



Rosie Jantz: Candidate for Associate Pastor of Education and Pastoral Care.



Worship Themes

March 3 - Lent 3:

Receiving the Kingdom

Mark 10:13-16

Pastor Phil preaching

March 10 - Lent 4: Jesus' Glory

Mark 10:32-45

Rosie Jantz preaching

March 17 - Lent 5: True Discipleship

Mark 10:46-52

Pastor Phil preaching

March 24 - Lent 6: Palm Sunday

Hosanna!

Mark 11:1-11

Pastor Phil preaching

March 28 - Maundy Thursday:

Faithfulness vs. Unfaithfulness

Mark 13:32-37; 14:17-25, 32-50,
53-72; 15:1-15

Communion

March 29 - Good Friday

Mark 15:16-47; Psalm 22

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March 31 - Easter Sunday:

Jesus Has Risen!

Mark 16:1-8

Pastor Phil preaching

Tabor Church News

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“To Jerusalem and Beyond”

In *Toy Story*, (a popular children’s movie) Buzz Lightyear (one of the main characters) loves to say, “to infinity and beyond.” For Buzz, there is no barrier that will stand in his way. In all he does, he persistently pushes forward, pursuing his goal of exploring galaxies beyond the known universe.

Where Buzz says, “to infinity and beyond,” Jesus says, “to Jerusalem and beyond.”

We as a church have been reflecting on Jesus’ and his disciples’ journey to Jerusalem. Along the way, Jesus teaches his disciples what it means to follow God’s Messiah (*Messiah* means “Anointed One”). Let us keep in mind, however, that while they do journey to Jerusalem, Jerusalem is not their final destination.

At three key points on their journey, Jesus pulls the disciples aside and teaches them that he will die *and then* he will rise to new life (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:32-34). In each instance, the disciples don’t understand and Jesus spends time teaching them about true discipleship. As they journey to Jesus’ death, Jesus prepares his disciples to follow him through death and on to new life. “To Jerusalem and beyond.”

Even though Jesus’ disciples don’t get it, Mark provides us with a few key examples of people who do understand:

“While Jesus was in Bethany (which is just outside of Jerusalem), reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head” (Mark 14:3).

In Mark 14:3-9, a woman comes to Jesus and pours very expensive perfume on Jesus’ head. In doing so, this *woman literally anoints Jesus*, whom we already know is God’s Messiah/Anointed One. Once again, the disciples don’t understand, but Jesus teaches them that the woman has done a beautiful thing: she has *anointed* him: 1) she identified Jesus as God’s Messiah, and 2) she prepared Jesus for burial.

As God’s Messiah/Anointed One, Jesus has lived a life proclaiming and embodying the Good News of God’s Kingdom (1:14-15). As he lived faithfully to God’s purposes, he faced much tension from the religious leaders that eventually led to violence against him. Instead of fighting back, Jesus accepts the cup placed before him (14:36) knowing full well that death will not be the end of his story (14:28). He is anointed for burial, but he is also anointed to rise to new life. Jerusalem is not his final destination.

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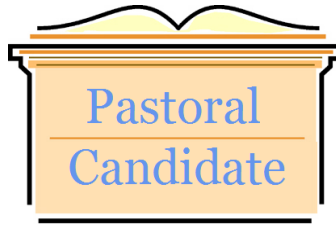


To Jerusalem continued

During Holy Week this year (March 24-31), we will pay close attention to Jesus, who faithfully embodies God's purposes all the way to and through his death on the cross. Jesus had the strength to faithfully face death because he knew without a doubt that God would faithfully raise him to new life. Even though all of the disciples abandon Jesus by the end of the story, Mark gives us renewed hope for second chances: "'Don't be alarmed... You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you'" (Mark 16:6-7). Jesus journeys beyond Jerusalem to offer life to all who are willing to accept it.

Where Buzz Lightyear says, "to infinity and beyond," Jesus says, "to Jerusalem and beyond." Even the cross isn't a barrier strong enough to stop God's life-giving purposes. This year as we once again face the trauma of Jesus' death, may we hold tightly to our hope that God is with us, working to bring new life.

~Pastor Phil



The Tabor Search Committee along with the Church Council recommend **Rosie Jantz** to the Tabor congregation as candidate for *Associate Pastor of Education and Pastoral Care*.

The Associate Pastor of Education and Pastoral Care will focus centrally on these two areas of ministry within our congregation. We are excited to recommend Rosie for this position because of her sense of call by God into pastoral ministry, her years of experience in working at Hesston College, and her experience of providing pastoral care as a Deacon at Tabor.

Rosie was "introduced" to the congregation on February 17 and will candidate on March 9 and 10. The congregation will vote on March 17.

Candidating Weekend Schedule:

Saturday, March 9

- 9:00 a.m. — Brunch with Church Staff
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. — Meet with Education Commission
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. — Lunch with Trustees
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. — Lent Community Prayers
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. — Cookies & Fellowship, **everyone is invited**

Sunday, March 10

- 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. — Morning Worship, Rosie will preach
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. — Open Q/A with Rosie, in Sanctuary

Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship

The TMYF has been keeping busy over the past month with many different and exciting events in youth group and Sunday school. At the beginning of the month the youth group played team building games during the evening. The games helped to focus some of the energy that we brought to church with us that evening into productivity for the group. During this month the TMYF also studied sessions on temptation and what to do when bad things happen to good people. This past month was also Ash Wednesday. The TMYF led worship music for the service and were thankful for the opportunity to be offering their gifts for Christ during this lent season. After the service the TMYF planned some of the aspects of their youth Sunday that will be presented in April. This past month was also our youth fundraiser meal after the second half of the annual meeting. A huge thanks to all that came out to support the TMYF in preparation for our trip this summer to Phoenix. The cake auction was a major success with the help and pushing of auctioneer, Van Schmidt during the sale! During the Sunday school hour the youth helped to put together care packages for the college students and enjoyed looking forward to what is to come for them as future college students!

