

"Living out God's Story"

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Gathering/Praising

PRELUDE Diane Unruh

WELCOME Eric Litwiller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Only when we admit we are lost

People: can we be led.

Leader: Only when we acknowledge our weakness

People: can we be given strength. Leader: Only when we are empty

People: can we be filled.

All: We are lost. We are weak. We are empty. Leader: Come Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN "Wonderful grace of Jesus" No. 150

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Rejoice, the Lord is king!" No. 288

*PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Kristin Unruh

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord God of Abraham" -Felix Mendelssohn Josh Booth

SCRIPTURE *Colossians 3:1-17* Jill Brandt and Mary Schmidt The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Clothed with Christ"

Pastor Phil Schmidt

herefore,
as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,

yourselves with compassion,

kindness, humility,

meekness and patience."

~Colossians 3:12

Heilsgeschichte: Solving the Sin Problem

Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Where charity and love prevail" No. 305

WORDS OF RESONSE Colossians 3:12-15a

Leader: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

People: Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has

forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe vourselves with love, which binds AII:

everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Pastor Rosie Jantz SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN

"Come, thou fount"

No. 521

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

Today we build on our Year of the Bible by beginning a new worship series in which we will reflect on important themes that weave their way throughout the whole story of Scripture. Today we are focusing on how God has worked to solve the sin problem throughout Salvation History. In response to God's sin solution, we all can live new lives of freedom, forgiveness, and love.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Keith and Barb Banman and Lee, DeVon and Hoxie Hiebert. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

Childcare is provided by Sarahanne Unruh in the nursery during the worship service.

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.

Today Continued

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the Tabor Church service for devotions and lunch.

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

Life Stories Faith Formation class begins today in the church library.

4:00 p.m.—Facilities Faspa! Come join us this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall for a special Faspa and conversation about the proposed Facilities project. All people who attend the meeting will have opportunity to share hopes and concerns about the project. This is not simply a review of past discussions, so we hope that many people can make it as we prepare to officially decide about the project at the November congregational meeting. Childcare will be provided. Please let me know if you have any questions. ~Pastor Phil

This Week

Tuesday, September 23

12:00 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda. Please sign up. 7:00 p.m.—Deacon Meeting.

Wednesday, September 24

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Wednesday, September 24 - Saturday, September 27

Tabor Pictorial Directory Photos

Next Sunday, September 28

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we will reflect on the theme, "Chosen for a Mission: Blessing All People." Key Scripture texts will be from Genesis 12:1-3 and Matthew 28:16-20. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time

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

6:30 p.m.—The Goodlywed Game: Tabor Deacons invite you to a marriage enrichment gathering for all married couples. We will eat dessert, play a version of the "Newlywed Game", and have a lot of fun enriching our marriages!

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on September 14.

- ★ Marcene Entz shared that our Year of the Bible has been wonderful and challenging. We have learned a lot but we are also left with many more questions. Thanks be to God for a wonderful journey through God's great story, and Lord, hear our prayer as we continue wrestling with some big questions.
- ★ John Stiles challenged our congregation to study the whole book of Revelation together. Lord, hear our prayer for opportunities to dive deeper into God's living Word.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ the family of Esther Penner. Esther passed away peacefully on Wednesday around 8:15am. She is now safe in the arms of God. Please pray for God's peace to be with Esther's family as they grieve their loss and also remember and celebrate Esther's life. Visitation will be on Sunday from 3-5pm at Jost Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Burial will be on Monday at 9:30am at Hillsboro MB Cemetery. Celebration of Life Service will be on Monday at 11am at Tabor Mennonite Church followed by a light lunch.
- the family of Paul Brunner. Paul, a former interim Pastor at Tabor from 1997-98 passed away last Sunday night. A Memorial Service was held at Hesston Mennonite Church this past Thursday.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for guidance for Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister, as he meets with a Hispanic group wanting to start a new church in Omaha, NE.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today on Peace Sunday, MMN joins Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite World Conference in "praying for the peace of Jerusalem." May we all find inspiration to respond to conflict in ways that do not perpetuate violence.

Announcements

Thank you so much for everything you helped with for the concert. (benefit concert for Caleb Bunn kidney transplant) Thank you for letting us use the church, thanks to the cookie bakers, the hosting of the reception, the set up and the clean up and helping with sound. The whole evening went off without a hitch and that was thanks to all of you! Thanks!

