

Lord, open our . . .



Minds



Eyes



Hearts



Hands

Prophetic Vision: *Israel*



Year of the Bible

"Living into God's Story"

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No. 9

ELIJAH AND ELISHA: *TRUSTING GOD*

Gathering / Praising

PFELUDE

Marcene Entz

INTROIT

"My God is so Big"
"God is so Good"

Sonbeams

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Carrie Sommerfeld

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, who does not hide when we seek his face.

**People: Praise the Lord, who hears our cry
and answers when we call.**

Leader: The Lord does not turn away in anger
but helps us in our distress.

People: The Lord our God and Savior never rejects or forsakes us.

Leader: The Lord protects us from oppressors
who threaten us with lies and violence.

All: We walk in confidence; our Lord is strong.

*GATHERING HYMN

"Lord, with devotion we pray"

No. 79

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"I'll praise my Maker"

No. 166

*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY

Carol Duerksen

SPECIAL MUSIC "Your Love Never Fails" -Chris McClarney Youth Worship Team

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:1-9a

Sharleen Francis

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON PART 1

"Open Our Minds"

Pastor Phil Schmidt

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 6:15-23

Kim Funk

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON PART 2

"Open Our Eyes"

Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

WORDS OF RESPONSE

*Spirit of peace,
quiet our hearts,
heal our anxious thoughts,
free us from our fretful ways.
Breathe on us your holy calm
so that in the stillness of your presence
we may open ourselves to trust and be transformed. Amen.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE "I am weak and I need thy strength" No. 553

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Children's coin offering for MCC*

*"I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me."*

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

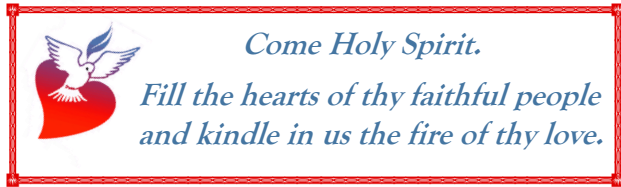
*SENDING HYMN

"Benediction"

No. 130CS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Today

Today we enter the second half of our Year of the Bible by beginning to focus on the prophets. The prophets kept God's vision alive throughout the time of the kings, through the divided kingdom, and even through the time of exile. This morning we will focus on how the prophets Elijah and Elisha had to learn to trust God throughout their lives and ministries.

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, Vatiken and Bosten Unruh and Steve and Bonnie Janzen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Yvette Nickel in the nursery during the worship service.

10:45—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: Bread - 1 Kings 19:5-6

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

11:00—Faith Formation for everyone. Catechism: Pastor Phil's office

Lectio Divina: Rm 17

Biblical People: Library

Bible Study: Rm 113

Bible Discussion: Rm 112 & 211

Drama: Sanctuary

Bible Memory: Pastor Rosie's office

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

Tuesday, March 4

7:00 pm—Church Council

Wednesday, March 5

9:00-10:00 am—Women's Bible Study

Ash Wednesday Service

6:00 pm—Supper

6:45 pm—Service

7:45 pm—Adult Choir

Thursday, March 6

12:00 pm—Newton Lunch Bunch

Daylight Savings time begins March 9. Remember to move your clocks forward on Saturday night.

Next Sunday, March 9

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Worship. Next Sunday as we continue with our study of the prophets, we also enter into the season of Lent. Throughout this season, as we focus on God's prophetic message in the Old Testament, we will also consider Jesus' prophetic message in the New Testament. Our specific focus next Sunday is on the theme of faithfulness as presented in Amos and Hosea. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone

12:00 p.m.—MCC Fellowship Meal. *Please sign up.*

4:00 p.m.—Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda Home.

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Rachel Siemens, who will be installed as the pastor of Faith Mennonite Church, Newton today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: This month, MMN's partner, DOOR, is hosting students on spring break. Pray that students will see the face of God in the cities as they work with local agencies, learn from local leaders, and reflect on the intersection of faith and service in their lives.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Bethel College's social work program celebrates forty years in 2014. Thank God for the compassion and caring of social work faculty and graduates over the decades, as the department begins National Social Work Month with several special guest speakers on campus.

