



Seeking God Together

STUDYING THE WORD

Our worship's focus is on "Studying the Word," an important spiritual practice, both for us to do at home as well as for us to do together here within the church. As Deuteronomy 6 exhorts us, may we keep God's Word in our heart. May we recite these words to our children and talk about them when we are at home and when we are away, when we lie down and when we rise.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jim Schmidt
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 119*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Thy Word"* No. 398
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAYER *"Open My Eyes That I May See"* No. 738
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Carol Duerksen and Doris Unruh
- GIVING BIBLES TO SECOND GRADERS
Kacey Buller and Miriam Nickel
- SCRIPTURE READING *Deuteronomy 6:1-9* Steve Janzen
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Peter Goerzen
- BINDING THE WORD
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Renew Your Church"* No. 717
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER
- *SENDING SONG *"How Firm a Foundation"* -vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5 No. 592
- *BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, August 14

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kevin and Yvette Nickel and family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

Spiritual Practice: This week you're invited to engage in the ancient spiritual practice of "Lectio Divina." Choose a passage from the Bible (such as Deuteronomy 6:4-9). Read through the passage – by yourself or with others – paying attention for a word, phrase, or image that stands out to you and then reflect on that word for a bit. If you're doing this with others, share with one another what stood out to you. Read the passage a second time, listening for what God might be saying to you as you read this passage. Pause and reflect, and share if you feel comfortable doing so. Read the passage a third time, listening for how God is calling you to respond. Pause, reflect, and share. Close this time in prayer.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Hildred Schmidt's 90th birthday! Thanks be to God for the life of Hildred!



9:30 am: Worship
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtu.be/QmAKFOPnge0>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

- Mon, Aug. 15 - 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness.
7:00 pm - Planning meeting for Wednesday Evening programming.
- Tues, Aug. 16 - 9:00 am** - Staff meeting.
7:00 pm - Deacon meeting.
- Wed, Aug. 17, 7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study.
7:15 pm - Women's Ensemble practice.
- Thurs, Aug. 18, 7:00 pm** - Staff meeting with Todd Schlosser.
- Fri, Aug. 19, 10:00 am** - Senior Coffee at Alexanderwohl.
See announcement.
- Saturday, Aug. 20** - Candidating weekend with Todd Schlosser.
Please see schedule in church mailboxes.

Next Sunday, August 21

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will welcome Todd Schlosser, who will be candidating for the Co-Pastor position for Tabor Church. Todd will bring the morning message and scripture for reflection will be Mark 12:28-31. We look forward to meeting Todd and his family and pray for the continued leading of the Holy Spirit as we joyfully anticipate a new chapter in the life of Tabor Mennonite Church.

10:45 am: Jr High - Adults will meet in the sanctuary for a Q&A hour. Children will meet in the basement for Faith Formation .

11:45: Potluck meal. Please bring a generous dish to share along with your own table service.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, August 7.

- ★ Fred Unruh requested prayers for his back surgery, which took place this past Monday. Lord, hear our prayers for healing, strength, and comfort. May this surgery bring Fred the healing he needs. May God's presence surround and sustain Fred, Diane, and their family as he recovers from this surgery.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The caring quilt is with Fred and Diane Unruh.
- ★ students, parents, teachers and staff as the new school year begins. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ all who are struggling with illness, depression, despair, loneliness, and grieving the loss of loved ones, both here and around the world. Lord, hear our prayers for your healing presence to be made known in the midst of struggles.
- ★ Joseph, Rachel, Elijah and Micaiah Givens, who arrived at their home in Calais, France the first week in August. "Thanks for all the prayers and keep them coming!" Lord, hear our continued prayers as the Givens transition to life in France and minister to the refugees there. *See the bulletin board for details about their first week at Calais.*
- ★ Western District Conference: As a new school year begins, pray for wisdom for Sunday school coordinators, teachers, youth sponsors and mentors who guide faith formation for children, youth and adults in WDC congregations.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join Naomi Leary, Mennonite Mission Network's regional co-administrator for North America, as she praises God for renewed vigor in service programs across eight locations in the United States. After two years of decreased participation, due to the pandemic, the number of participants has doubled since last year. Pray for the 16 Mennonite Voluntary Service participants and the 19 Service Adventure participants — 12 youth and 7 unit leaders.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the evidence of God's continued love and care as we bear witness to the work of the Holy Spirit leading us forward in discerning the important work set before us in the weeks to come. Thanks be to God!

Thanks

Country Threshing Days is now history, a wonderful gathering of family, friends, and visitors enjoying lasting memories. The board and staff of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the roughly 70 volunteers who had a part in preparing food or providing service for the Low German meal in the elementary school and at the 1906 Preparatory School. We also want to express our appreciation to all who showed your support by attending the events of the weekend, providing vital operating funds for the museum.

~Aileen Esau, Treasurer

Congregational Announcements

Candidating Weekend!

