

# Year of the Bible

*“Living out God’s Story”*

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No. 44

## GATHERING/PRAISING

WELCOME

Reece Hiebert

GATHERING SONG

*“For all the saints”*

No. 636

*(feel free to silently read the words as this song is played)*

Marcene Entz

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now faith is confidence in what we hope for  
and assurance about what we do not see.

**People:** **This is what the ancients were commended for.**

**This also is how we hope to live.**

Leader: We gather to worship our faithful God, who fills us with hope.

**People:** **We gather to remember the many faithful people  
who have gone before us,  
whose examples fill us with inspiration.**

**All:** **We gather together so that God might send us out  
to live lives of faith.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*“O God, thou faithful God”*

No. 376

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Praise to God, immortal praise”*

No. 91

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN’S STORY

Kim Funk

HYMN

*“Tis not with eyes of flesh we see”*

No. 571

SCRIPTURE

*Hebrews 11:1-16; 12:1-3*

Anna Unruh, Warren Schmidt

The Word of God for the People of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*“Living Faith”*

Pastor Phil Schmidt

## RESPONDING

### WORDS OF RESPONSE

Leader: It is right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God,  
for you are the source of light and life.

**People: You made us in your image  
and called us to new life in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: In all times and places your people proclaim your glory  
in unending praise.

**People: We praise you today for saints and martyrs, faithful people  
in every age who have followed your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: As they witnessed to Christ's resurrection,  
may we be strengthened by their witness  
and supported by their fellowship,

**People: that we may run with perseverance the race  
that lies before us  
and with them, receive the unfading crown of glory.**

**All: We praise you, almighty God, through Christ,  
your Son in the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*RESPONSIVE ACTION *Leaves of Faith*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"We walk by faith"* No. 570

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

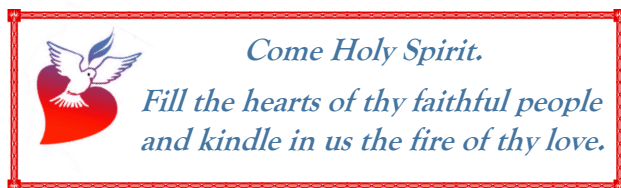
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

## SENDING

\*SENDING HYMN *"Lead us, O Father"* No. 359  
*(please sing alternate words for "Father" printed at the bottom of the page)*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE



## Today

Today we reflect on the Biblical theme of a faithful cloud of witnesses. Hebrews 11 describes many people throughout the story of Scripture that have lived lives of faithful obedience to God's purposes. As we reflect on those who have faithfully gone before us, may we also be inspired to live lives of faith here and now.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Fred, Diane and Michelle Unruh and Donavon and Deloris Schmidt. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Janna Duerksen 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.

**10:45 a.m.**—Fellowship Time

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

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

**Noon:** Mentor/Mentee Banquet in the Fellowship Hall.

**6:00 p.m.**—Bethesda Pillars Banquet

## This Week

### Tuesday, November 4

**9:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting

### Wednesday, November 5

#### ***Wednesday Evening Activities***

**5:45 - 6:30 p.m.**—Supper *please sign up*

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

**6:30 - 6:45 p.m.**—Music (Age 3 - Gr. 8)

**6:45 - 7:30 p.m.**—Faith Friends, Faith Adventure, Adult Bible Study

**6:45 - 8:00 p.m.**—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**—TMYF

**7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**—Adult Choir

### Thursday, November 6

**12:00 p.m.**—Newton Lunch Bunch

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**—Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ benefiting the Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Tabor Church Sister Church Fund.

*On the bulletin board is a shift sign up for men willing to help and also fliers to take and hang up at your place of work.*

## Next Sunday, November 9

**9:15 a.m.—Prelude**

**9:30 a.m.—** Next Sunday we continue focusing on Biblical themes by focusing on the theme of flowing water. One central Scripture passage to reflect on will be John 4. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time**

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

**Noon—Mennonite College Scholarship Fundraiser.** Menu for your enjoyment will be chili, an alternative vegetarian bake, bread, fabulous desserts – all provided by the parents of the students and some alumni.

**12:30p.m.—Congregational Meeting.** Come to hear about the ministry goals for 2015. Affirmation of individuals to serve will take place, there will be a vote to approve the annual budget, and the vote to move forward with the facilities project will be part of this meeting.

