



CALLED TO LIFE

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we explore the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the tomb. This scripture not only foreshadows our Easter celebration to come, it also reminds us that through our faith in Jesus we can move past death and receive and embrace life. Jesus states: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die, will live . . . Do you believe this?”

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Marcene Entz
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Josh Schmidt
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 130*
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING HYMNS *“Holy Spirit, Come with Power”* No. 57
“We Come” No. 225
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN’S STORY Tammy Wintermote
- SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-4, John 11:17-44 Ilona Abrahams
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- HOPE FOR NEW LIFE
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMNS *“Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God”* No. 653
“I Am the Bread of Life” No. 480
- *BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, March 19

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

9:30 am: Worship
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtube.com/live/vNb9wrC26D4?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, March 20 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.
Men’s Bible Study. Book of Acts.

Tues, March 21, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.
7:00 pm - Deacon meeting.

Wed, March 22 - Wednesday Evening programs.
5:45 pm - Supper for everyone: Minnesota Hot Dish
Suggested donation \$3.50.
6:15 - 7:30 pm - Preschool - Grade 5
6:15 - 7:45 pm - Junior High / High School
6:30 - 7:30 pm - Adult Bible Study
7:30 - 8:30 pm - Adult Choir

Thurs, March 23 - Newsletter items are due.

Fri, March 24 - Sat, March 25 - TMYF Lock-in & Mystery Supper

Next Sunday, March 26

9:30 am: Next Sunday will be led by the Youth Group. Come and get a taste for what we’ve been doing on Wednesday Nights by watching them compete in a Quiz Bowl Competition! The Youth Worship Band will lead the music, and children will recite Psalm 23 for memory.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Following Faith Formation, everyone is welcome to stay for a Taco Bar lunch and dessert auction. These are fundraisers for TMYF as they anticipate attending Convention in Kansas City this Summer. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The Caring Quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for wisdom for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek suggestions and God's guidance for nominations for elected leadership roles in WDC.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Elena and Freddy Satalaya and their toddler, Matías, as they transition, after five years of ministry in Peru, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they are serving with Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they engage in discipleship training and leadership training.
- ★ Mennonite World Conference: the Global Anabaptist Education Network, both Primary and Secondary, and Higher Education. As they prepare for their first in-person meetings in June, may they find vision and means to work together and support each other.
- ★ Mennonite Central Committee: Pray with Apache Stronghold on March 19th! The [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#) invites our community to join in prayer for Indigenous land justice with the [Apache Stronghold](#) on March 19th. On March 21st, a federal appeals court will hear a pivotal case about Apache religious freedom that centers around a proposed copper mine, which would destroy the Western Apache sacred site of Oak Flat, *Chi'chil Bitdagoteel*. *Mennonite Church USA and Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed onto an [amicus brief](#) (a letter to the court) in support of the Apache Stronghold, along with other religious groups. The Apache Stronghold are rallying all people of faith and conscience under the call of "One Drum, One Prayer, One Circle," to seek unity in protection of Earth and in resistance to ongoing colonization. They will be dedicating March 19th to prayer before their court case and ask us to join them.*

Thanks

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum is grateful for the continued support of Tabor Mennonite Church. At our pizza fundraiser meal March 8, almost \$700 was received to be used for general operating expenses. Special thanks to Keith Banman, Camille Adrian, and Elton Nickel for your assistance with the meal. The museum reopened March 1st, and we look forward to serving you in 2023. Please stop by for a visit!

~Aileen Esau, Treasurer

Congregational Announcements

Cookies! Tabor Church is hosting the last Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale general meeting on Thursday, March 30. We would like to show hospitality by serving cookies and drinks. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to make cookies. Thanks for helping make people feel welcome here. ~Kristin S., Leann T., and Carrie U.