—Reece Hiebert, TMYF Reporter



Schedule for Holy Week:

- March 24 – **Palm Sunday**
9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. SS
- March 28 – **Maundy Thursday**
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Supper and Service of Communion in Fellowship Hall
- March 29 – **Good Friday**
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Service in Sanctuary
- March 31 – **Easter Sunday**
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Worship.
No Sunday School

Willing Helpers

The area high school international exchange students, led by Carol Duerksen presented an interesting and enjoyable conversation for the Willing Helpers program on February 18. Amelie, Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp's student played her zither for special music. The students shared stories about their home country, church life and experiences living in Kansas and small town Goessel. Our guests were the Alexanderwohl Church Happy Home Workers. The members voted to give money to the MCC Sale for pre sale expenses and to the group going to Joplin for the MDS service project. Plan to attend the next meeting, Monday, March 18 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be working on MCC projects and Brenda Buller will share devotions.



Marriage Enrichment:

We are planning a marriage enrichment retreat for April 19-20. This is an opportunity for all married couples to devote quality time to their marriage. We will spend a night away (location TBD) and have good opportunity for couple discussion. Pastor Phil and Mary will facilitate this weekend. More details to come. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested.

Special Giving Opportunity

Did you know that the new tax law approved by Congress on January 1, 2013 allows each IRA owner to give up to \$100,000 during 2013 from your IRA accounts to a qualified charity, such as our church? This is a tax free gift and is not included in your adjusted gross income. It can also count as your Required Minimum Distribution for the year. You must be at least 70½ years of age, and make a written request for a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA provider. Contact Lewis Unruh, Tabor's Everence advocate, or our Everence advisors at any of our four locations in Kansas [877.467.7294](tel:877.467.7294) for more information.



Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

"Relief, Peace and Development in the name of Christ"

"For we are what he had made us, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." Ephesians 2:10

Coming: April 12 & 13, 2013

Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson

Sponsored by Kansas Mennonite, Mennonite Brethren and Amish Churches to benefit Mennonite Central Committee

New books to check out in the Library!

Listed below are some of the newest additions to Tabor's library. They have been placed on the mobile shelves in the Library. Checkout instructions are posted on the desk. If you have any questions or requests, please contact a Library Committee member. (Vickie Schmidt, Carrie Unruh, Kris Schmidt, Doris Unruh, Phyllis Regier)

Daylight Comes by Judith Miller

Truth Wyman has watched Nicodemus, Kansas, grow into a busy little prairie town. And she has grown up, too. Her family was among the first settlers to homestead this area, and there is nowhere she'd rather live. She's always thought her husband felt the same way. . . . Then Moses comes home with news that he has been nominated for state office. If he wins, they'll need to move to the state capital. Pregnant with her first child, Truth does not plan to move to Topeka. How can she raise her baby in an unfamiliar city? How can she leave her family and her home? Yet what will happen if she refuses? Nicodemus's sister community, Hill City, is thriving, too. Macia Boyle returns to her family after a European holiday. The storekeeper's nephew, Garrett Johnson, captures her attention, but she can't seem to forget Jeb Malone, the young blacksmith who showed interest in her before her trip. Soon, Macia must make a choice: Should she return to Jeb's arms or seek a new life with Garrett?

So What's the Difference?: A Look at 20 Worldviews, Faiths and Religions and How They Compare to Christianity by Fritz Ridenour

So What's the Difference has been revised and updated for the 21st Century to help Christians better understand their own beliefs. A classic first released in 1967, this revision takes a current look at the answer to the question, "How does orthodox biblical Christianity differ from other faiths?" In a straightforward, non-critical comparison, Fritz Ridenour explores and explains the basic tenets of 20 worldviews, religions and faiths, including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, New Age and Mormonism.

Take Our Moments and Our Days Volume 1 by Arthur Paul Boers *An Anabaptist Prayer Book: Ordinary Time*

Take Our Moments and Our Days is a four-week cycle of morning and evening prayer services prepared for the period in the church year between Pentecost and Advent. The services focus on the teaching and ministry of Jesus: the Lord's Prayer (week one), the Beatitudes (week two), Jesus' parables (week three), and Jesus' miracles (week four). The prayer services are designed for use by small groups or families, although they are suitable for individuals as well. Scripture-saturated prayer. Virtually all the words in these prayers are adapted or taken directly from the Bible. The voice of Jesus. The words of Jesus are strikingly prominent in these services. Anabaptist coloration. Lying behind the prayers is a pattern of themes that are especially important in the Anabaptist tradition.

Take Our Moments and Our Days, Volume 2 by Arthur Paul Boers

This second volume is for the seasons of the Christian year (Advent through Pentecost). Its distinctive Anabaptist flavor is evident in the predominance of Jesus' voice, space for communal reflection on Scripture, and the choices of Bible readings it offers a way of prayer that lets the voice of Jesus pervade the whole day.



"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

— Groucho Marx