

## “Wrapped in Grace”

*“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” -Exodus 20:2*

### The Three Questions

#### Exodus/Sinai - the Formative Event - Central Memory

Corporate - Physical - Got the people out of \_\_\_\_\_!

Israel's Birthday

From a Mixed Crowd to \_\_\_\_\_

#### The Sinai Covenant - 11 Words

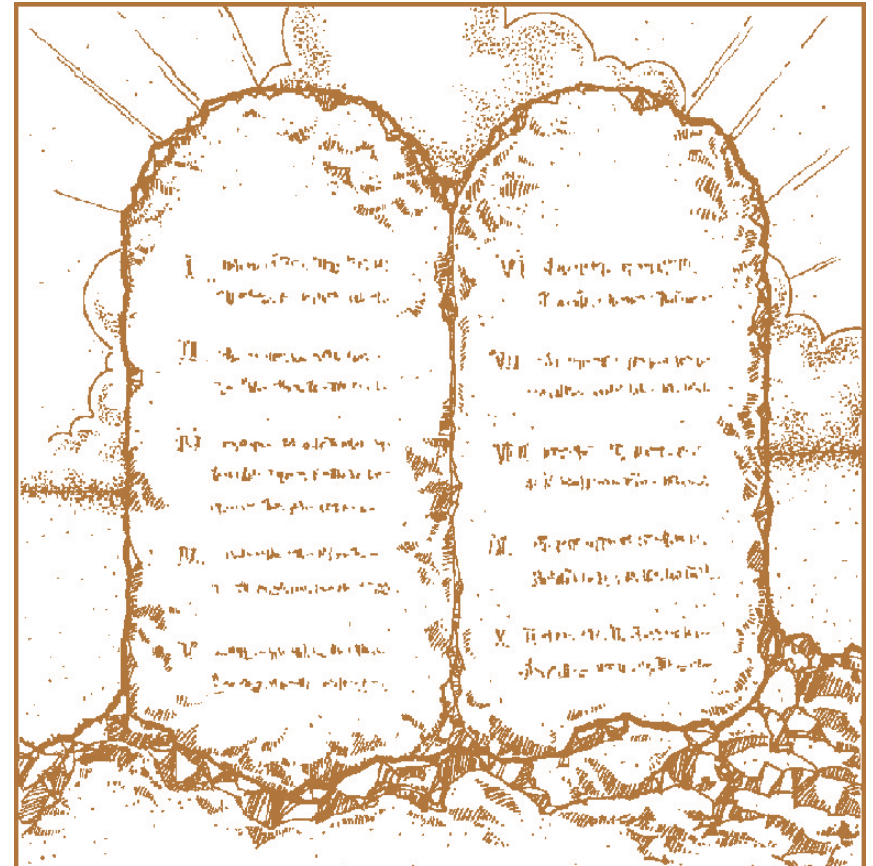
Individual-Spiritual - You are my \_\_\_\_\_!

Getting the \_\_\_\_\_ out of the people!

- Learning how to be human again

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#### Trail Mix for the Journey!



## Exodus/Sinai



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Worship: 9:15 am Fellowship Time: 10:30 am Faith Formation: 10:45 am

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# Year of the Bible

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## Gathering

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME Worship Leader, Leann Toews

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 104:31-33*

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

**People: May the Lord rejoice in his works--**

Leader: Who looks on the earth and it trembles,

**People: Who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

**All: We will sing praise to our God while we have being!**

\*GATHERING HYMN *"I'll praise my Maker"* No. 166

\*PRAYER

## Praising

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Lift every voice and sing"* No. 579

\*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP MUSIC Bill Froese

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

## Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Ilona Abrahams

SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 19:1-9a* Alvin Schmidt

SERMON *"Wrapped in Grace"* Pastor Rosie Jantz

## Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"We give thanks unto you"* No. 161

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

## Sending

\*SENDING SONG *"Obey my voice"* No. 163

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today we continue our year long journey through the Bible by focusing on the Exodus/Sinai Event. God got the people out of slavery in Egypt, and today he continues working to get the Egypt out of the people. Our God is still in the business of calling us into covenant relationship. Thanks be to God!

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Norma and Paul Graber and Carrie, Shannon and Reed Friesen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Nancy Schroeder in the nursery during the worship service.



*Come Holy Spirit.  
Fill the hearts of thy faithful people  
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

### Today Continued

The arrangements this morning are shared by the families of Christine Peters and Milford Brandt.



**10:30**—Fellowship Time / Biblical Snacks

**10:45**—Faith Formation for everyone.

#### Adults:

Prayer: Pastor Rosie's Office

Discussion: Rm. 112

Peace: Pastor Phil's Office

**Junior High:** Rm. 210

**1st-5th Grade:** Rm. 11-12

**Preschool & Kindergarten:** Rm. 13

Bible Study: Rm. 113 and 211

Visual Arts: Library

Drama: Front of Sanctuary

**High School:** Rm. 14-15

**Wee Wonder:** Rm. 10

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.

