



Sunday Worship Themes

May 1 - God's Grace to Us

John 20:19-23

Pastor Katherine Preaching

May 8 - Grace for Ourselves

Luke 10:38-42

Pastor Katherine Preaching

May 15 - Grace in Times of Disagreement

John 8:1-11

Pastor Katherine Preaching

May 22 - Grace to and from Others

Acts 9:1-19

Peter Goerzen Preaching

May 29 - Healing

(Memorial Day Weekend)

John 4:43-54; John 5:1-5

Nathan Ashley Preaching

Tabor Church News

May, 2022

Worshiping in Grace

Dear Tabor Church Family,

For most of the month of May, Worship Council is planning a series on "Grace." Specific themes will speak to God's grace to us; grace for ourselves; grace in times of disagreement; and giving and receiving grace from others. God's amazing grace is a prevalent theme throughout the Scriptures, and because God has shown such abundant and over-flowing grace to us, we are empowered to respond in kind by offering grace to ourselves, to others, and within a broken and hurting world.

Speaking of abundant grace, in this first month since Pastor Luke's departure, I have especially appreciated the grace that you as a congregation have shown to me as I strive to do the work of ministry that three pastors were once sharing.

I deeply appreciate your understanding and encouragement in this time of transition. Thank you so much for your support: through leading in worship, through nurturing the faith of others, through all the work that goes into making our church facility a beautiful and hospitable place, through the care you show one another, through prayers for our congregation, and much more! Thank you for all of the ways that you are joining in the good work that God is doing within and through Tabor Mennonite Church!

... God has shown such abundant and over-flowing grace to us.

May the Holy Spirit continue to open our hearts to receive God's abundant grace, that it may flow through us, offering healing and hope to everyone around us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Katherine



The Grace
of God is
with you!

TMW Mystery Supper

Tabor Mennonite Women met on Monday, April 11 at the church to carpool to a mystery location, Three Sisters in Canton. Thirty five women were welcomed by Ilona Abrahams who gave a short meditation and prayer. We enjoyed a delicious meal. After the meal owner of Three Sisters, Cheryl Everhart, gave a short history of her shop. We enjoyed visiting, browsing and shopping.

-Sharon Unruh, reporting



A View of April



Pastor Luke's last Sunday



Mennonite Relief Sale



Easter Breakfast



Holy Humor Sunday



Pine Car Derby



Memorial Services

- ✞ Alexanderwohl Mennonite Cemetery ~ Sunday, May 29, 11:45 a.m.
- ✞ Goessel Cemetery ~ No Service
- ✞ Tabor Mennonite Cemetery ~ Monday, May 30, 10:00 a.m.

In Loving Memory

- David Schmidt ~ September 10, 1943 - June 22, 2021
- Wilma Schmidt ~ August 20, 1929 - June 31, 2021
- Mary Jane Janzen ~ September 20, 1938 - December 14, 2021
- Willis (Bill) Voth ~ September 20, 1928 - December 27, 2021
- Kent Jantz ~ December 19, 1953 - January 12, 2022

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!

If you are following our progress checklist on the bulletin board, you will see that we have checked another box! Plans are being made to conduct interviews with pastoral candidates in May. The overarching goal will be to discern whether our congregation and a pastoral candidate have sufficiently common expectations, commitment, values and theologies, etc. Interview questions will focus on the following areas:

1. Basic Christian Commitment (basic theology)
2. Anabaptist/Mennonite Faith and Commitment (spiritual home with this faith heritage)
3. Authority and Interpretation of Scriptures (how does the candidate see and use the Bible?)
4. Basic Competence (skills and energy)
5. The Person of the Pastor (quality of the person, self esteem, care for others, humility and relationship to God)
6. Ministerial Tasks and Roles (how the candidate understands/embraces the complex functions and roles of the office of ministry)

Thank you so much for your prayers for the Pastoral Search Committee as we do this holy work!

