

#### **Sunday Worship Themes**

June 6 - VBS Kickoff Luke 24:28-35 Pastor Katherine Preaching

June 13 - VBS Celebration Service: Come to the Table! VBS Participants

June 20 -Philippians 1:1-26

Pastor Katherine Preaching

June 27 -

Philippians 1:27-30 Pastor Luke Preaching



## **Tabor Church News**

June, 2021

Summer Worship Series

Hello Tabor Church Family,

Worship Council has decided to focus on JOY for our summer worship series! Worship during June, July, and early August will focus around the book of Philippians, and is adapted from worship materials from the *Leader* Magazine.

This is from the series introduction: "When every moment is saturated with stress, anxiety, worry, or despair, how do we cultivate joy?

This series explores the book of Philippians – Paul's epistle of joy. Shackled in prison, possibly facing execution for his belief that Jesus is Lord and Caesar is not, the apostle Paul experiences a remarkable joy despite his dire circumstances. ...

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In this conversation with Paul and the early Christians in Philippi, we may find that the joy of following Jesus reshapes our lives."

During this series on joy, we are looking forward to hearing from a number of different people, including new members, as well as those who attend Camp (412, Mennoscah, Rocky Mountain, etc.), MCUSA Convention, and the Mennonite Relief Sale. We're also hoping to have children and youth read Scripture for this series, so if anyone is interested in reading Scripture or sharing during worship, please let me know!

I leave you with Paul's words to the believers in Philippi, which express well my own prayers and gratitude for each of you:

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 1:2-6

~Pastor Katherine





Parent and Child Dedication May 9, 2021



Josh, Mattison and Copeland Booth



Michael, Lina and Heath Unruh

#### Care and Cats

A couple of months ago, my family acquired 5 kittens to help with a mice problem that we were having in our barn. These kittens were meant to stay outside, which probably leaves them wondering why Zoe, our little corgi, can come inside but they have to stay outside. They have tried sneaking in a time or two, so we have to be careful when entering and exiting the house. While we have yet to name them, we have grown closer and started to learn a bit more about each one. The black kitten is very friendly, the yellow kitten with the white nose is very curious, and they all are very playful. I often find them in wrestling matches when I walk outside!

As I think about each kitten, I notice the growth that they have had since we got them. I also think about the way God created each one and knows its personality and patterns. God created cats to be playful with one another and cares for each one. In fact, God cares for ALL of creation. Psalm 65 and 104 express this in clear and abundant imagery. I encourage you all to read these Psalms, as they show God's love for creation and the little details that we often take for granted.

God cares for creation, which includes us as well. The Lord knows the amount of hairs upon our heads (Matt. 10:30). God knows us and cares for us. How can we bring this same energy and passion to caring for our neighbors around us? What actions can we take to show another person we love them? We could bring them a meal, give them a chat on the phone, or check up on them when we see them. There are many other ways to express our care and appreciation for our neighbors. I challenge all of you to show care for others this month. We can never have too much!

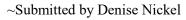
Blessings, Pastor Luke

#### **Tabor Mennonite Women**

Tabor Mennonite Women took a rest during COVID. After having a successful event in early 2020 where we tied quilts for MCC with more grand ideas of tying 100 or more quilts for MCC throughout the year.... plans came to a stop like so many other events because of COVID-19. Although we couldn't meet for our annual Christmas breakfast, we did however, meet by zoom with Pastor Dianne Schmidt as the speaker. She shared the topic of the "Genealogy of Jesus" which was very informative and fascinating. Thanks to former Pastor Phil for his technology expertise in helping us make this happen.

On Thursday, May 20, TMW had it's 2<sup>nd</sup> event during the COVID season. Although it looked different since we stayed at church instead of traveling to other locations, 36 women came for our annual Mystery evening. It was an evening of creativity! Kathy Schroeder shared her love of art through Corinthians 12...there are many Gifts! We made journals and were reminded

of all the gifts that God has given us. Wilma Schmidt and her daughter, Elizabeth, shared their gifts through the book "Circle of the Seasons" which they illustrated with quilted wall hangings. A special treat was meeting Laurel Gugler, the author of the book. The event ended with dessert catered by MOJOS and a social which we hadn't been able to experience in a long time.







#### Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

## July 2 and 3, 2021 Fairgrounds in Hutchinson

MCC's income has really been curtailed during this past year of Covid because most MCC Sales throughout America and Canada have been canceled or reduced to some sort of online event. PLUS the fact that also due to Covid the need around the world is even greater.

