study



Calendar of Events

March 12, 1:30pm: 2nd Tuesdays Prayer Shawl Ministry

March 17: Second Sunday of Lent

March 20, 7:00pm: Monthly Board Meeting March 21: Connection! submission deadline

March 24: Third Sunday of Lent March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent

March Projects

Congregational Ministries: Hygiene Kits/Soap

Emergency/ Special Needs

Children's Sunday School
Department: School Kits

Community and Beyond

The Jessie & Rebel Hurd family (Brigitta's neighbors) lost EVERYTHING in a recent house fire. Try to imagine what that would be like. Congregational Ministries will be running two projects in March so that we can assist this family. The original project (hygiene kits and/or soap) will continue as scheduled but we will move the December project (emergency/special need) to March as well.

An offering basket will be placed in the foyer the today and next Sunday. You can also give your gifts directly to Joyce Hofer, treasurer of Congregational Ministries. Make checks payable to HMC

Congregational Ministries.

Volunteers are needed to make **kuchen for Schmeckfest** at the Tyndall Bakery on **March 16th**. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and car pooling is available. The custard filling will be prepared in the Pioneer Hall kitchen the day before (March 15) starting at 12:30 p.m. Donations of fruit or money to purchase fruit are also welcome.

Please contact **Debra Schmeichel (648-3430)** if you are willing to help any of those days, or if you have any questions. Thank you!

- **S.D. Mennonite Disaster Service** unit annual meeting will be held today at 2 pm in the Bethany Mennonite Church in Freeman. Wayne & Carole Stucky, Region 3 chairpersons, will present updates about Region 3 MDS and Norman Hofer will be speaking on "More Blessed to give than to receive?". Attendees will vote on the following two constitutional changes. 1. The SDMDS fiscal year will be <u>August 1 to July 31.</u> and that the annual meeting is held in <u>Fall, preferably September</u>.
- 2. Publication of constitutional changes need to be brought to the attention of church members two consecutive Sundays before the meeting. **Everyone is invited to attend**.

Discovery Days at Freeman Academy

What: Open houses for families interested in attending grades 1-12 next fall. Experience chapel, see classrooms in action, enjoy lunch with teachers and current parents, learn about Variable Tuition.

When: March 15 Hours: 9:45 am-1:30 pm **Registration:** online at freemanacademy.org or email Lynnelle Allison at lallison@freemanacademy.org

Donations sought for Schmeckfest Country Kitchen: The Schmeckfest Country Kitchen is asking for donations of food items for March 29 & 30 and April 5 & 6. Poppy seed rolls, fruit pockets, pumpkin rolls, caramel rolls, jams, horseradish and summer savory sell especially well. Donated food items for the Country Kitchen may be brought to Sterling Hall and should be labeled. **Thank you!**

Et Cetera Shoppe is currently **seeking new volunteers** to fill a variety of positions, including: clothing steamer (2-3 mornings OR afternoons per month, flexible), housewares pricer(Friday mornings), sewing and craft supplies pricer/ organizer (a couple hours per month, flexible). And we ALWAYS need new clerks and new rug weavers! Please call the shop at 925-7098 to join our team of volunteers that are making a real difference to people in need. If you've ever thought that you'd volunteer SOMEDAY – let 2019 be the year you start!

Thank you to those who helped with setting up and making noodles for this year's Schmeckfest. We packaged a total of 566 pounds of noodles to be served at the meal and sell in the Country Kitchen. We are grateful for all the volunteers that helped make our noodle making days such a success.

Freeman Academy Auxiliary, Food Project Committee

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