--The Pastoral Search Committee



Recognizing Our Graduates

Goessel Middle School

Derek Goerzen
Trevor Schmidt

Hesston Middle School

Isaac Swartzendruber

Goessel High School Exchange Student

Sophie Rebitzer

A Note from Sophie

Well, how do I start? These 10 months were probably the best ones ever. I never could have imagined that living on the other side of the world from one day to another would be so wonderful. So what is the best thing here in the U.S.? Well guys, we're in Kansas, so I would assume it's not the landscape that is breathtaking. But you know what is? You guys! People I've never seen before not just accepting me but welcoming me, knowing my name and being interested in me. Of course it takes time to feel at home somewhere, but it's a lot easier with a community like Goessel.

I have to be honest, church was not my favorite thing to do on a Sunday morning. I didn't grow up religious, so Sunday morning meant sleeping in. But, apparently, things are different here in Kansas, so here I am. Besides the fact that I'm not an early bird, I really enjoyed the meals together and Wednesday night church. I thank you a lot for welcoming me in your Tabor church community for this year – please stay that way! 😊

Thanks!

~ Sophie

From Sophie Rebitzer (German Exchange Student of Carol and Maynard)

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.
- ☒ 2. The search committee has met with our area conference minister/representative.
- ☒ 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 _____.



TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

1 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF Table Talks 11:45am TMYF Fundraiser	2	3 9am Staff Mtg. 7pm Church Council	4	5	6	7 8am - Noon Spring Work Day
				Serve @ New Hope Shelter		
8 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF 4pm Chapel @ Bethesda	9 5:30pm Faithful Fitness	10 9am Staff Mtg.	11	12	13	14 4pm GHS Graduation
15 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	16 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	17 9am Staff Mtg.	18 7:30 pm Deacon Meeting	19 Newsletter Items Due	20	21
22 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF 5-7pm Bethesda Fundraiser White Owl Barn	23 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	24 9am Staff Mtg. 7pm Christian Ed. Mtg.	25	26	27	28
					Jr. High Camp 412 MC USA Special Delegate Session	
29 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	30 10am Memorial Service @ Cemetery 7pm Men's Bible Study	31 9am Staff Mtg.	June 1: 6pm TMW Salad Supper			
				Bulletin announcements are due 8am Thursday mornings.		



1 - Nathan Goerzen	17 - DJ (Darren) Schmidt
3 - Karina Brandt	Royce Flaming
Andrew Banman	21 - Kaylynn Smith
4 - Tristan Francis	23 - Elmer Voth
5 - Eva Schmidt	Olivia Duerksen
6 - Carrie Smith	24 - Janessa Wedel
Melody Hall	25 - Asaf Blubshtein
7 - Kim Funk	26 - Chuck Goertzen
Lester Voth	Maynard Knepp
Michael (Lina) Unruh	Rene Kaufman
Jill Litwiller	28 - Jeff Schmidt
8 - Kurtis Duerksen	29 - Les Goerzen
9 - Sarah Shorthill Schmidt	Eliza Unruh
14 - Mike Hiebert	31 - Cindy Jantzen
15 - Jake Schrag	
16 - Cynthia Goerzen	
Fred Unruh	

Brad & Sara Hiebert	May 3,	19 yrs.
Russ & Barb Abrahams	May 5,	50 yrs.
Mike & Jodi Unruh	May 21,	39 yrs.
Kyle & Mandy Funk	May 22,	12 yrs.
Richard & Lynette Johnston	May 25,	37 yrs.
Mark & Patty Seibel	May 25,	32 yrs.
Jeremy & Emily Newhouse	May 25,	15 yrs.
Shane & Letha Buller	May 28,	21 yrs.
Jerry & Leann Toews	May 29,	51 yrs.
Carol Duerksen & Maynard Knepp	May 30,	41 yrs.
Paul & Misty Goerzen	May 30,	24 yrs.
Rodney & Ilona Abrahams	May 31,	48 yrs.
Brandon & Kristi Unruh	May 31,	25 yrs.
Monica Voth & Asaf Blubshtein	May 31,	4 yrs.