

*Seeking God
Together*



PRAYING

In our worship together we will focus on the spiritual practice of prayer, hear stories from members of our congregation, and join our hearts and minds together in prayer and praise as we worship God, who loves us and who hears our prayers.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Janna Duerksen
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 139:1-4*
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING HYMN *“As I Went Down to the River to Pray”* No. 453
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC *“Like a River In My Soul”* Tabor Women’s Ensemble
-arr. Osiek, directed by Marcene Entz, accompanied by Russell Adrian
- CHILDREN’S STORY Diane Unruh
- SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 11:1-13* Bruce Funk
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- FAITH SHARING
- MC USA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY Leann and Jerry Toews
- WDC ASSEMBLY Pastor Katherine Goerzen
Cleo Koop, Peter Goerzen
- *HYMN OF PRAYER *“Lord, Listen to Your Children”* No. 682
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMN *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* No. 628
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, August 28

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Duane and Janna Duerksen and family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

The flower arrangement this morning is shared by the family of Bonnie Heinrichs, who’s Memorial Service was held here at Tabor on Wednesday.

9:30 am: Worship
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtu.be/2r5hUX5LB8k>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Congregational Meeting: Following the worship service there will be a brief meeting for a congregational vote to call Todd Schlosser as Co-Pastor of Tabor Mennonite Church.

5:30 pm: Mennograss! Plan to join us in the Tabor Church Park. Supper will be served beginning at 5:30 pm and music will be from 6-8 pm. Michelle Unruh and friends, Eric Schrag and friends, and The Flannelbacks will be performing. Please bring your lawn chairs. We look forward to seeing you there.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

Mon, Aug. 29 - Church offices will be closed.
5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

Tues, September 1 - 9:00 am - Staff meeting.

Wed, Sept. 2, 7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study.

Next Sunday, September 4

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series, “Seeking God Together.” The theme will be *Celebrating*. Scripture for reflection is Psalm 100 and Psalm 150. Our focus for worship will be a hymn sign.

10:45 am: Finger Food Fellowship for everyone. Please bring finger foods to share.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Let us join in prayer so that as we proclaim the good news of salvation as Jesus followers, we can also connect with our communities by inviting our neighbors to join the table, being empathetic, and seeing each other as equals.
—Sandra Montes-Martinez, Associate Conference Minister.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Joseph and Rachel Givens and their sons, Elijah, 8, and Micaiah, 4, as they adapt to life in Calais, France. Pray for them as the boys prepare to begin school and as Joseph and Rachel immerse themselves in language study before settling into ministry at the Maria Skobtsova House, which offers temporary shelter to migrants from Africa and the Middle East.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the tradition of Mennoglass and the opportunity to gather in the church park for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

Thanks

Thank you for your prayers and support during Fred's back surgery and recovery. Thanks also for those who brought meals, for phone calls, and for cards. We appreciate Pastor Katherine coming by with the caring quilt and her visit. Recovery will be ongoing and slow for the next few weeks and we ask for continued prayers for healing and patience. It's great to be a part of such a caring church family.

~Fred & Diane Unruh

Congregational Announcements

Opportunity to Help: Ron and Nancy Schroeder would like some help with their move to a Schowalter duplex on September 3. Meet at their home, 225 Edwards, in Moundridge. The time to meet has not yet been determined. Contact Elton Nickel if you have a pickup and/or trailer to help with the move.

Help Wanted: Tabor needs to provide 3 tractor drivers for the KS State Fair this year, Thursday, Sept 15 from 2-5pm. You will be provided a FREE ticket to the Fair that is valid for ANY day. If you can help on the 15th please contact Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com

Is God's Spirit nudging you to help nurture the faith of Tabor's children?

Do you appreciate opportunities to connect with Junior High or Senior High Youth? Do children bring you joy? Do you appreciate their curiosity, their thoughtful questions, and their insights about God? The Christian Education Team is looking for people to help nurture the faith of our children and youth! Our Fall Sunday Morning Faith Formation for Children and Youth will begin on September 11 and we invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to participate in one of these ways this year:

- Nurturing the faith and playing with our Wee Wonders
- Sharing God's Good News and/or leading Crafts & Games with our Grade School Age Children -- For each Sunday we would like both a Storyteller and a Creative Response leader, one pair with our K-3rd graders and the other pair with our 4th-5th graders
- Encouraging and nurturing the faith of our Junior Highers
- Supporting and nurturing the faith of our High Schoolers
- Praying for children, youth, and teachers

As we've done in previous years, *the hope is to have enough people join in this important ministry so that everyone involved can lead these faith formation classes every other month* rather than every month so that they can still connect with adult faith formation opportunities as well.

If God is nudging you to participate in this important and valued ministry of our congregation -- whether you've done this before or this is your first time -- please be in touch with a member of our Christian Education Team as soon as possible. Thank you for prayerfully considering this!

Mentor program: We will be needing several adults who are interested in being part of the mentoring program here at Tabor. Please pray about this opportunity to share your life experiences with a youth as they go through high school and into life after that. Having an adult mentor can be life changing for a young person, hopefully it will be the start of a friendship that will last a life time. For more info, please contact Dale Alderfer or Sarahanne Unruh.

Tabor Service Sunday: Tabor Church is sponsoring a Community Service Sunday the morning of September 18. Information and sign up sheets for various projects will be posted in the coming weeks. Here are a couple of projects to get us started!