-Caleb Bunn

Ordination Celebration! A special worship service will be held on Sunday evening, October 12 to celebrate Pastor Phil's Ordination. The service will begin at 6:30 with a cake reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend! If you plan to come, please sign up on the sheet on Pastor Phil's door so that we know how much cake to order.

2015 Commitment Forms: Please take some time to fill out this years commitment sheet. We would like to hear from everyone! For those with email, a link to the online form was sent to you (here is a copy of the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K9HP3B9). For those without email, paper copies were placed in your church mailbox. There are also extra paper copies on the table in the foyer. You may return your form anytime before October 21. There is a box on the table for you to return the paper copies.

Teachers for Wednesday Evening: There are still opportunities to teach classes of young children. Please prayerfully consider offering your gifts. If you are interested or have questions, talk to Pastor Rosie or Doris Unruh.

Wednesday Night Meals: Help wanted! We are getting ready to start our Wednesday evening activities for the year and are in need of servers, cooks, and clean-up help. The meals are a great way to fellowship with each other every week, and if everyone pitches in to help, then it spreads the work out and makes it manageable. Contact Eunice Nickel if you're able to help in any of these ways.

Reminder: Due to privacy regulations, hospitals no longer contact pastors when people are admitted. Please contact the pastors if you are scheduled for a procedure, or if you have a family member who is admitted to the hospital so that our pastors may offer care.

Plautdietsch? We are looking for someone who would be willing to lead a Low German conversation group twice a month at Bethesda. This is not a teaching position, but rather a discussion / conversation leader. Some of our residents enjoy conversing in Low German, and this gives them the opportunity to use their native tongue in a relaxed, casual atmosphere. Please call Gayle Voth, A.D. at Bethesda if interested.

Pictures for the new Pictorial Directory are scheduled to be taken Sept. 24-27. Setting up your appointment online saves you \$10 on any purchase you decide to make from the photo company. Online scheduling is now available. Go to the church website (http://tabormennonite.org) and click on the link to set up a time for your family! If you need any help scheduling your time please contact Mary Schmidt or Sheri Schmidt.

Harvest Giving Walk: The Harvest Giving Walk will take place October 5, 1:30 p.m., leaving from Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. There is still time to sign up as a walker/runner with your church recruiter who is anxiously waiting for you in the lobby. There is still time to make a donation to participants. We are trying to exceed our total from last year which was \$7159.00 to make a difference to MCC for Syrian Christians now in their time of difficulty and also to the Tabor Church Food Pantry for local needs. Please make checks payable to Harvest Giving Walk. These are our walkers: Jill Brandt, Karina Brandt, Emma Jones, Barb Abrahams, Benedikt Heyl, Keri Unruh, Carrie Sommerfeld, Phil Schmidt, Mary Schmidt, Brent Abrahams, Michael Unruh, Lena Adame, Carrie Unruh, Jerry Toews, Eric Litwiller, Josh Schmidt, Kenton Nickel, Luke Unruh, Kevin Nickel.

October 5 is also the date set for Tabor's **Bike to Church Sunday**, with donations for MCC's Global Family. You may bike to church on October 5 or bring your bike and bike with the Harvest Giving Walkers, leaving from Alexanderwohl. Bikers, collect your donations, checks payable to MCC and turn into Kevin Nickel by October 5.

Coming this Fall:

September 24-27: Pictures taken for Tabor pictorial directory **September 28:** The Goodlywed Game is coming to Tabor!

October 1: Kickoff for Midweek Activities

October 4: Harvest Giving Walk/Bike to Church

October 12: Parent and Child dedication

October 12: Pastor Phil's ordination service 6:30 p.m.

October 18: Bethel College Fall Fest

November 16: Goessel Community Thanksgiving Service, 5-6:30pm, Goessel Elementary School

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 14, 2014

Offering = \$2,225.00 Attendance = NA

"Clothed with Christ"

Colossians 3:1-17

Heilsgeschichte

Solving the Sin Problem

- 1. Problem Defined
- II. Solution Promised
- III. Solution Begun
- IV. Attempted Solution Continued
- V. Solution Accomplished

Wearing Christly Clothing

- I. Solution Being Realized
- II. Removing Worldly Clothing
- III. Wearing Christly Clothing

Restoring the Goodness of Creation

Tabor Mennonite Church

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

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