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on October 26.*

- ★ Myron Voth asked that the Tabor congregation pray for the congregational meeting on November 9 and specifically for the vote on the recommended building project. As we pray, may we listen to God's Spirit to help us discern whether or not this project will help prepare the soil for God's kingdom to take deeper root in our community.
- ★ Jude Krehbiel thanked the Bethel College guests for their contributions to the morning service. Thanks be to God for the gift of music!

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the search for an Associate Conference Minister for Texas with assignment as the Director of Church Planting.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Beyler, who has served in Japan for four decades with MMN, requests prayer for Obihiro Mennonite Church's charity concert during Advent. Proceeds will subsidize vacations for children living in Fukushima, so they can play outdoors without the risk of radiation exposure.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Hesston College faculty and staff members as they serve the campus in their respective roles and for all the ways they connect with and support students.

## Announcements

### Thanks:

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and other acts of kindness when I was sick. Thank you for your visits and prayers, Pastor Phil and Pastor Rosie. It is so good to have a church family who prays and cares for you.  
—Mary Jane Janzen

We would like to thank you for the flowers, meals, prayers and love that we have received since Mom's death. Continued prayers and contacts are very much appreciated. We are grateful for our church family.

—Ann and John Sperry

**Worship Service Videos:** Check out the church website in the next few weeks to watch videos of our worship services. Once our new technology is streamlined, the Sunday video should be on the website by Monday. If you have a slower internet connection, be sure to deselect "HD" before watching the video.

**Christmas Giving:** The Goessel Ministerial Alliance is excited to announce that the Christmas Giving Tree project will be happening again this year. The tree will be at the Citizen's State Bank. Watch your mailbox for details on how you can help make it a great Christmas for children in our community.

**Community Thanksgiving Service:** Sunday, November 16, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Goessel Elementary School Gymnasium. The meal is FREE. Tell your community friends about it, invite them to come with you---help us make sure everyone in the Goessel community, both in town and in the country knows about this event. Please consider signing up to bring food donations to help us provide the meal. The Sign Up Deadline is next Sunday, November 9. Monetary donations are welcome to help with expenses. Just write your check out to "Goessel Ministerial Alliance" and give it to your church office. "Thank you" to everyone for helping to make this event possible. *Please see the November Newsletter for complete details.*

### Coming this Fall:

**November 6:** Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

**November 9:** Mennonite College Scholarship Fundraiser  
Annual Congregational Meeting.

**November 16:** Goessel Community Thanksgiving Service

**December 7:** Community Christmas Brass Concert at Alexanderwohl

## “Living Faith”

Hebrews 11:1-12:3

*“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)*

### All Soul’s Day

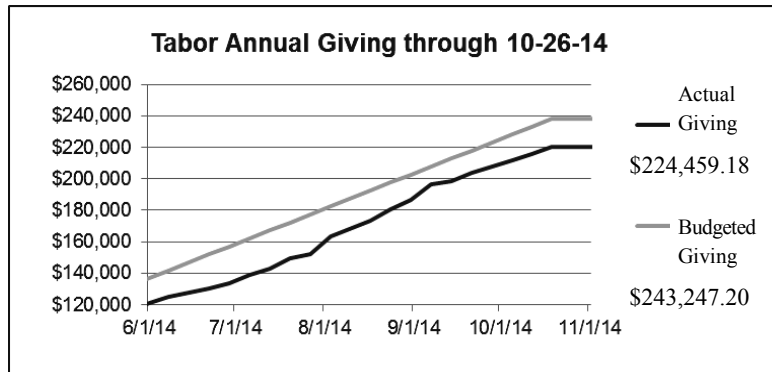
#### A Great Cloud of Witnesses

- I. *Problem Defined*
- II. *Solution Promised*
- III. *Solution Begun*
- IV. *Attempted Solution Continued*
- V. *Solution Accomplished*
- VI. *Solution Being Realized*

### Embracing Living Faith

*“They were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”*

(Hebrews 11:16)



2014 Budget: \$263,518

Amount needed to reach goal: \$39,058.82

5 Sundays remain in our fiscal year.

**Giving needed per Sunday to reach goal: \$7,811.76**

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

October 26, 2014

Offering	= \$3,797.50	Attendance	= 232
Adult S.S.	= \$ 43.00	Attendance	= 57
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 10.89	Attendance	= 14



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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