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# What is the Purpose of the Church? Shepherd

Today as we gather we give thanks and praise to the Good Shepherd who continues to provide and care for us. We also give thanks for the shepherds in our midst who model God's goodness and mercy, and remind us of God's compassionate presence.

### **GATHERING AND PRAISING**

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luke Unruh

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Ephesians 4

\*GATHERING HYMN "Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us" No. 352

\*GATHERING PRAYER

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

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### **PROCLAIMING**

WORSHIP MUSIC Viola Schmidt

CHILDREN'S STORY Jim Graber

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-21 Diane Unruh

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

SERMON "Developing and Deepening Relationships" Pastor Rosie Jantz

### RESPONDING AND SENDING

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" No. 355

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

\*SENDING HYMN "He leadeth me" No. 599

\*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 Elton and Denise Nickel and Archie and Kristin Schmidt. *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 Carrie and Lewis Unruh.

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

**Noon**—MCC Fellowship Meal in the Hospitality Hall, \$20 suggested donation.

### This Week

**Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting **7:00 p.m.**—Deacon meeting

# Wednesday, Feb. 19—Wednesday Evening Activities

5:15 - Guitar Lessons 6:30 - Classes

5:20 - Faithful Fitness - Adult Bible Study 5:45 - 6:30 Supper 7:00 - Youth Group 6:15 - Opening Music 7:30 - Adult Choir

Thursday, Feb. 20, 10:00 a.m.—Stories & Stuff. Everyone welcome. Newsletter items are due.

# Next Sunday, February 23

**9:30 a.m.**— Next Sunday is Youth Sunday. The text will be 1 Timothy 4:12. Elizabeth Alderfer and Porclein Unruh will be preaching.

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

**12:00 p.m.**—Fundraiser meal served by TMYF for their Summer Service Trip. All are welcome! Thank you for your support and prayers!

**7:00 p.m.**—Hesston/Bethel Concert Choir at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

### **Dates to Remember:**

February 26: Ash Wednesday
March 1: First Sunday of Lond

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Camp Tawakoni Fundraiser

Camp Mennoscah Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction

March 2-4: Comforter Blitz at Yoder

March 12: WDC Women's Spring Salad Supper

March 13: Museum Heritage Dinner at Tabor

## **Prayer Requests**

The following prayer requests were shared on February 9

- ★ Pastor Phil gave thanks for Kathryn and Dan Smith Derksen, for their ministry in South Africa and for their sharing during the worship service. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Brenda shared a challenge to continue looking for opportunities to practice gratitude in our everyday lives. Lord, hear our prayer.

# Remember to Pray for:

- ★ All who are dealing with illness or pain or recovering from surgery. All who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ For the world, for those in positions of power and authority and for all who do justice and love mercy. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilt with Wilma Schmidt. The children's quilt is with Marshall Smith.

### Remember to Praise God for:

★ The many and varied ways in which we all are called to be Apostles, Evangelists, Shepherds, Prophets and Teachers. May we seek opportunities to carry out the mission of the church and further the Kingdom of God. Lord, hear our prayer, and thanks be to God!

#### Thanks

Tabor Church Family, thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits after my recent fall. They were very much appreciated. ~Wilma Schmidt

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE February 9, 2020						
Offering	=	\$	2,050.31	Attendance	=	141
Adult F.F.	=	\$	18.00	Attendance	=	54
Jr. F.F.	=	\$	8.80	Attendance	=	28

### **Notes**



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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