--Todd Schlosser will be candidating for the position of Co-Pastor for Tabor Church next weekend, August 20-21. A schedule for the weekend can be found in your mailboxes at the church.

--We are excited for the opportunities to share a **pizza supper** and participate in an **ice cream social** with our pastoral candidate, Todd Schlosser this coming Saturday! (See the sheet in your mailbox for more information.) If you are planning to attend either or both of these events, there are **sign up sheets** on the bulletin board. Even if you don't sign up, you're still welcome to attend -- this will just help give us a sense of how much pizza and ice cream to order. Thanks!

--**A Congregational Vote** to call Todd Schlosser as Co-Pastor of Tabor Mennonite Church will be conducted after the worship service on Aug. 28, with a 75% vote of affirmation needed to approve the call. The Church Council strongly encourages in-person voting but is allowing for absentee ballots. Absentee ballots must be requested from the church office by Aug. 26 at 3 pm and your vote must be submitted by Aug 28 at 10 am, either by phone to the church office (620-367-2318) or by email to kfunk@tabormennonite.org.

Wednesday evenings at Tabor: We will be having a meeting on August 15 at 7pm to do some brainstorming about some ideas that we have for the Wednesday evening children's programming for this next year. We would like to involve some sort of a quiz bowl format as we learn the books of the Bible and why the Bible is important. If you are interested in helping teach or helping with the quiz bowl part of the evenings, please contact Dale Alderfer or join us on the 15th.

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!

Women's Ensemble: I am planning on organizing a women's ensemble that will sing for the service on August 28. The rehearsals will be on August 17 and August 24 (if a second rehearsal is needed) at 7:15 pm at the church. Older elementary or high school girls are also welcome to attend. I will be wearing a mask for rehearsals, but you are free to choose whether or not that works for you. Please join the fun!

~Marcene Entz

Mennograss: Plan to join us in the Tabor Church Park on Sunday, August 28. 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.

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.*

You are invited for Senior Coffee at Alexanderwohl Church on Friday, August 19, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Chris Allen, Outreach Coordinator for Health Ministries in Newton, will join us to discuss their services available right here in Goessel!

Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum: Join us on Sat. Aug. 20th at 1 pm in the Prep School at the Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum. Learn about the project "Flint Hills Counterpoint's Audio Tour Book" and meet the lead artists that are asking for historical stories from Marion County. IT'S FREE

Upcoming:

August 20-21 - Pastor Candidating weekend.

August 28 - Mennograss.

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

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.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--WDC Conference Minister, Heidi Regier Kreider, will be out of the office August 11-22, traveling to Guatemala for a learning tour with SEMILLA (Anabaptist seminary in Guatemala City), and a visit to Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Casa de Paz (the congregation which just joined WDC at our annual assembly). If you have emergencies or concerns while she gone, please contact the WDC office at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org, or contact Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Associate Conference Minister (Kansas-based) at kathynd@mennowdc.org or 620-755-4331.

--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.

--Building Community: A Youth Worker Appreciation and Resourcing event, sponsored by South Central and Western District Conference Youth Ministry will take place Sunday, August 28, 2022, from 4-6:30pm, online and in-person at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. If you are interested in attending in-person or online, contact Dwight Regier, Bi-Conference Youth Ministry Network Team Leader, at dwigtr@mennowdc.org by Aug 22.

Mennonite Church USA is now offering a wide variety of Menno-Con21 resources, including the evening sermons, seminars and Bible studies, for free on the MC USA website and YouTube channel. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/resources-menncon21

Camp Mennoscah: Work & Play Day on August 20! There are projects to complete and plenty to do after a busy, fun summer. Let us know you're coming so we can be prepared for you! Bring your lunch and a water bottle. The day will start at 8:30 am at the maintenance shed. To sign up, contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Want to volunteer either before or after August 20? Call us!

Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Shops:

What exactly can a bike do for a person? Volunteers at the Et Cetera Thrift Shop in Newton, Kansas fix donated bikes before pricing them for sale, and some are earmarked to be donated back into the community. Did you know there are more than 40 MCC Thrift shops across the U.S.? Celebrate National Thrift Shop Day on August 17 and every day by shopping, donating or volunteering at an MCC Thrift store near you.

Life Enrichment returns to Bethel College with the start of the fall semester – but it will be *on a different day*. Life Enrichment resumes *Thursday*, Aug. 25, and will be on Thursdays thereafter. Place and time remain the same: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 a.m. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment> for more information.

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
August 7, 2022**

Offering = \$ 5,627.00 Attendance = 103
Worship Link Views = 35

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . . we are able to present Bibles to our second grade students. As these children develop their reading skills, reading the Bible helps them grow in their faith journey. A portion of the Christian Education budget is designated for Bibles. Gifting Bibles to children at Tabor has been a practice for generations! What a meaningful and rich tradition to carry forward in the life of our church.



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