

Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 43



Healing: Loss

Today, we continue our worship series centered on the theme of Healing. This morning, our focus will be on pursuing healing amidst loss and grief. After the sermon, everyone will have opportunity to write the names of loved ones who have died on a paper leaf to place on the tree at the front of the sanctuary. Pastors will be available at the front of the sanctuary after the worship service for prayer and/or anointing.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Adult Worship Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Rosie Jantz

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 199 SS

*GATHERING HYMN “*God of our strength*” No. 36
accompanist, Michelle Unruh

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE “*He leadeth me*” No. 599

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “*Trading my sorrows*” -Darrell Evans

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN’S STORY “*I Miss You*” Pastor Phil Schmidt

ANTHEM “*Steadfast*” -Craig Courtney Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE READING *John 11: 17-37* Diana Schmidt
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON “*Jesus Wept*” Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*RESPONSIVE ACTION “*Fallen Leaves*”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “*When Jesus the healer*” No. 44 SS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

*SENDING HYMN “*Bless’d be the tie that binds*” -vs. 1,4,5,6 No. 421

*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 Anthony and Kara Swartzendruber and family and Elton and Denise Nickel. *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 Eric Litwiller.

Pastor Katherine has completed her sabbatical and is taking a personal weekend. She will return to the office on Tuesday.

The flowers this morning are shared by the family of Paul Graber.

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

5:30 p.m.—The Bethesda Pillars Banquet, Tabor Church Fellowship Hall.

This Week

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m.—Staff meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5:15 p.m.—Wed. Evening Activities.

5:15 - Guitar Lessons	6:30 - Classes
5:20 - Faithful Fitness	7:00 - Youth Group
5:45 - 6:30 Supper	7:30 - Adult Choir
6:15 - Opening Music	

Thursday, Nov. 7, 12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.—Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

Next Sunday, November 10

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday, we welcome several guests from Bethel College as we continue our healing worship series. The Men’s a cappella group, Open Road, will provide special music throughout the service, Robert Milliman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, will be our guest preacher, and Luke Unruh will share a Faith Testimony. Scripture for reflection will be James 5:7-11.

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

Dates to Remember:

November 6-12: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

November 10: Goessel Community Thanksgiving

November 12: Basement Remodel Meeting

November 17: Junior High Fundraiser Meal, Tabor Congregational Meeting

November 21: Stories & Stuff

December 1: First Sunday of Advent, Trading Post

December 8: Trading Post, Parsonage Open House

Christmas Brass at Alexanderwohl

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on October 27

- ★ Evie shared a faith testimony related to her time of living at Bethesda Home over these past 10 years. Thanks be to God for Evie's healing journey, and thanks be to God for the many ways that Bethesda Home has ministered to Evie and to many others over many years!
- ★ Carol Duerksen shared that Paul Graber went to his eternal home with God. Lord, hear our continued prayers for Paul's family as they grieve and remember in this time of transition. Thanks be to God for Paul's life well lived and that he is safe in God's embrace.
- ★ Carol Duerksen requested prayer for Jo-Ann Schmidt and family as they grieve the death of Jo-Ann's mother, Lavina Enns, who passed away on Friday, October 25. Lord, hear our prayer for God's comfort and peace. And, thanks be to God that Lavina's battle with Alzheimers has come to an end and that she is safe in God's embrace.
- ★ Cory requested prayers for his friend who had colon surgery, followed by another two surgeries this past month. Lord, hear our prayer for God's healing presence to be with Bill and for strength to be with his family.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilt is with Norma Graber and family. The children's quilt is home.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The ministries of Bethesda Home and the opportunity we have to host the Pillars Banquet this evening. Thanks be to God!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
October 27, 2019			
Offering	= \$15,469.46	Attendance	= 171
Adult F.F.	= \$ 45.00	Attendance	= 48
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 13.50	Attendance	= 41

Budget Update:

2019 Budget: \$276,571

Giving to Date: \$234,394

4 giving Sundays remain

Needed per Sunday to meet budget: \$ 10,544

Sermon Notes



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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