

I turned to the Lord God and
pleaded with him in prayer
and petition, in fasting,
and in sackcloth and ashes.



Daniel 9:3

Prophetic Vision



Year of the Bible

"Living into God's Story"

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Babylonian Exile ~ Stories of Faith, Visions of Hope

Gathering / Praising

PRELUDE

Bill Froese and Diane Unruh

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Reece Hiebert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You are home to the exile

People: **touch to the frozen**

Leader: daylight to the prisoner

People: **authority to the silent**

Leader: anger to the helpless

People: **laughter to the weary**

Leader: and direction to the joyful:

People: **come, our God, come.**

ALL: *Come, our God, come.*

*GATHERING HYMN

"God of our strength"

No. 36

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Now thank we all our God"

No. 86

*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Come Holy Spirit.

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

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on May 11.

- ★ Doug Krehbiel praised God for the blessing of our mothers. Thanks be to God!

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the planning and preparations for Assembly 2014 in Waxahachie, TX. Pray for the staff, moderator, preachers, musicians, seminar leaders, and delegates in their preparations.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Annelise Goldschmidt serves as the logistics coordinator for Mission Inter Senegal, a Mission Network partner and the largest national mission organization in the country. Pray for Annelise and MIS's more than 60 national mission workers in agriculture, community development, evangelism, and health in this predominately Muslim region.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for graduating seniors and their families as they participate in baccalaureate and commencement at Bethel College today, and especially for commencement speaker Dale Schrag, who will retire from Bethel after 30 years of service.

Coming this summer!
**Reliving, singing, telling, walking,
mapping, listening and climbing.**

Announcements

Community Picnic: Save the date!

- **Who:** *Everyone*: Invite your family and friends!
- **What:** *Community Picnic*: food, fellowship, fun!
- **When:** *Father's Day, Sunday, June 15 from 5-9pm*: burgers and hot dogs will be served between 6 and 7pm
- **Where:** *Goessel Park*
- **Why:** Great opportunity to *build relationships* within our local community

Please Bring:

- Side dish or dessert to share
- Tableware and table service
- Lawn Chairs

Questions? Contact one of your friendly neighborhood pastors :).

Sponsored by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance

Practicing Stewardship: Tabor Mennonite is re-forming the Stewardship Committee, and would love to talk to anyone with an interest in this area of ministry. We plan to review ALL areas of stewardship, including talents, time, resources, money, education, etc. and we welcome those of you who already make stewardship a part of your daily lives, along with those unsure about how to do so ...and everyone in-between. While the mission statement for the committee remains open to formation by those who participate, we will generally seek to create new stewardship opportunities, as well as encourage and support those who already practice stewardship in any areas of church life. To find out more information, or to offer your support, please contact Eric Litwiller at 620.755.2583 or eric.litwiller@everence.com.

A Tabor Outreach Executive has recently been formed.

The members are Pastor Phil, Denise Nickel, Kristin Schmidt, Phyllis Goertzen and Brent Abrahams. At a recent meeting, we discussed what areas of Outreach our Tabor members are involved in. In the Directory on the Outreach page a number of the ministries are listed but we don't think it is complete. If you are doing Outreach that is not listed in the directory, please write down your name and what you are involved with, and put the information in Pastor Phil's mailbox. Thanks!

Children in Need. You can help! Gently used bags are needed for children who are entering the foster care program. When children are removed from their homes, often clothing and belongings are quickly gathered and shoved into garbage bags. Help give these children dignity by donating duffel bags, soft suit cases or other bags which would accommodate their belongings. Please make sure they are not stained or torn and that zippers still work. You may bring bags to the church office by May 25 and they will be donated to the St. Francis Foster Program in Newton.

Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch: Enjoy a visit with other Tabor ladies at noon on May 27 at the Bethesda dining room. Please sign up.

Western District Conference (WDC) Annual Assembly will be held July 4-6 in Waxahachie, TX.

"God With Us - Patient and Persistent" is the theme for this year. Join pastors and delegates from around the conference as they...

Witness and learn from WDC church plants,

Dwell and celebrate experiences from Year of the Bible,

Connect and fellowship with each other.

Are you interested in representing Tabor Mennonite Church as a delegate? If so, please see information on bulletin board and let Pastor Rosie know.

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter needs you! HCHS is moving to its new location at 900 West Broadway (the Youthville Campus) Memorial Day weekend. We need every body, truck, and trailer available to pull this move off in one weekend. The move will start at the current shelter location on Saturday and Sunday May 24th and 25th at 8 am. We are need of packers, movers, drivers, and cleaners so all are welcome to help us as take this big step across town. For further questions please call HCHS M-F 8 am-5 pm.

Summer Camps! Are you planning on going to Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Camp this summer? Sign up on the bulletin board to receive a scholarship from the Tabor Education Commission. Pay your registration fee in full and you will be reimbursed \$50 when you sign up.

Bethesda Home will have its **annual meeting** on Thursday night, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethesda Home Chapel. Please join us for a short business meeting and pie.

Free or Lost Items: There are still a few items left on the table in the fellowship hall with items no longer used in the kitchen which are free for the taking, or leave a donation in the church office. There is also a table with lost and found items. Among other items there is a nice "bluebird hoodie". Could it be the one you are missing? Tables will be up until May 25.

Mennonite World Review: In your church mailbox this Sunday is an invitation to subscribe to *Mennonite World Review*, the independent newspaper covering the worldwide Anabaptist movement. *MWR* is a nonprofit ministry of Christian journalism serving diverse groups in the Anabaptist-Mennonite family of faith.

Posted on the bulletin board: Mennonite Education Agency story featuring Alberto and Aurora Parchmont's call to pastoral leadership.

Memorial Day Services:

Sunday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. - Goessel Mennonite Church Cemetery

Monday, May 26, 10:00 a.m. - Tabor Mennonite Church Cemetery

Monday, May 26, 11:00 a.m. - Alexanderwohl Menn. Church Cemetery

Coming this Summer:

June 1: Year of the Bible Celebration Sunday.

June 2 - 6: Vacation Bible School.

June 6: VBS program.

June 8: Baptisms and reception of new members. Picnic in the church park at noon.

June 8: Song on the Lawn on the farm of Carol Duerksen/Maynard Knepp to benefit MCC.

June 15: Community Picnic at the Goessel Park.

June 22: SHINE Curriculum Launch, Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita.

July 4-6: WDC Annual Assembly, Waxahachie, TX.

August 16: Day on the Farm at Carol Duerksen/Maynard Knepp Farm.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

May 11, 2014

Offering	= \$3,910.77	Attendance	= 221
Adult S.S. = \$	24.59	Attendance	= 41
Jr. S.S. = \$	7.05	Attendance	= 15



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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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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