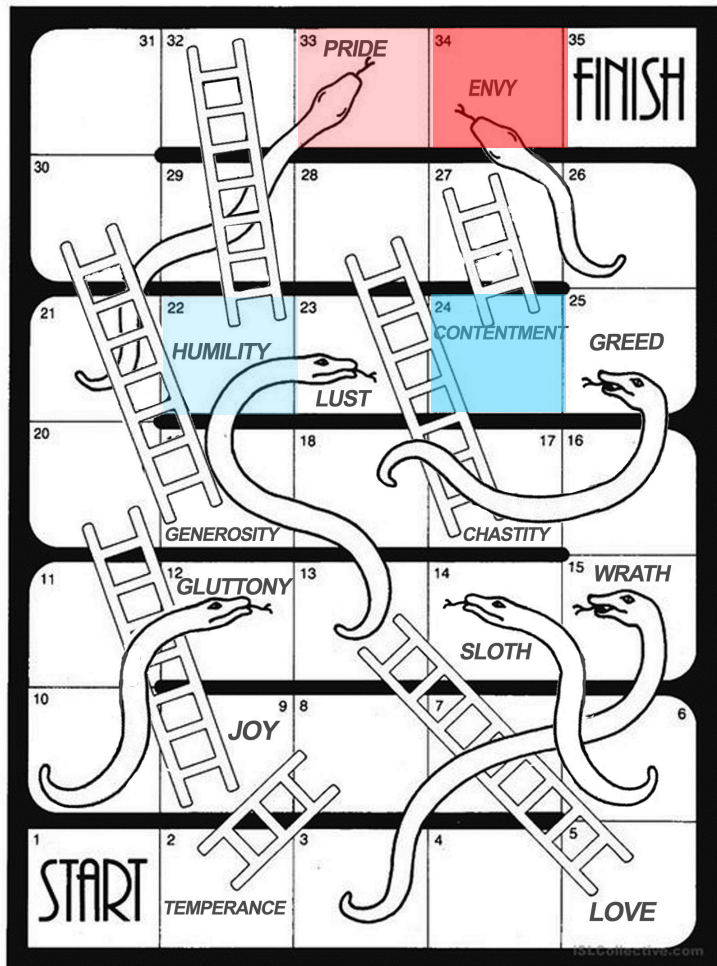


Snakes and Ladders

A worshipful study of "the seven deadly sins" and "the seven holy virtues"

Envy has been called "the ulcer of the soul" in that all that envy does is fester in us and take joy away. Envy strips us of our ability to love because envy's love results only in bitterness due to what we don't have. **Contentment**, however, is a form of gratitude and appreciation. If envy is feeling bitter about what one doesn't have and blaming God for it, then contentment is appreciating what one does have, and thanking God for it.



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Kaleigh Guhr, Jayley Schmidt, Cynthia Goerzen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Venita Schroeder

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather this morning to worship you, O God,
and yet our attention is drawn elsewhere.

**Many: We seek your face, your presence, and your comfort,
even though we think about those things that are missing.**

One: We gather together to worship,
distracted as we may be.

**Many: In this time of worship,
settle our spirits and guide us nearer to you.**

**All: As we worship you,
lead us from envy to contentment. Amen.**

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN "For the beauty of the earth" ~vs. 1-4 No. 89

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

DISORIENTED LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 73: 1-14, 16* Rebecca Stiles
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION "Envy" Pastor Katherine Goerzen

ORIENTING TOWARDS GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE *Psalm 65: 4*

WORSHIP MUSIC "Rainbow" Kaleigh Guhr

CHILDREN'S STORY Kara Swartzendruber

CONGREGATIONAL SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

HYMN "Open my eyes, Lord" No. 65 SS

EXTENDING GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 73: 21-28* Eric Litwiller
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION "Contentment" Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "My Shepherd will supply my need" No. 589

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kenton and Eunice Nickel and family and Steve and Bonnie Janzen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

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 Eunice Nickel.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

11:00 a.m.—Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda.

This Week

Mon. July 15: Tabor Mennonite Women at MCC Center, N. Newton.

Tues. July 16: 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting.

11:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Community Day Camp at Tabor.

Wed. July 17: 11:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Community Day Camp at Alexanderwohl

5:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Thurs. July 18: 10:00 a.m.—Coffee Hour

11:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Community Day Camp at Goessel.

Next Sunday, July 21

9:30 a.m.—We continue the worship series on the seven deadly sins and seven holy virtues focusing on Greed/Generosity. Scriptures for reflection will include Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 13:1-13; Luke 12:13-21, 15:11-32; I Kings 21; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Matthew 6:19-34 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on July 7.

- ★ Some of the people who attended the Mennonite Convention in Kansas City shared some of the highlights and God-sightings from their experience. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Pastor Rosie Jantz shared that Helen Schmidt passed away on July 2. A memorial service took place at Tabor, yesterday, July 13. Lord, hear our prayer for all who grieve her loss and remember her life. Thanks be to God for Helen's life and for the many ways she blessed those who knew her!

- ★ Keith Banman shared his appreciation for all who helped out following the flooding in Keith's Foods. Thanks be to God for the ways that the community surrounds those in difficult circumstances! Lord, hear our prayer for all who continue to suffer due to the heavy rains.
- ★ Denise Nickel also requested prayers for all who will be participating in the Goessel Community Day Camp. Thanks be to God for this wonderful opportunity, for the children who will attend, and for all who have worked and dreamed and prayed to make this possible!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Summer Day Camp, which continues this week. Pray for another week of joy as children come together to learn, eat and play together. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Tabor children who were at Camp Mennoscah July 11-13. Jill Brandt will serve as camp nurse the week of July 14.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.

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Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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