Share an Easter Lily to honor loved ones at the Easter service on April 9. Names of those to be honored, along with names of those sharing the lilies, need to be turned in to the church office by Tuesday, April 4, to be listed in the bulletin. Please deliver lilies to the east foyer of the church, labeled with the names of donors on the bottom of the plant, by 11 am on Saturday, April 8. Please note that donors may pick up their plants after the Easter service. Plants left at the church will be used in church decorations and/or delivered to Bethesda for residents to enjoy.

Stories of Service: For the past several months I have been gathering information for individuals who served in some sort of service capacity. Information was sent to individuals who were involved in CPS, I-W, Pax, VS, etc. I am in the process of compiling the Service Record documents I have received. The stories are fascinating. If you have not responded, please do so before the end of March. Several hard copies will be placed in the church library and one additional copy will be placed in the church archives. Feel free to send them via email or put a hard copy in my church mailbox. Thanks, Ilona Abrahams

The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum: You have the unique opportunity to hear guest speaker Brityne Rucker, KWCH 12 Morning News Anchor, and support the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum at the 2023 Heritage Dinner, to be held March 31, 6:30 pm, at Tabor Mennonite Church. A delicious roast beef dinner will be catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Tickets are \$65/person or only \$35/person for those attending for the first time. Please make reservations by March 27 by calling the museum at 620-367-8200 or emailing goesselmuseum@gmail.com.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, March 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Dennis and Jan Schmidt (1219 Alamo, Goessel, KS) to tour their unique collection of family and community artifacts known as "The Schmidtsonian." Shasta (Schmidt) Hamilton will serve as guide for the visit. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum (620-367-8200).

Job Opening: Secretary/Treasurer, Tabor Mennonite Church. For more information, please contact one of the Trustees: Russell Adrian, Kenton Nickel, Jim Schmidt or Cory Unruh.

Upcoming:

Fri, March 31 - Sun, April 2 - Men and Boys Camp at Mennoscah
Wed, April 5 - Quiz Bowl Event
Thurs, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service
Sun, April 9 - Easter Sunday, Breakfast in HH
Fri, April 14 - Sat, April 15 - Kansas MCC Relief Sale
Sun, April 16 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Tabor College
Sun, April 23 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Bethel College
Mon, April 24 - TMW Mystery Evening (note change of date)
Sat, May 6 - Spring Work Day at Tabor

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference:

--Dismantling racism in WDC: The WDC Executive Board is working on next steps following an anti-racism audit of WDC's organizational culture and leadership structure. If you – or another WDC member you know of – has interest, training or gifts to share in dismantling racism and nurturing intercultural competency, and would like to participate in WDC's ongoing work in this area, the Board invites you to contact WDC at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org. The Board will consider these suggestions as it discerns leadership and specific ways to implement the commitment stated in the WDC Constitution: WDC "seeks to foster a biblical, multicultural vision of the missional church by being inclusive of, walking with and learning from many cultural and racial/ethnic groups. Desiring to follow the way of Jesus, we seek to dismantle racism and prejudice in our congregations, conference, institutions and communities."

Mennonite Church USA: Interested in volunteering at MennoCon23, Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6? Mennonite Church USA is seeking volunteers for special events, children's and junior youth programming, and more! For information see: mennoniteusa.org/forms/mennocon-volunteer-interest

Celebrating Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service: Join in the Celebration on Sunday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 East 1st, Newton. Kilometer 81 the singing group comprised of the family of Ken and Amy Regier will lead us in celebrating through song and music. We will hear about different projects volunteers have been involved with during the past year. This event will also be a fund raising event for The MDS Cabinet Shop. Monday, March 20, 7 pm. will be the Kansas MDS Unit Board of Directors meeting via zoom. All are invited to join using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/KansasAnnualMeeting>.

On the Level: The March edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares his experiences of working on an MDS project in Dulac, Louisiana; a home dedication in Kentucky provides visible reminders that God cares; and MDS Canada returns to Cape Bretton to repair damage from Hurricane Fiona. To read more: <https://conta.cc/3JazUGO>

Camp Mennoscah:

--Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to the Youth Volunteer Weekend on March 24-25 for a focused time of worship and service. The retreat begins on Friday at 7pm with registration followed by snacks, games, and campfire. Rachel and Isaac, the Senior High Camp program directors, will lead activities. Ben Woodward- Breckbill will lead worship times.