**Noon**—Mentor / Mentee Kickoff

## This Week

### Wednesday, October 16

**9:30 a.m.—Willing Helpers** will meet for a service project work day. Please bring a foil wrapped potato for the baked potato bar noon lunch. Following lunch there will be a brief business meeting. All women are invited to attend. **Women's Bible Study will not meet.**

#### **Wednesday Evening Activities**

**5:15**—Adult Bible Study

**6:00**—Supper - *Please sign up for the meal*

**6:30**—Sonbeams and Children's Music

**6:40**—Faithful Fitness

**6:45**—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers, Adult Bible Study

**6:50**—Faith Friends

**7:00**—TMYF

**7:45**—Adult Choir

## Next Sunday, October 20

**9:00 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:15 a.m.**—Next week we will continue our journey through the Bible by focusing on God's instructions in the book of Leviticus to live as a Holy people. In these instructions, we can continue to reflect on how God is teaching the people to become human again. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**10:30 a.m.**—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

**3:00 p.m.**—Fall Party *see announcements*

## Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Richard Gehring, Moderator-Elect, Jaimie Cazares, pastor of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, and Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister, as they represent Western District Conference at the Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA at Sturgis, Michigan, October 13-16.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God along with Ohio congregations as they celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mongolia Mission Partnership. MMN board of directors and staff are joining supporters and area pastors at a banquet this coming Saturday in Walnut Creek, Ohio. Pray for renewed commitment to God's mission in Mongolia.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for positive relationship building between sister institutions as the Hesston College men's and women's soccer teams play Bluffton University today and Goshen College tomorrow.

## Announcements

**Thanks!** The Goessel community felt the incredible support again that was received this past Sunday. The first Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk had a great turnout with 56 walkers and almost \$7,000 donations. Many thanks for the contributions of our walkers, those who donated to MCC and the Tabor Food Pantry, those who provided water stations and cookies. Over 200 items were collected for the Food Pantry. Many thanks to the enthusiastic recruiters, Evan Esau, Kent Peters, Bob & Kathy Woelk, Kevin Nickel and other volunteers. Again, thanks to all of you who continue to support the mission of helping those in need in our community and in third world countries. Walkers: if you still have outstanding donations that need to be collected, please get them to Denise by October 18.  
-Elton and Denise Nickel, Goessel Area Coordinators

**Fall Party!!** The Quarterly Fellowship Committee invites you for some fall family fun on Sunday, October 20. Plan to meet in the Church park at 3 pm and load onto hay racks for our trip to Papa's Pumpkin Patch! Most of the activities at the pumpkin patch are free and beverages are available to purchase. If you can't make it for the afternoon, plan to join us when we return to the park around 6pm to roast hot dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert, lawn chairs and roasting sticks if you have them.

**Biblical Snacks!** You are invited to participate in providing the Biblical Snacks for fellowship time. If you would like to help, we would let you know what is needed. There is also opportunity help serve snacks if you would like to help in this way. Please talk to Barb Banman or Lois Voth.

**The Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal and Service** will be on Sunday, November 17, at the Goessel High School Cafeteria and Auditorium. Come and eat anytime from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited! Be thinking about who you would like to ask to join you for this event. A sign-up sheet for salads, bread, or desserts, or a turkey or ham is posted. Monetary donations are also welcome to be used toward the expenses for the meal, such as plates, cups and utensils, or other food items like potatoes, vegetables or the meat. You may write your check out to "Goessel Ministerial Alliance" and give it to your church office. The Meal Planning Team is Keith and Barb Banman, Linda Peters, Janice (Funk) Voth, Becky Wedel, and Lynette Duerksen. Goessel Ministerial Alliance members are Phil Schmidt, Brad Penner and Linda Ewert. Thank you for your participation and support!

**Sharing of Garden Produce** will continue as long as there is surplus to share. Check the table in the food pantry room. Anyone may help themselves. Donations can be left in the basket.

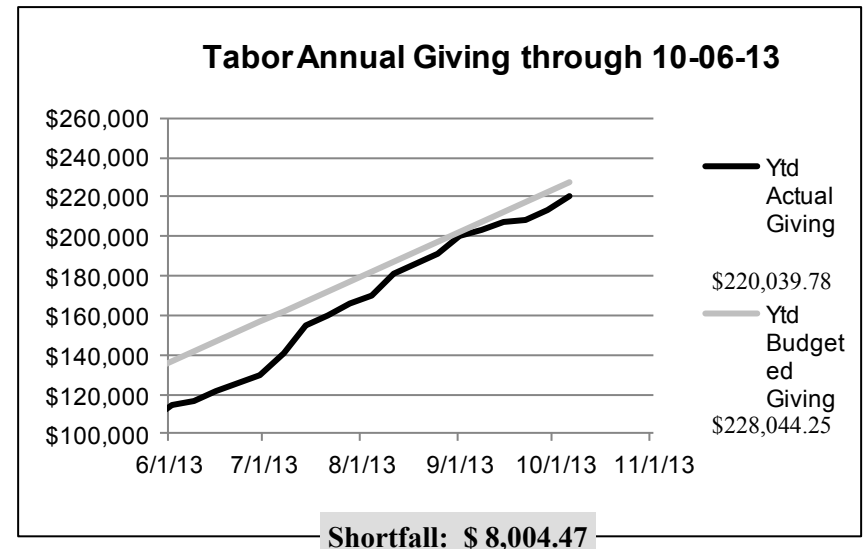
### Dates to remember:

October 22: Budget Workshop

November 7: Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

November 10: Annual Congregational Meeting

*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

**October 6, 2013**

Offering	=	\$ 6,903.49	Attendance	=	162
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 29.00	Attendance	=	70
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 7.84	Attendance	=	19