The KS MCC Sale Board is excited that we will be able to host the KS MCC Sale again this summer. We think that we can host a safe event for everyone by moving the event to July. There will be some modifications and precautions taken due to July warmer weather as well as Covid concerns. Most of those changes will effect ethnic food options. No New Years Cookies, due to hot temps expected in the cooking trailers. The Feeding of the Multitude will be a Box Lunch with 3 verenika and 2 sausage. Most other Food options from the past will still be available.

MOST IMPORTANT: We host this Annual event to generate money so MCC can help those around the world who are starving due to war and famine. This event is the Best way for you and your family (children included) to help with this need. NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL. MCC has always operated by MANY people doing something which translates to a miracle for those in need.

There are MANY ways to get involved. Make something to be sold at the sale; donate new or like new items that can be sold at the sale; place pre-sale expense money in Jerry & Leann Toews mail box at the church; volunteer on sale days; run the 5K and raise money; make baked goods such as zweibach and pies; come up with your own way of raising money for the event.

Be a part of one of the MOST FUN events of the year, July 2 and 3. We encourage Faith Formation classes to think of ways to help.

Check out the website: kansas.mccsale.org

**Tabor Church Contacts:** 

Jerry and Leann Toews, Kristin Schmidt, Eric Litwiller



Newton Et Cetera Shop thanks you for shopping, donating and volunteering at our community thrift shop! We've been able to send over \$10,000 to Mennonite Central Committee so far this year, and have set aside over \$1,000 for 2022 Local Giving Grants, as well as supporting our local nonprofit partners with gift cards for those in need. Thank you for making this possible! We also request your help letting folks know about three open positions at the shop: two full-time management positions and one part-time summer receiver position. More information is at <a href="newtonetceterashop.com">newtonetceterashop.com</a> and on Indeed.com. Newton Et Cetera shop is an equal opportunity employer, committed to employment equity. Newton Et Cetera Shop values diversity and invites all qualified candidates to apply. Thanks again from the Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors and staff!

#### Graduate Recognition Sunday May 23, 2021



Michael Unruh Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary



Reece Hiebert Washburn University School of Law



Joshua Schmidt Kansas State University

Not Pictured: Olivia Duerksen ~ Tabor College Dawson Duerksen ~ Goessel High School

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## TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

		1 9am Staff Mtg 7pm Church Council	2	3	4	5 11am Rose Voth Memorial Service
6 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	7 7pm Men's Bible Study	8 Vacatio	on Bible School 9 - 11	10 :45am	11	12
13 10 am: VBS Celebration Noon: Catered Picnic in the Church Park	14 7pm Men's Bible Study	15 9am Staff Mtg 7:30pm Deacons Meeting	16	17 <sub>Newsletter</sub> Items Due	18	19
20 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF Summer FF Schedule Begins	21 7pm Men's Bible Study	22 9am Staff Mtg	23	24	25	26
27 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	28 7pm Men's Bible Study	29 9am Staff Mtg	30 Bulletin	ı announcements are	due 8am Thursday n	nornings.



Nancy Schroeder
18 - Debbie Schrag
19 - Susan Duerksen
21 - Bonnie Heinrichs
22 - Russ Abrahams
Thelma Goerzen
23 - Justin Sommerfeld
24 - Kristin Unruh
Alexis Schmidt
25 - Esley Schmidt
David Johnson (Jr)
27 - Deloris Schmidt
28 - Lewis Unruh
29 - Rusten Schroeder
Heidi Goerzen
30 - April Johnson



Justin & Melisa Sommerfeld	June 1,	2 yrs.
Bill & Nada Voth	June 2,	50 yrs.
Nathan & Brandy Ashley	June 2,	20 yrs.
Thurman & Marcene Entz	June 3,	34 yrs.
Duane & Janna Duerksen	June 3,	26 yrs.
Kenton & Eunice Nickel	June 3,	15 yrs.
Bruce & Nancy Funk	June 4,	43 yrs.
Hayden & Heidi Goerzen	June 4,	5 yrs.
Eric & Jill Litwiller	June 6,	6 yrs.
Kevin & Yvette Nickel	June 13,	18 yrs.
Dylan & Lindsey Buller	June 13,	12 yrs.
Peter & Katherine Goerzen	June 16,	14 yrs.
Fred & Diane Unruh	June 18,	33 yrs.
Elton & Denise Nickel	June 21,	47 yrs.
Duane & Shelby Unruh	June 23,	9 yrs.
Chris & Cindy Gaddis	June 26,	11 yrs.
Mark & Carrie Smith	June 27,	6 yrs.
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