# "Another Helper" (John 14:12-31)

"If you love me, you will keep my commands. And I will ask the father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever. This other helper is the Spirit of truth." (John 14:15-17a)

#### Jesus is a Friend

#### Jesus Goes to the Father

- I. Receiving Jesus' love (13:1)
- II. Doing Jesus' works (14:12)
- III. Embracing Jesus' peace (14:27-29)

## The Father Sends the Spirit (14:16; 26)

- I. Helper
- II. Comforter
- III. Advocate

# Living in Jesus' Name

#### **Centered on Jesus**

"The wizard [of Oz] says look inside yourself and find self. God says look inside yourself and find [the Holy Spirit]. The first will get you to Kansas. The latter will get you to heaven. Take your pick."

-Max Lucado

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# CENTERED ON JESUS:





# 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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Gathering

PRELUDE "We'll Cast Our Crowns at His Feet" Hearts 4 Him

"Jesus the Light of the World", "Champion of Love"

WELCOME Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

lamplighter, midwife of change,

comforter, disturber, inspirer, and advocate.

People: Come, fill the church with the gifts earth

can neither produce nor afford.

Leader: Come, fill our lives

with that rich mixture of peace and restlessness,

calm and enthusiasm,

which are hallmarks of holiness.

All: Come, promised Spirit of God

find your way and make your home among us. Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN "Holy Spirit, come with power" No. 26

\*PRAYER

Praising

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "If you believe and I believe" No. 184CS

\*PASSING THE PEACE

"The peace of Christ be with you" ~ "and also with you."

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS JoAnn Nickel

Proclaiming

SCRIPTURE READING *Joel 2:28-32* Leann Toews

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC "T Then Shall Live" Hearts 4 Him

GOSPEL READING John 14:12-31 Leann Toews

SERMON "Another Helper" Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

WORDS OF RESPONSE

Spirit of Peace,
quiet our hearts,
heal our anxious thoughts,
free us from our fretful ways.
Breath on us your holy calm
so that in the stillness of your

so that in the stillness of your presence we may open ourselves to trust and be transformed. AMEN.

HYMN OF RESPONSE "O breathe on me, O breath of God" Back Page

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

"God on the Cross", "Holy, You are Holy" Hearts 4 Him

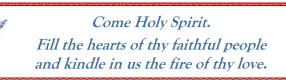
SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

Sending

\*SENDING HYMN "God sends us the Spirit" No. 293

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Hearts 4 Him



# Today

Today we continue our summer-long series: "centered on Jesus." As we focus on the life and teaching of Jesus, we are studying a variety of important topics, such as community, peace, and service. Our central question for this entire series is. "When we look at Jesus, how can we \_\_\_?" Today we are focusing on the Holy Spirit. How better understand does Jesus help us understand how the Holy Spirit is active in the world? As we respond to Jesus' gift of the Spirit, we will celebrate communion together. We also extend a special welcome to "Hearts 4 Him" who will be providing music during our worship service.

Hearts 4 Him—vocalists: Jim Bartel, Brox Busenitz, Dave Deutschendorf. Lawrence Kliewer, Duane Loewen, Rod Loucks, David Oller, Jim Yoder and Bernie Zuercher; accompanist: JoAnn Nickel; sound technician: Keith Neufeld.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Phil, Sarahanne and Vatiken Unruh and Ron and Nancy Schroeder. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

Childcare is provided by Jill Brandt in the nursery during the worship service.

**10:45—**Sunday School for everyone.

Jr. High, High School, Adults: 12 Scripture Project: What are the 12 most formative Scriptures for our church community? That's a big question which we will be exploring over the next several weeks. This Project will help prepare us for our upcoming Year of the Bible. Please come ready to share what Scripture passages have been most significant in your life. Children: 2 yrs. - Kindergarten meet in room 11,1st - 5th gr. meet in room 13.

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

#### This Week

Wednesday, July 31

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Thursday, August 1

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

<u>Thursday, August 1 - Friday, August 2</u> Year of the Bible Kickoff at Bethel College.

# Friday, August 2 - Saturday, August 3

Western District Conference Assembly at Bethel College.

How are you being Shaped by God's Story? Explore this theme at the Annual Western District Conference Assembly. Worship starts at 7pm on Aug 2 and 3 in Memorial Hall at Bethel College and is open to all!

# Next Sunday, August 4

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our "centered on Jesus" series by focusing on Hospitality. Over the next three weeks, we will focus on our church mission statement and reflect on how Jesus helps us better understand how to be people who share God's hospitality, healing, and hope. Scripture for reflection will be Hebrews 13:2; Genesis 18:1-15; and Matthew 25:31-46. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45—Sunday School for everyone.

### Prayer Requests

#### Remember to pray for:

- ★ Those who will be attending Western District Conference Year of the Bible Launch and Annual Assembly. Pray that the enthusiasm generated at the Bible Launch may grow in our congregations. Pray for open hearts to receive and discern information and concerns brought before the Assembly.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The Care Quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for preachers, teachers, presenters, and presiders for the Western District Conference Assembly 2013 meeting in North Newton, Kansas, August 2-3. Pray God's inspiration and encouragement for all delegates and participants as they are "Shaped by God's Story."
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God that the Mongolian government has granted Joint Christian Services International a sixmonth extension of its registration, permitting mission personnel to renew work permits and visas. MMN works through JCSI, a consortium of organizations collaborating in Christian ministry in Mongolia. Pray that visa extensions will continue throughout the coming years.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) Pray for the new IBA study centers in Moline, III., (Templo Alabanza); Muscatine, Iowa, (Jesus el Buen Pastor); and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., (Evangelical Garifuna). Pray that the IBA courses help the students grow spiritually and encourage them to continue to learn more from God's word.

#### Announcements

**Potential Deacons:** When you think of people who would be excellent Deacons at Tabor, who comes to mind? Please share your suggestions with a Pastor or a current Deacon.

**Harvest Giving** envelopes for MCC. These replace the CROP Drive envelopes of the past. For both cash and commodity donations fill out both sections. Include the top portion with your check in the envelope, seal and mail for cash donations. For commodity donations, the top portion is given to your grain buyer and the bottom is sealed and mailed to MCC. If you are not using your envelope at this time, please place it in the literature rack in the foyer. Donations are accepted at any time.

**Just so you know**. Due to the drought last year, we will be removing the cedar tree's directly west of the parsonage and planting two new rows of tree's. If you are interested in firewood or logs from the trees, please let one of the trustees know soon.

**Gardening season is here:** If you have extra produce that you would like to share, please leave it in room 113 (food pantry). Anyone may help themselves. You may leave a donation for the Food Pantry.

#### Coming soon:

August 25: Mennograss

September 21-22: Tabor Church Campout at Mennoscah.

Additional announcements are on the Community and Conference announcement sheets received via email or mailboxes. Additional sheets are in the literature rack in the foyer.

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 21, 2013

Offering = \$4,649.25 Attendance = 146 Adult S.S. = \$ 34.00 Attendance = 58 Jr. S.S. = \$ 3.63 Attendance = 10

# O breathe on me, O breath of God



Text: Edwin Hatch, Between Doubt and Prayer, 1878, alt. Music: Irish melody, Irish Church Hymnal, 1873 or 1874