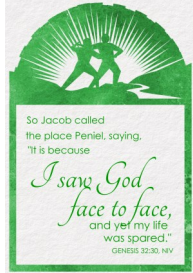


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JACOB WRESTLES GOD

This morning we are exploring the story of the night Jacob tenaciously wrestled on the banks of the Jabbok prior to returning home and meeting his brother Esau. This story from Genesis reminds us of God's presence even when we feel most alone and are wrestling with the things of our lives.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bruce Funk

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*GATHERING HYMN "God Is Here Among Us" No. 62

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Fount" No. 563

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Carol Duerksen, Doris Unruh, and Hannah Adrian

GIVING BIBLES TO OUR SECOND GRADERS

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 32:9-13; 22-30 Jim Schmidt
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

HYMN OF RESPONSE "I Sought the Lord" No. 161

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
Christian Education Blessing

*SENDING HYMN "Take Thou My Hand" No. 631

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, September 24

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Elton and Denise Nickel. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

https://youtube.com/live/5vl8uPe_QfQ?feature=share

10:45 am: Faith Formation for Everyone.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, September 25, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, September 26, 9:00 am - Staff meeting

Wed, September 27, 1:30 pm - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall
5:45 pm - Wednesday Evening Kickoff in the Church Park. (see announcement)
7:00 pm—Women & Girls' Chorus Practice

Next Sunday, October 1

9:30 am: Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Jeff Wintermote will be preaching on "Taste and See." In preparation please read the following scriptures this week: Psalm 8, Psalm 34, and Matthew 26:17-30. We will join in celebrating Communion with our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Upcoming:

August 14-October 15 - Pastor Katherine on Sabbatical

September 24 - Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off

September 27 - Wednesday Evening Kickoff

October 4 - Wednesday Evening Meal, Classes, and Choir begin

October 14 - Bethel College Fall Festival

October 15 –1:30 pm - 2023 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

October 22—Community Jr-Hi Event

October 30—Tabor Mennonite Women Program

November 2 - Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

November 5 - Bethesda Pillar's Banquet

Prayer Requests

- ★ Our Sunday morning and our Wednesday Evening teachers and helpers and all of the children who are attending.
- ★ Pastor Katherine during her sabbatical time. We invite God's presence to be with her and we look forward to her return on October 16th.
- ★ Western District Conference: We are called as Jesus's followers to share our experience as God's people and the transformative work of the gospel of Jesus in our lives. We pray for church plants and congregations exploring partnerships to do missions together in Western District Conference. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for a couple who has spent decades ministering in the Middle East, where they are part of a media team that works at "transforming lives with unstoppable hope." Pray for them and the 16 full-time animators; multiple trainers, who help people share the good news with their neighbors; and a social media team of three Arabic women, who address issues like human trafficking and child brides.

Congregational Announcements

Everyone is welcome to join the Wednesday evening kick off on Sept. 27. Supper in the park at 5:45 p.m. Please bring your roasting sticks for hot dogs and s'mores. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for Wednesday evening meals in helping us in meal preparation. Indicate if you have a special diet need. Denise, Kris and Rosie

The Women's Chorus will be singing on October 1. Rehearsal will be September 27 at 7:00 p.m. This opportunity is for all women. Anyone 4th grade and above is encouraged to participate. We'll have a great time together, so come join the fun! Questions can be directed to Marcene Entz.

The Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on **Sunday, October 15 at 1:30 p.m.** Pick up a Walk envelope today or find someone who is walking and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's global projects. Walkers are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on Walk day. Please make checks payable to "Harvest Giving Walk."

Tabor Trading Post will again be opening up for the holiday season! This gives a longer notice for those of you who are crafters who want to participate. Keep watching as more information becomes available!

Sunday Morning Faith Formation Help: We are still needing a second teacher for Jr. High and a helper every other month for high school. Please consider these positions and sign up.

Wednesday Evening Help: We are still needing a teacher and a helper for the K & 1st grade class on Wednesday evenings. This will likely be a class of 4-8 students. We also need a helper for the preschool class and another teacher for the Jr. Hi class. Would you prayerfully consider filling these positions as we get the fall semester started? Please sign up or let the education committee know if you are interested. Thank You!

Help Needed: One person is needed from Tabor to help and be on the organizational committee for the Community Thanksgiving Meal on November 19. Please talk to Pastor Todd if you are willing to help in this role.

Calling all vocalists and instrumentalists! The music committee is looking for volunteers (individuals or groups) to provide Special Music for the worship services during November - February. If you are willing to share your musical gifts for this ministry, contact Carrie Unruh at 620-983-2294 or lewunr@gmail.com.

Food Pantry: The shelves are getting bare! Please consider picking up some groceries for the Tabor Food Pantry. Frozen meat donations are also accepted. Please contact Tabor Church about making meat donations. Additionally, monetary donations are appreciated! Thank you for your generosity!

Conference and Community Announcements

Blood Drive: Blood shortages are making the nationwide news! Let's do our part to donate and help make a difference! Sign up at redcrossblood.org to donate on October 9, between 1:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, September 25, 2023, 7:00 p.m., in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 South Cedar St., Goessel, Kansas.

