

“A Fresh Start”

(Exodus 1-15)

“During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.” (Exodus 2:23-25)

Stories that Shape Us

People Cry Out (Exodus 2:23)

God Responds

I. *Internally* (Exodus 2:24-25)

- a. *Hears* People's Groaning
- b. *Remembers* His Covenant
- c. *Looks on* Israelites
- d. *Understood* their Predicament

II. *Externally* (Exodus 3-14)

- a. *Calling* Moses
- b. *Performing* Signs and Wonders
- c. *Passing Over* the Israelites
- d. *Opening* the Red Sea

People Journey Toward Freedom

Rejoicing in God's Release



Tabor Mennonite Church

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

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Gathering

PRELUDE

Cross Road

Emil Schmidt, Laura Unrau, Elaine Unruh,
Jude Krehbiel, Doug Krehbiel

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Luke Unruh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-3

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise God's name;

People: Proclaim God's salvation day after day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,

People: God's marvelous deeds among all peoples.

All: Sing to the Lord a new song and praise God's holy name!

*GATHERING HYMN

"Here in this place"

No. 6

*PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"When Israel was in Egypt's land"

No. 164

*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY

Leann Toews

WORSHIP MUSIC

"God will make a way"

Cross Road

SCRIPTURE READING

selections from Exodus 1-15

Elton and Denise Nickel

SERMON

"A Fresh Start"

Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"We give thanks unto you"

No. 161

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastor Rosie Jantz

Sending

*SENDING SONG

"Lead on, O cloud of Presence"

No. 419

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

Today we continue our yearlong journey through the Bible by focusing on the Exodus. God freed Israel out of slavery in Egypt. This event became a formative memory for God's people for generations to come. And, our God is still in the business of calling us out of slavery and on to new life.

A key part of the Exodus story is the Passover meal. As we reflect on the original Passover, we also celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday. May our hearts be open to receiving God's call and celebrating God's gift of freedom.



Come Holy Spirit.

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

Today Continued

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Jim and Diana Schmidt and Gary, Angie, Olivia and Zach Duerksen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Mary Schmidt in the nursery during the worship service.

The arrangement this morning is in celebration of Irma Koehn's 100th birthday which is today! Praise God for Irma's life!!



10:30—Fellowship Time / Biblical Snacks: "Burning Bushes" (broccoli with red dip) to symbolize God calling us out of Egypt.

10:45—Faith Formation for everyone.

Adults:

Prayer: Pastor Rosie's Office Bible Study: Rm. 113 and 211

Discussion: Rm. 112

Visual Arts: Library

Peace: Pastor Phil's Office

Drama: Front of Sanctuary

Junior High: Rm. 210

High School: Rm. 14-15

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

Wee Wonder: Rm. 10

Preschool & Kindergarten: Rm. 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.

1:30 p.m.— Harvest Giving Walk —see *announcements* for details.

2:30-5:00 p.m.: Birthday Celebration! Irma Koehn is 100 years old today. Her Tabor Church family is invited to an Open House celebration at Bethesda Home. Please remember Irma with prayers and cards for this significant milestone.

This Week

Wednesday, October 9

9:00 a.m.—Women's Bible study at Tabor. All are welcome as we study the Parables of Jesus. See the October Newsletter for more information or call Brenda Buller 367-8334.

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 - *does not meet this week*

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

6:50—Faith Friends

7:00—TMYF

7:45—Adult Choir

Next Sunday, October 13

9:00 a.m.—Prelude

9:15 a.m.— Next Sunday we continue reflecting on God's initiative to free the Israelite people out of slavery in Egypt by focusing on the covenant at Mount Sinai. God got the people out of Egypt but still has to get Egypt out of the people. Scripture for reflection will be Exodus 19-20. Pastor Rosie will be preaching.

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

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

Noon—Mentor / Mentee Kickoff

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Nathan Koontz, who is being installed today as an Associate Pastor with a focus on pastoral care at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: A series of Masters' level theology courses begins today in Ukraine. Pray for Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network as she helps to coordinate this learning experience for the next 10 days. May she have time to relate to the students while continuing her other teaching and writing responsibilities.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Homecoming weekend at Goshen College is a celebration both of what has been and what is yet to come. Pray for all who gather to celebrate their time at Goshen College and the meaningful relationships that have endured over many years.

Announcements

Thanks: In the past weeks our family has experienced many blessings as you remembered us with your thoughts, prayers, and delicious food. It is through these acts of kindness that we have found comfort and have been refreshed. We express our heartfelt thanks for this support.

-The Marna Abrahams Family

Announcements continued

Today is the Day! Our first ever HARVEST GIVING WALK (formerly CROP WALK) IS HERE! These are the walkers from our church: *Michael Unruh, Phil and Mary Schmidt, Duane and Janna Duerksen, Mark Schmidt, Josh Schmidt, Gayle Funk, Carson Voth, Carol Duerksen, Maynard Knepp, Kenton Nickel, Michelle Kaufman, Brent Abrahams, Sam Abrahams, Rachelle Cooper, Doug Krehbiel, Kody Ely, Katie Eagle, Justice Johnson, the Gaddis/Gagnon family, Kevin Nickel.* You can still find Kevin Nickel today and sign up as a walker AND, you can still find a walker listed above to sponsor. Walkers, please arrive at Tabor Mennonite Church between 1 and 1:15 to check in so we are ready to walk by 1:30.

Last year we raised over \$7,200! Help us meet or exceed that amount for Mission Projects! You may bring your own water bottles but there will also be two water stops available. Please bring your WALKER ENVELOPE with your sponsor list and enclosed money. It is your registration/insurance form. ***If you are under 18, the envelope must be signed by a parent.***

Or, turn in your completed envelope and money to your recruiter this morning and they will turn it in for you at the walk. Sponsors should make out checks payable to Harvest Giving Walk or MCC. Donations will go to MCC or to the Tabor Food Pantry. You may Bring an item for the local Tabor Church Food Pantry. Thank you all for your efforts in raising money and *Helping Build Communities* here and abroad.

Budget Narratives: are due TODAY. Email to kfunk@tabormennonite.org or place in the secretaries mailbox.

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.

Willing Helpers will meet Wednesday, October 16 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm 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, affirming of 2014 officers and devotions by Phyllis Goertzen - from Amos 9:11-15 on "Naming the Hope." All women are invited to attend.

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.

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. Sign-up sheets for salads, bread, or desserts, or a turkey or ham will be going up at our churches on Sunday, October 13. 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!

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

September 29, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 4,691.35	Attendance	=	186
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 61.69	Attendance	=	66
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 12.51	Attendance	=	23

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