--Helping others: If you or someone you know needs help with a certain project, forms for requests and suggestions are on the bulletin board. Fill out and place the form or a note in the secretary mailbox, or send your request by email to tabor@tabormennonite.org, or phone 620-367-2318 no later than September 4. The time allotment for any project will be 2-3 hours (9:00-noon). Final decisions on all requests will be made on Sept. 7.

--MCC School Kits: School kits are one of MCC's projects in high demand. We will continue to collect supplies for these kits and children will have the opportunity to assemble the kits on our Service Sunday. *You may place your donations for school kits in the basket next to the church office. Shopping lists are available on the shelf beneath the mailboxes.*

The annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk is less than a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will begin at Tabor Mennonite Church on Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. Pick up a donation envelope from Kevin Nickel and start your fundraising today! Donations this year will go towards MCC's response to the crisis in Ukraine and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

Rejoice! The fall issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available. Pick up your copy from the table in the foyer or the shelf below the mailboxes.

Upcoming:

September 10-11 - Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

September 11 - New Faith Formation year begins.

September 17 - Flatlander Bicycle Ride for MCC water project.

September 18 - Service Sunday at Tabor.
Harvest Giving Walk.

Sept. 21 - 27 - Serve at New Hope Shelter.

September 28 - Wednesday Evening Kick Off.

Conference Announcements

Women and Girls Retreat is coming! Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Retreat Committee has been busy planning the annual Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 10 & 11, and ALL women are invited to attend! The theme is: Women's Voices. Girls in Grade 5 and up are also invited to come, although there will not be separate programming for them. Deadline for registration is August 31. Contact Darlene Powers, dpowers11@cox.net for questions or more information. Come have a fun and relaxing weekend! *Retreat Brochure and Registration Form are attached to Tabor's weekly email or can be found on the shelf below the mailboxes in the church foyer.*
Camp Mennoscah

--**Thank** you to everyone who participated in the Work & Play Day on August 20! So much was accomplished--clearing branches and brush, watering trees, cleanup around the maintenance shed, and painting. Thank you! We still have more projects, if you missed out. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org to help.

--**Annual Meeting and Dedication** of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater on September 18! Join us for an evening of song, popcorn, and generic pop, as well as updates and information on the year at Camp Mennoscah. Time is yet to be determined. (It's like a mini-Camp Sing!)

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA)

--MC USA sent three representatives to the Mennonite World Conference General Council and global Assembly last month. Read about the event here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-attend-mwc

--Mennonite World Conference (MWC) Assemblies bring Anabaptists from around the world together to worship in one place, crossing the boundaries of culture, language and geography. César García, general secretary of MWC, reflects on how this plays into the recent Assembly's theme, "Following Jesus Together Across Barriers" in his blog by the same name. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/following-jesus-together

Mennonite Disaster Service: The August edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: learn about the urgent need for volunteers to clean up after the Kentucky flooding, see a tasty display of gratitude in Princeton, B.C., and enjoy the smiles of volunteers in the Family Program at Camp Amigo. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3CekCOO>

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

--Labor Day Work and Play Retreat: The weekend, Sept. 2-5, is offered as a day of work and play.

--Fall Family Fun Retreat: A new weekend offering at Rocky Mountain was inspired with the desire to offer time for kids to play and parents to connect! Fall Family Fun with young children (activities orientated for 2-8 year olds) is the age group that are too young to attend summer camps at RMMC, but ready to be introduced to the RMMC experience. The weekend is coming Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2022.

--Coming October 4-8: Mennonite Disaster Service and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp will continue their critical partnership in the work to forest thinning, chipping slash and moving/removing logs.

--For additional information for all of the above and to register online go to rmmc.org.

Do Justice. Love Mercy. What's Required to Abolish the Death Penalty:

When a murder happens, often someone will say "an eye for an eye". This event will explore another way of responding, a way that BREAKS the cycle of violence. Panelists (including our own Peter Goerzen, Professor of Bible and Religion, Bethel College) bring diverse personal perspectives to the question of how society should respond to homicide. They will reflect on justice and mercy even in the face of homicide and what you can do to stop the ongoing cycle of violence which is capital punishment.

This event sponsored by the Bethel College Bible & Religion Department, Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, & the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty, will be held at Bethel College on Saturday, September 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is also a live "ZOOM" event. Register by email at info@ksabolition.org. The event is free and open to all interested.

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thursday 9/15/22 5-6 pm or Thursday 10/20/22 5-6 pm. We hope to hear from you soon!

Bethel College: Sun., Sept. 11, 2 p.m. – KIPCOR Film Series begins, with *Generation 9/11*, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Filmmaker Katherin Hervey tells the stories of an entire generation shaped by the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. Audience discussion follows the film screening.

Community Fun Night! Come out and have a great night of fun and entertainment Saturday, September 3 at 5:30pm at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, 43 13th Ave, Inman. Activities and food include: cornhole tournament, inflatables, face painting, 9 square, car show, live music with Tom Gaeddert, Epp Soul Food, and a movie on the lawn at dark. Everyone is welcome! Bring your family and friends as we celebrate the end of summer!!

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
August 21, 2022**

Offering	= \$ 6,093.99	Attendance	= 159
Adult FF	= \$ 54.50	Attendance	= 103
Jr. FF	= \$ 6.93	Attendance	= 26
Worship Link Views		=	49

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

we were able to offer hospitality to friends and family attending the memorial service this past week. Included in the budget is a line for the reception and funeral committee which supplies the kitchen with basic supplies used when we gather to share a meal, or just a cup of coffee on Sunday morning. By gathering together in these ways, we are able to support one another through conversation and a caring response.



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