Railroads have played an important part in the history of our country and even in our families' histories. J. Harvey Koehn, who lives in Andover, Kansas, has done extensive research on Railroad Depots in several local Kansas counties. He will be presenting his findings, including a power point presentation.

The meeting is free and open to the public. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, feel free to invite them. For information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381.)

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, Sept. 28, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to

help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Goessel High School Alumni Choir: There will be a Goessel High School Alumni Choir rehearsal/concert on Saturday, October 7. Alumni of all ages and singing ability are invited to join together with past Goessel choir directors Andrew Voth, Renae Peters, Greg Bontrager, Jerry Toews, and current director Braden Unruh, for an afternoon of singing and reconnecting! All alumni are welcome to sing, including those who had a director prior to Jerry Toews. To sign up to sing in the Alumni Choir, or to ask any questions, please email Braden Unruh at unruhb@usd411.org

BCWA welcomes donations of baked goods for Market-in-the-Round and pies for Pie-by-the-Slice at Fall Festival. Bring homemade fruit pies, poppyseed roll, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, or other treats to room 140 in Luyken Fine Arts Center from **2-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 or 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14**. Questions? Email bcwa@bethelks.edu. All proceeds will benefit Bethel College.

Hesston College: Hesston College Theatre presents *Steel Magnolia* as Thursday, September 28-Sunday, October 1, in the Keim Center Black Box Theater. This comedic-drama focuses keenly on M'Lynn and the push/pull she has with Shelby, her headstrong, loving daughter. When their family experiences a tragedy, it's the friendship of Truvy, Annelle, Clairee and Ouiser that helps M'Lynn embrace the hurt and move forward. More information at hesston.edu/theatre

Bethel College:

—**Tues., Sept. 26** – “Sing My Soul” high school choral festival at Bethel College, Dr. Henry Waters, director, with a short public concert at 1:30 p.m., *Memorial Hall*

—**Thurs., Sept. 28** – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

— **Fri., Sept. 29** – “Bold Color,” acrylic paintings by Virgil Penner, opens in the *Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*

—**Sat., Oct. 7** – “Wild Words: Poetry & Prairie,” with Aubrey Streit Krug, 9:30 a.m., *Kauffman Museum auditorium at Bethel College*.

—**Bethel College's Fall Festival is Oct. 12-15**, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 14, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the musical *The Addams Family* and two different organ performances. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

we—**Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 15, 2 p.m.** – Bethel College music and theater present the musical *The Addams Family* during Fall Festival, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. Ticket purchase required, in Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., online (<https://bethelks.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?depts=3>) or at the door.

—**Sat., Oct. 14, 2:30 p.m.** – Bethel College's Organ Recital Series presents an Alumni Recital, *Ad Building chapel*. Former Bethel organ instructor Shirley Sprunger King will play a duet with Donna Hetrick. Many organists play regularly in local congregations and venues, including Greta Hiebert (Shalom Mennonite Church), Karen Unruh (varied), Chris Shaw (Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita), Rosi Penner Kaufman (Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City) and Chelsea Vaught (Bethesda Mennonite Church, Henderson, Neb.).

—**Call for volunteers – The Bethel College Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help with Taste of Newton and Fall Festival.** Shifts are 1.5-2 hours long and need to be filled on Thursday, Oct. 12, 5-9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Brad Schmidt at 316-285-5252 or bschmidt@bethelks.edu, or use the following online forms: verenike booth, Taste of Newton: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AF22A1FDCF8-verenike3>; burger booth, Fall Fest: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AF22A1FDCF8-burger1>; verenike booth, Fall Fest: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AF22A1FDCF8-verenike2>

Dyck Arboretum of the Plains: The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series opens with Maya DeVitry on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Camp Mennoscah:

—**The Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off event will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Camp Mennoscah!** Come join us for a day of celebration and activities as we initiate our extended season of remembering Camp's past and anticipating Camp's future. See the bulletin board for the schedule for the day. Go to www.campmennoscah.org for more information and to register. You are invited!

—**The dam will be taken out on Sunday, October 8, at 2:30pm** whatever the weather may be, unless deemed dangerous. Meet down by the shelter. Helpers and spectators are welcome. Helping is not for younger ages due to the heavy planks and rushing water, but are welcome to watch the activities. Planks will need to be scraped and pressure-washed once removed. Many hands are welcome!

Mennonite Church USA: Engage with the MC USA Archives and meet the new archives coordinator, Olivia Krall. View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/slide-archives-engage

—In the wake of the U.S. sending cluster bombs to Ukraine, Titus Peachey, who currently serves on the steering committee for the Cluster Munition Coalition, reflects on his experiences dealing with cluster bombs in Laos and calls Mennonites to witness against war makings. Read more of his experiences here: mennoniteusa.org/cluster-bombs-witness

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:

—**Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: Oct. 25 – Nov. 21.** Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this four-week online AMBS short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50. ambs.edu/nationalism

—**Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level AMBS program! Journey supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. The Spring 2024 cohort begins Jan. 26; those who apply by Dec. 6 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

Open to new participants: Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom and will begin again in mid-October. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise: May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church; Whitewater, KS. This is a 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact Pastor Weldon Martens at: weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at www.tourwithweldon.com



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