

## Sunday Worship Themes

April 3 - Lent 5: Seeking God's Ways From Scarcity to Abundance John 12:1-8; Philippians 3:4b-14; Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126 Pastor Luke preaching

April 10 - Palm Sunday:
Seeking God's Ways
From Power Over to Power With
MCC Sale Reporting
Luke 19:28-40;
Philippians 2:5-11;
Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16
Pastor Katherine preaching

**April 15 - Maundy Thursday** Meal and Service

April 17 - Easter Sunday:

From Certainty to Openness

John 20:1-18; Isaiah 65:17-25;

I Corinthians 15:19-26;

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Pastor Katherine preaching

April 24 - Holy Humor Sunday
Text: TBD
Marcene Entz and Karen Andres
presenting



# **Tabor Church News**

**April**, 2022

#### Thank You

Wow. One year seems to have come and gone so quickly. When I look back to when I first started here at Tabor, I see a lot of uncertainty and nervousness in myself. I was very nervous to begin last April because I had no idea what a pastor did everyday. I was quickly introduced to what the life of a pastor looked like: many evening meetings, many emails, preparation for sermons and Wed evenings, but most importantly, spending time visiting and walking



with people. Visitation is one of my favorite parts of pastoring and I will miss visiting with you all. The church is made up of people and I am grateful and honored to have been able to visit with you and get to know you better.

I am so very grateful for the deacons reaching out to me about this position as Interim Supply Pastor. I had debated for a while if ministry is what I wanted to do, as I had heard it from a number of people who saw that I had a gift. The deacons took a leap of faith by calling me and I am honored that they did. I came into this ministry role thinking that I would be helping Tabor, but I think that Tabor has also helped me grow more as a pastor than I could have imagined possible. This year has been an amazing time for growth and I have appreciated your sincerity as I have interacted with all of you during my time here.

Tabor has been the most supportive and affirming congregation for me to begin my ministry. I have been showered with affirmation from everyone and am honored to be given an opportunity to be your pastor. I was told the other day that one way the Holy Spirit is shown is through the affirmation of others. This has been the case for the past 12 months. I have been loved, cared for, affirmed, and uplifted by this congregation. While I was only pastor for a year, Tabor has been home for the past 23 years. Tabor Mennonite Church is an amazing congregation where God is loved and the Holy Spirit flows abundantly. Praise be to God for Tabor and the forever impact it has left on me!

Thank you, and I wish you all blessings in the days, months, and years to come. "The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace" (Num 6:24-26).

With much love, Pastor Luke

# Pastoral Search Committee Congregational Update

The Committee would like to share an update about where we are in the process of finding a new pastor for our congregation!

A number of applications have been received, and those have been reviewed by each Committee member individually and together as a group. It has been exciting to learn about each candidate as we consider how their gifts and priorities might fit into our congregation. We are now contacting references, in order to learn more about the candidates.

We want to again say how grateful we are for all of you who filled out the MC USA Congregational and Pastoral Priorities survey in January, which gave us an indication of what our church is looking for in a pastor. Pastoral candidates also fill out the same survey, so as we review applications, we can see how a candidate's ministry priorities compare to Tabor's priorities.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for the Pastor Search Committee!

-- The Pastoral Search Committee

REPORTING PROGRESS TO THE CONGREGATION CONCERNING OUR SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR
1. We have appointed a search committee. They are: Eunice Nickel, Reece Hiebert (Co-chairs); Nancy Funk (Secretary), Larry Goerzen, Sheri Schmidt, Lewis Unruh, Pastor Katherine Goerzen.
X 2. The search committee has met with our area conference minister/representative.
X 3. We are gathering information and developing a description of our congregation.
4. The search committee is considering potential candidates.
5. The search committee has identified possible candidates and will conduct interviews.
6. One candidate is being selected to recommend to the congregation for our pastoral opening.
7. This candidate,, will visit the congregation and community on
8. The congregation will vote on the recommended candidate on
9. We will celebrate with the installation of our new pastor on

## Comforters for MCC

The Tabor Mennonite Women met Saturday afternoon, March 12 to tie comforters. We had 22 women and girls come to tie seven comforters, with two of them going to the MCC Relief Sale. It was great to be together again after two years, and nice to have so many young girls join us.





