

## *Like a Little Child*



## Receiving God's Kingdom

# Year of the Bible

*"Living out God's Story"*

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### *Parent and Child Dedication*

### Gathering/Praising

PRELUDE Cross Road, Katherine and Peter Goerzen  
*"My soul cries out" "Come, let us all unite to sing"*  
*"Come, we that love the Lord" "Breathe on me, breath of God"*

WELCOME Luke Unruh

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Savior of the earth's children,  
you came as a little child  
to lead us to wisdom and love.

**People:** When you grew up,  
you welcomed the children  
and told us the kingdom belongs to them.

**All:** *Call us to a child's tenderness,  
humility, energy, and love,  
for Jesus' sake. AMEN*

\*GATHERING HYMN "O little children, gather" No. 489

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise him, praise him!" No. 100

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

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

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "Rain down"

## Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Krista Graber  
*Congregation sings "Jesus loves me" (#341) as children come forward*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Remember Me" -Mark Shultz Jude Krehbiel  
and Stefanie Giffin

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16 Carrie Sommerfeld  
The Word of God for the People of God ~ ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON "Children have much to teach us" Pastor Phil Schmidt

## Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Let the children come to me" No. 176CS

PARENT AND CHILD DEDICATION Insert  
Daniel Reed Nathan and Krista Graber  
Nathan Luke Peter and Katherine Goerzen  
Ethan James Phil and Mary Schmidt

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Doug Krehbiel

## Sending

\*SENDING HYMN "God of our life" No. 486

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today is Parent and Child Dedication Sunday! It is with great joy that we publicly welcome Daniel Graber, Nathan Goerzen, and Ethan Schmidt into our congregational care. Today we also continue our ten weeks of preaching through the Bible once a week by focusing on the theme *Like a Little Child: Receiving the Kingdom*.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Jill Brandt and Gayle Funk and Brian Voth. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

## Today continued

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

The flowers on the communion table this morning are in honor of the ordination of Pastor Phil, which will take place this evening.



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

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

**Ordination Celebration!** A special worship service will be held this evening 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!

## This Week

### Sunday, October 12 - Wednesday October 15

Tabor serves at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter

### Tuesday, October 14

**12:30 p.m.**—Staff meeting

### Wednesday, October 15

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

**5:45 - 6:30 p.m.**—Supper: to Benefit the MCC Meat Canner  
*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

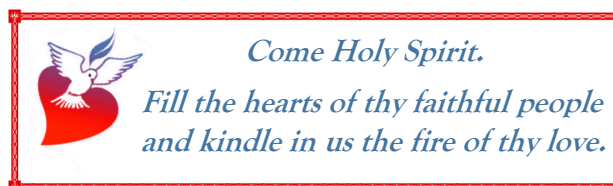
**6:45 - 8:00 p.m.**—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**—TMYF-Service: MCC School Kits and Cloth Baling

**7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**—Adult Choir

### Thursday, October 16

***Newsletter items are due***



## Next Sunday, October 19

**9:15 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday we will reflect on the theme of being God's Worshiping Community. Scripture for reflection will be from Psalms 1, 8, 19, 23, 32, 139, and 150. Pastor Doug and company will be providing a musical sermon.

**10:45 a.m.**—Fellowship Time

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

### Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on October 5.*

- ★ Jude Krehbiel shared that she would be having Cataracts surgery on Wednesday. She especially requested prayer for the Anesthetist because she doesn't do well with anesthetics.
- ★ John Peters thanked the congregation and community for support following Ruth's hip replacement surgery. Lord, hear our prayer for Ruth's continued recovery.
- ★ John also thanked Mennonite Men for helping with David Kasitz' estate auction. He mentioned that most of David's estate was donated for the benefit of others. Thanks be to God!
- ★ John also requested prayer for a good friend, Norman Thomas, who is going through Pancreatic Cancer treatment. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Phyllis Goertzen reflected on an article in the *Western District Garden* about Gilberto Flores. She was impressed with his calling and commitment to ministry and hoped that it would be an inspiration to all of us.
- ★ Art Schmidt shared that one of their past foster boys showed up this past week with two of his boys. Thanks be to God for the opportunity to have a family reunion!
- ★ Jill Brandt requested continued for prayers for her sister and sister's husband who continues to battle Leukemia and currently has a very weak immune system. Lord, hear our prayers for healing and peace for Jill's family.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ A CaringBridge site has been created for Elaine (Schmidt) Bartel, who is battling cancer. Elaine is the daughter of Art & Ruth Schmidt and grew up in Tabor Mennonite Church. You can find her site at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/elainebartel](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/elainebartel)
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilts are home.

