

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Reading the Bible With Jesus: Jesus' Baptism

The words God's Spirit spoke when Jesus was baptized echo Old Testament passages from Psalm 2 and Isaiah 42, proclaiming that God's anointed is both King and Servant, assuring and reminding Jesus of who he was sent to be as he begins his ministry.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE

Russell Adrian

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Unruh

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 2*

*GATHERING HYMN *"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"*

No. 288

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAYER *"Thou, O Christ, my Lord and King"*

No. 35 SS

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING

WORSHIP MUSIC *"The River of Jordan"* -Houser

CrossRoad

CHILDREN'S STORY

Jill Litwiller

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Denise Nickel

Luke 3: 21-22

Bonnie Janzen

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

SERMON

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Jesus shall reign"*

No. 319

BREAKING GROUND NEWS Lewis Unruh, Myron Voth, Carol Duerksen

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN *"All hail the power of Jesus' name"*

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*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Shannon and Carrie Friesen and family and Keith and Barb Banman.

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Sharleen Francis and Juan Aguilar.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are visiting Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. *Focus Groups will meet for the Congregational/Pastor Review process.*

11:45 a.m.—Planning meeting to design new kitchen.

This Week

Tuesday, April 24

Bulletin announcements are due

9:15 a.m.—Community Prayer

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

11:30 a.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda

Wednesday, April 25

5:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Wednesday, April 25 - Tuesday, May 1

Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

Next Sunday, April 29

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we will continue our worship series: "Reading the Bible with Jesus." Our focus will be Jesus' Temptations from Luke 4:1-13. Additional scriptures include Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 13-14, 16-18 and 8:1-10, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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GOAL = \$1,000,000

Committed = \$920,901

\$79,099 Still Needed

This week's receipts:

Funds for pledge fulfillment = \$200

New Contributions = \$450

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on April 15.

- ★ Nate requested prayers for Austin and Dylan, who would be serving at Men's Encounter the next weekend. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Pastor Phil invited us to praise God for the many ways God is working through the Mennonite Central Committee: bringing clean water to communities around the world, through the Et Cetera Shop, and through the annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Tabor's Constructive Feedback Review. Lord, hear our prayer as we meet this Sunday and next in focus groups.

Pastor/Congregational Constructive Feedback Review

There are some important agenda items that the deacons want the congregation to be aware of. At this point, everyone in our congregation should have received a Pastor/Congregational Constructive Feedback form, designed to affirm and strengthen the pastors and the congregation in their ministry. *Extra copies are available on the table in the foyer if you need one.* The deacons encourage you to lift this review up in prayer as you respond to each section.

The deacons ask that you bring the questionnaire to scheduled focus groups on April 22 and April 29 during the faith formation hour. You are encouraged to attend at least one focus group session. If, after attending the first focus session, you find you have more to share, please feel free to attend the second focus group session.

This review process is vital to the health and ministry of our congregation. Jim Stucky, Tabor's Western District Conference Review Consultant, pointed out last Sunday that if you don't participate you may feel like you missed out on something very important to Tabor Church.

Jim Stucky will take the comments made during the focus groups and the questionnaire review, and summarize them to create a final report. Deacons will meet with Jim on Wednesday, May 16, to hear and talk about the results of his summary. Jim will share the final results with the congregation on June 3. The congregational votes of affirmation for the three pastors are scheduled for Sunday, June 17.

If you have more questions please visit with one of the deacons.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE April 15, 2018

Offering	=	\$ 2,296.25	Attendance	=	174
Adult F.F.	=	\$ 18.02	Attendance	=	41
Jr. F.F.	=	\$ 13.05	Attendance	=	42

"Jesus Baptism"

Luke 3:21-22; Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 2

- 1) *Where does this take place? Where is there movement?*
- 2) *Who is present? Who is doing the action?*
- 3) *Where and how is Scripture coming into play?*
- 4) *What do you notice? What are your first impressions? What strikes you?*
- 5) *What do you notice about the ways that Jesus uses, interprets, or fulfills Scripture?*

Dates to Remember:

April 25-May 1: Tabor serves at
New Hope Shelter
May 5: Spring Cleaning day at Tabor
May 6: Groundbreaking Service (tentative)
Teacher Appreciation
Mission Partner Potluck

May 9: Fellowship Event: Ice Cream
Social and Yard Games
June 4-8: Vacation Bible School
June 10: Bible School Celebration
and Picnic



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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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