Announcements

Coming Soon! Save the Date! Sunday, March 30, 12 Noon - Soup and trimmings in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to a yummy meal of soup and homemade bread. The only catch is this -- if you are already in a Caring Group, please bring your choice of a side dish. Suggestions for sides are: Cheese & cracker platter, relish platter, dessert or something of your choice. If you are not part of a Caring Group you get to come without bringing anything! Now that's a good deal, right? Please join us for fun and fellowship over our noon meal together!

Piano Recital: Michelle Unruh & Nicole Smith will give a joint piano recital on March 2 at 2:30 PM in the Administration Building Chapel at Bethel College. The recital will feature works by Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Debussy, Mozart, and Townsend. A reception will follow.

Membership Class: Are you interested in learning more about Tabor or joining as a member? Pastor Phil will facilitate a membership class during the month of March. Please let him know if you are interested in being a part of this class.

Marriage Enrichment Retreat: This year's retreat will be held March 21-23 at the Barn Bed and Breakfast near Valley Falls, KS. Married couples in any stage of life are encouraged to consider attending. Because we value Marriage Enrichment in our community, the Tabor Deacons are generously contributing about 30% of the total cost, making the cost \$225/couple. Make checks payable to "Tabor Mennonite Church" with "Marriage Retreat" in the memo line and turn in to the church office. If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board TODAY.

Another Marriage Enrichment Opportunity: The growth and health of marriages is not only a couple thing, but a church-wide effort. We can all contribute to the health of our marriages, families, and community. Please be in prayer for couples who will attend this year's Marriage Retreat. If you would like to financially contribute to the Marriage Retreat Fund, you are more than welcome to do so. Simply write a check to "Tabor Mennonite Church Deacon Fund" with "Marriage Retreat" in the memo line and place in Lewis Unruh's mailbox.

It's Western District Conference tournament time! The 2014 basketball tournament has been scheduled for the evenings of March 24-25 and 27-29 to be played at Bethel College. The tournament is open to anyone who is a senior in high school or older. Please see Phil Unruh if you are interested.

Year of the Bible Survey! How has our Year of the Bible been for you? Consider sharing your input by taking a brief 10-question survey. Please use the following link to take the survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WRX5K7Q> . (If you prefer filling out a hard copy, there are copies available in the foyer.) Thanks in advance for your helpful thoughts and suggestions! ~Pastor Phil

MCC Sale: April 11 & 12

PLEASE sign up NOW for the Tabor MCC FELLOWSHIP MEAL after Church Sunday, March 9. We will serve a Lasagna Meal will ALL the trimmings. We would like to feed 100, PLEASE help us reach our goal.

PLEASE make your check for Pre-Sale Expenses to: MCC Sale and put them in Jerry and Leann Toews mailbox. Tabor has raised \$446. Everyone contributing a little helps Kansas Mennonites reach the goal of \$60,000.

Children's COIN offering has brought in \$217.68 so far. PLEASE continue your help with coins and paper.

DEADLINE for Quilts and Wall Hangings to be published in the Buyers Guide is March 17. Get your forms from Leann Toews. PLEASE view Tabor Quilts in the Basement.

Money raised at the MCC Sale funds things like:

\$150 provides a graduate of Tailoring classes a Sewing Machine so they can manufacture goods to sell and help provide for their families. \$500 provides tools, equipment & supplies to build a sand dam. Sand dams store water during the wet season so people have water during the long dry season to water gardens and have clean drinking water. \$150 provides a herd of goats which provides milk and meat for families.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

February 23, 2014

Offering	=	\$2,979.25	Attendance	=	216
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 16.00	Attendance	=	58
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 11.85	Attendance	=	26

"Open Our Minds..."

(1 Kings 19)

"What are you doing here, Elijah?"

(1 Kings 19:9b)

Yahweh vs. Baal (1 Kings 17-18)

Jezebel vs. Elijah (1 Kings 19:1-3)

Elijah vs. Yahweh (1 Kings 19:4-21)

...to Understand"

"Open Our Eyes..."

(2 Kings 6:8-23)

Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see."

(2 Kings 6:17a)

Aram vs. Israel (2 Kings 6:8-14)

Blindness vs. Sight (2 Kings 6:15-20)

Violence vs. Peace (2 Kings 6:21-23)

...to See"

"Open Our Hearts...to Love"

"Open Our Hands...to Serve"



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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