### Prayer requests continued

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray God's blessing on Philip Schmidt who will be ordained to pastoral ministry at Tabor Mennonite Church.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Martine Audéoud teaches in several universities in Côte d'Ivoire through MMN. Praise God that classes have begun despite a break-in at one of the institutions in which thieves stole all the computers and enrollment money. Pray also for renewed health for Martine as she recovers from typhoid fever.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God for the group of faithful volunteers who every year put in long hours in the week before Bethel College's Fall Festival to set up for the event on campus.

Remember to praise God for:

- ★ The gift of children and the joy they bring. Praise God for the children and parents dedicated this morning and the blessings they are to Tabor Church.
- ★ The ordination of Pastor Phil and the ways in which God continues to lead Phil and the Tabor congregation.

### Announcements

**Special Facilities Edition Newsletter:** Check your church mailbox, or email inbox for the latest news regarding facilities discernment at Tabor.

**Year of the Bible Reading Certificates:** If you completed reading through the entire Bible in this past year and have not received your certificate, please pick one up from the Year of the Bible bulletin board. Binder pages (for both adults and children) and stickers are available in the church office.

**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 (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K9HP3B9> ). For those without email, paper copies were placed in church mailbox. Extra paper copies are on the table in the foyer. Please return your form TODAY. There is a box on the table for you to return the paper copies.

**MCC Meat Canning** - Please sign up on the bulletin board to volunteer. Donations can be put in the truck in the foyer and checks made out to **Tabor Mennonite Church** with meat canning in the memo line. See Kenton Nickel with any questions.

**MCC Meat Canning Fundraiser** - The meal this Wednesday, Oct. 15 will be a fundraiser for the MCC meat canner. Smoked pork sandwiches will be served. Come eat a delicious meal and help provide food for people around the world.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal will be on Sunday, November 16**, at the Goessel Elementary School, serving from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to this free meal. The Alexanderwohl, Tabor and Goessel Mennonite churches are invited to help support this event. Donations are welcome to help Goessel Ministerial Alliance provide assistance for community families and the schools. Sign-up sheets for food items are posted TODAY. Monetary donations are also welcome to be used toward the expenses for the meal. 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, Gail Graber, Steve Schmidt and Linda Ewert. We are so grateful for your participation and support!

### Coming this Fall:

**October 18:** Bethel College Fall Fest

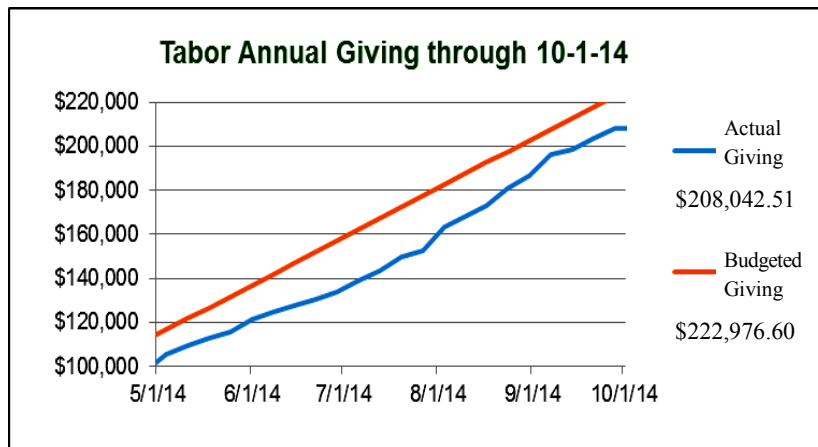
**October 23:** Budget Workshop

**November 2:** Bethesda Pillars Banquet *see community announcements*

**November 6:** Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

**November 9:** Annual Congregational Meeting

**November 16:** Goessel Community Thanksgiving Service



### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

**October 5, 2014**

Offering	= \$3,912.80	Attendance	= 148
Adult S.S.	= \$ 35.00	Attendance	= 54
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 10.38	Attendance	= 22

## "Children have much to teach us"

Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16

*Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10:15)*

### True Greatness

#### God Cares for Children

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

#### Receiving God's Kingdom "as a child"

- I. *Solution Being Realized*
- II. *As one receives a child*
- III. *As children receive it*
- IV. *By becoming childlike*
- V. *When it comes like a child*

### Learning from the Best



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Worship: 9:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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