




Year of the Bible
"Living out God's Story"

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Freedom/Covenant: *Responding to God's Initiative*

Gathering/Praising

PRELUDE *"Oh love that wilt not let me go"* Karen Andres &
 "Love lifted me" Marcene Entz

WELCOME Pastor Doug Krehbiel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as people of the new covenant
 which is sealed with Christ's blood.

People: Praise God for Jesus Christ
 who atoned for our sins once and for all.

Leader: We celebrate our redemption
 as we commune at our Lord's table.

People: We dedicate this service
 to the memory and praise
 of our Lord's sacrificial love for us.

*GATHERING HYMN *"O Power of love"* No. 593

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"I'll praise my Maker"* No. 166

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Kevin Nickel

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Miracles"* -Sally DeFord Sisters Forever

SCRIPTURE *Selections from Exodus and Luke* Kristin and Diane Unruh
 The Word of God for the People of God ~ ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON *"Inventive Initiative"* Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"I come with joy to meet my Lord"* No. 459

*WORDS OF RESONSE

Leader: At this common meeting place of the Lord's table,
we enter into a spirit of togetherness,
becoming one body in Christ, all members one of another.

**People: We are all followers of Christ
and share the bread and cup as an act of unity,
recognizing our joining with all believers everywhere
in all times.**

Leader: We remember the price paid for our redemption
so that we may have life in abundance.

**People: We remember the presence of the risen Christ among us
and recommit ourselves to the way of the cross.**

Leader: Let us make ready our hearts and minds,
leaving judgment of others aside,
considering only our own relationship to God.

**People: We come as penitent believers, asking forgiveness,
accepting God's transforming grace
and recommitting our lives totally to Christ as Lord.**

Leader: Let us keep the feast; for the spiritual food
is the gift of Christ to us.

**People: Let us experience the mystery,
for here Christ gives himself to us again,
and we are renewed on our spiritual journey,
looking forward to the feast of the redeemed
in the age to come.**

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *"The love of God"*

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN *"Sent forth by God's blessing"* No. 478

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

Today we continue our ten weeks of preaching through the Bible once a week by focusing on the combined theme of freedom and covenant. God freed the people from slavery in Egypt and entered into covenant relationship with them. In the same way, Jesus freed the people from slavery to sin and invited them to drink the cup of the new covenant. Today is also World Communion Sunday. As we reflect on this theme, we will celebrate communion together along with Christians from around the world.

Because today is World Wide Communion Sunday, the songs played during communion will represent melodies from around the world. On display are breads from around the world: Artisan Bread from Greece, made by Dora Goerzen; Tortillas from Mexico; Zwiebach from Germany by Wilma Schmidt; Italian Bread from Italy by Bonnie Janzen; Whole Wheat Bread from Kansas by Denise Nickel

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Carrie Sommerfeld and Lester and Lois Voth. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Sharleen Francis in the nursery during the worship service.

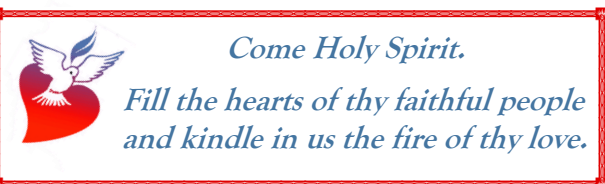
On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time

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

Today is the Harvest Giving Walk! You can still sign up to walk or run and you can still get your checkbook out to give a donation payable to the Harvest Giving Walk. Find your walkers in the church foyer today for your generous giving to help MCC respond to the needs of the Syrian refugees in their time of crisis. Walkers, please be at the Alexanderwohl Shelter House by 1:15 p.m. to sign in.

Walkers from Tabor: Jill Brandt, Karina Brandt, Emma Jones, Keri Unruh, Barb Abrahams, Benedikt Heyl, Carrie Sommerfeld, Brent Abrahams, Phil Schmidt, Mary Schmidt, Michael Unruh, Lina Adame, Carrie Unruh, Jerry Toews, Eric Litwiller, Josh Schmidt, Kenton Nickel, Luke Unruh, Kevin Nickel, Sherry Unruh, Lee Goertzen, Phyllis Goertzen.



This Week

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, October 8

Wednesday Evening Activities

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

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 - 7:30 p.m.—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.—TMYF

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.—Adult Choir

Thursday, October 9

7:00 p.m.—Christian Education Meeting

—Tabor leads program at Bethesda

Saturday, October 11

9:00 a.m.—Heritage Lectures at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

Next Sunday, October 12

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday as we celebrate parent and child dedication, we will reflect on the theme, “Like a Little Child: Receiving the Kingdom.” Scripture for reflection will be Mark 10:13-16. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time

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

Ordination Celebration! A special worship service will be held next 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.

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Justin Sommerfeld who recently broke his collar bone. Justin had surgery on Friday and is now recovering. Lord hear our prayer.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilt is with Ruth Peters as she recovers from hip surgery. The Children's Caring Quilt is home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for our WDC representatives – Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister, Richard Gehring, WDC Moderator, and Byron Pellecer, Church Planter – meeting with the Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA in Chicago, October 6-8. Discernment regarding the future shape of Mennonite Church USA and potential decisions for Kansas City 2015 will be the focus of this gathering.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: David and Rebekka Stutzman, who work with the Barmmental Mennonite Church and the South German Mennonite Conference in Germany, are anticipating the arrival of their third child next month. Pray for them as they adjust ministry roles to welcome the new baby. The Stutzmans serve through MMN and Virginia Mennonite Missions.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Goshen College alumni who have gathered this weekend for Homecoming Weekend.

Announcements

Narrative Budget Requests are due TODAY. Please submit your reports to kfunk@tabormennonite.org or turn in to 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 by October 12. There is a box on the table for you to return the paper copies.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter: Tabor's week to serve at the Shelter is October 15-21. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

Wednesday Evening Ministry Opportunities!

Please consider joining our teaching team for the following classes:

**A teacher for the Age 4 - Kindergarten class *Another teacher for 1st - 2nd grade class *A helper for Age 3 class.* The children are excited to begin Wednesday evening classes next week. Please join this exciting ministry by contacting Doris Unruh or Pastor Rosie so we can fulfill Tabor's vision and mission for Wednesday evening ministries.

Wednesday Night Meals: Help wanted! We 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.

The 2nd Annual Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal will be on Sunday, November 16, between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. at the Goessel Elementary School. Everyone in the community is invited to this free meal hosted by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance (GMA)! The area churches are invited to help support this event through food and monetary donations. Sign-up sheets for food will be going up in our churches very soon. Monetary donations are welcome at any time to help cover meal expenses (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. GMA members are Phil Schmidt, Brad Penner, Gail Graber, Steve Schmidt and Linda Ewert. At the meal there will be opportunity to donate to the ministries of GMA, providing assistance for community families and the schools. We are so grateful for your participation and support!

Coming this Fall:

October 12: Parent and Child dedication

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

October 18: Bethel College Fall Fest

October 23: Budget Workshop

November 6: Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

November 9: Annual Congregational Meeting

November 16: Goessel Community Thanksgiving Service

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

September 28, 2014

Offering	= \$4,514.75	Attendance	= 147
Adult S.S.	= \$ 40.00	Attendance	= 65
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 11.82	Attendance	= 22

"Inventive Initiative"

Exodus 2:23-25; Luke 4:18-19

Identifying Initiative

God Takes the Initiative

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

We Respond to God's Initiative

- I. *Solution Being Realized*
- II. Finding Forgiveness and Freedom
- III. Cultivating a Covenant Community

Christly Communion

"This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me"
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."
 (Luke 22:19b, 20b)



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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