-- Nurses and kitchen staff needed for summer youth camps from June 4 through July 21. Be part of an amazing, faith-filled camp experience! Most people come out for a camp week, but we will also schedule partial weeks, as needed. Nurses must be an RN and can receive either a stipend or a camper discount. Kitchen staff receive a camper discount for up to full camp fees and need to be able to follow directions with a willing spirit.

Summer youth camp registration is open and Camp Mennoscah is receiving registrations.

--Scholarship funds for campers are needed. If Camp Mennoscah gives the same amount in scholarships as last year, the account will be depleted. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are most welcome. Gifts can be made online or sent to Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS, 67111 with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo. Share the gift of faith formation and friends with others!

Contact: Website: www.campmennoscah.org Phone:620-297-3290.

New Hope Shelter: Come Help Us Celebrate! Groundbreaking for New Hope Shelter will take place on March 24 at 4pm, 308 S. Meridian, Newton. This is a day we have been anticipating for a long time. The Hopes, Dreams, Prayers, and Contributions of all of you have made this day possible. Please come and enjoy this time with us on the site of what will be our New Home as a Shelter. In the years to come hundreds of people will be blessed by this facility and you can still have a part in helping us with ongoing contributions to supply the daily need we provide.

Bethel College:

--Fri., March 24, Sat., March 25, Sun., March 26 – Spring musical at Bethel College, tick, tick ... BOOM! by Jonathan Larson; Krehbiel Auditorium. Ticket purchase required (buy on campus weekdays at Thresher Shop, or online).

--Staley Lecture at Bethel College with Phuc Luu, a theologian, philosopher and artist based in Houston, author of *Jesus of the East*. Sun., March 26: 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel; Mon, March 27: 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.



OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
March 12, 2023			
Offering	= \$ 2,735.00	Attendance	= 103
Adult FF	= \$ 27.00	Attendance	= 27
Jr. FF	= \$ 6.00	Attendance	=
Worship Link Views		=	38

April 14 - 15, Hutchinson Fairgrounds

--Children's Coin Offering this week was \$31.81. THANKS and keep up the GOOD work

--During the service on March 26 our 2nd thru 8th graders will recite the 23rd Psalm and their 25 MCC Bucks will be given to them at that time. We are SO proud of OUR Students for this EXCELLENT Memory Work and their outstanding involvement in Helping Raise Money for the KS Mennonite Relief Sale!! Way to go Team!! Next Wednesday night will be our Final Rehearsal with the Memory work. PLEASE come prepared.

--PLANTS and THINGS is requesting bulbs, trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses, vegetable starts, herbs, etc. Brandon and Kristi Unruh and their extended family are in charge of this operation. PLEASE HELP THEM OUT. You can also help by volunteering on the website.

--MCC has handed out Thousands of Hygiene Kits to people in desperate need due to the Ukrainian War as well as the devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey. As a result, MCC is planning on having several tables at the Sale this year where folks can help assemble kits. Items needed for kits are: one adult toothbrush in pkg.; one bar soap in pkg.; one good quality nail clipper; one hand towel, bright color and med. weight, 16 x 26; one wide toothed comb. Bring items to the MCC Sale tables in the Hospitality Hall.

--MORE signups are needed for Zweibach and Pies; help teach our young folks how to bake and help those in need at the same time.

--Pray for the KS MCC Sale and ALL the folks involved putting on this FUN event. Please go to the VOLUNTEER tab on the website and help by taking a 2 hour shift somewhere. YOU will receive Blessings you never dreamed were possible.

--Website is: kansas.mccsale.org

SERMON NOTES

Lenten Reflection:

“Jesus said..., ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”

--How would you respond to Jesus' question?

--How does Jesus' proclamation of being the resurrection and the life bring hope and purpose into your life?



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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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