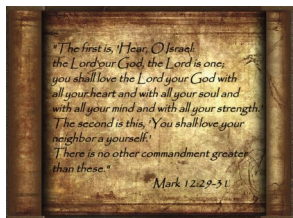


# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### CHRIST AMONG US - THE WAY OF MERCY

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we reflect on Jesus' teaching of the greatest commandment: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. May our worship inspire and empower us to more deeply love God and one another.

## WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Diane Unruh
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Duerksen
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*
- \*GATHERING HYMN "We Sing to You, O God" No. 80
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAYER "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" No. 131
- \*PASSING THE PEACE  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Cory Unruh
- SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 12:28-44* Cleo Koop  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- LENTEN RESPONSE
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE "In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified" No. 754
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*SENDING HYMN "The Love of God" No. 162
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, March 10

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/RYITqCb1kh8?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for everyone.

## This Week

**NOTE CHANGE:** Office hours will be varied this week. Bulletin announcements are due on Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM this week.

- Mon, March 11,** 9:00 am - Faithful Fitness  
9:30 am - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall  
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, March 12** 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
- Wed, March 13,** No Wednesday evening supper or programs

## Next Sunday, March 17

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday of Lent: Christ Among Us, The New Covenant. Pastor Todd will be preaching. Scriptures for reflection will be John 12:20-36 and Jeremiah 31:31-34.

**10:45 am:** Faith formation for everyone.

## Upcoming Dates

- March 25 - 6:30 pm - TMW Project Evening  
March 28 - Coffee Time at Tabor  
- Maundy Thursday Supper & Worship  
March 31 - Easter Sunday  
April 3 - Season Finale Quiz Bowl Event  
April 5 - MHAM Heritage Dinner at Tabor  
April 12-13 - MCC Sale  
April 27 - TMW Mystery Excursion - 8:30 am  
May 24-27 - Camp 412 at Camp Tawakoni for 7th/8th graders  
June 3-7 - VBS Week

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for pastors, worship planners, and musicians in WDC congregations, as they give special attention to shaping the church's journey through the season of Lent and Easter.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia since 1993, is currently on North American Ministry in the United States. Pray that she will be

able to find rest and renewal from the demands of being the only on-site member of a three-person executive director team for JCS International in Mongolia. Pray also for the smooth functioning of the organization in her absence.

## Congregational Announcements

**VBS:** We are making plans for VBS and need your help! It takes a lot of volunteers to make VBS a meaningful week for the children of Tabor and the community. VBS will be the week of June 3-7. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute. Whether you can help for the entire week or only a day or two, we can find a job for you. You can fill out the online form emailed out with the bulletin or talk to Eunice Nickel (620-345-8954) or Kara Swartzendruber (316-308-8452) about helping.

**Catechism:** We will begin a catechism class this spring in preparation for baptism. Please let Pastor Katherine or Pastor Todd know in the next couple weeks if you are interested in being a part of this class.

**TMW:** Tabor Mennonite Women will be making projects to donate to the MCC sale on Monday, March 25, at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Hall. Please bring a snack to share. Join us for fun and fellowship.

**Bethesda** will be having an **MCC Market on Friday, April 12**, to raise funds to benefit MCC. They are looking for donation items to be sold at the market. Please bring your donations to the Life Enrichment Office by Thursday afternoon, April 11, so that items can be priced and displayed Friday morning. Items could include baked goods, arts and crafts, sewing/embroidery projects, small plants, crocheted or knitted items, other home-made items. Items will be available for purchase on Friday, April 12 from 9-12. You are invited to come shop at the MCC Market located in the Chapel at Bethesda.

**Winter Coats Needed:** Please bring any coats to donate to Team Brownsville and put them in the basket by the bulletin board.

**The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible** is a great way to nurture faith in your children and grandchildren. An email was sent out earlier this week with the link to order if interested. Take advantage of special Easter pricing of \$25 now through March 31!

## Community and Conference Announcements

**Everence®** will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on **Thursday, March 21, 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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

Join museum supporters for the **Heritage Dinner, April 5, 6:30 pm, at Tabor Mennonite Church**, after which Mayleen Thiesen Vinson will share an entertaining and insightful portrayal of Fru Schmidt's dilemma—what to pack for her family? Each adult ticket-holder was allowed to pack 27 cubic feet of baggage and freight. Consider that the Schmidts have ten children! Would you have packed a waffle iron, an anvil, or corncobs? Come find out! Tickets are on sale now! Contact the museum by April 1 (620.367.8200 or email [goesselmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:goesselmuseum@gmail.com)) to reserve your tickets for the Low German sausage meal catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Prices are \$75 per person, ages 12 and under are \$15, and first-time attenders are \$40. This event will be recorded, but not live-streamed.

**Senior Coffee at Alexanderwohl:** MCC Central States is coming to Senior Coffee on Friday, March 15! Brocia Mueller and Maynard Knepp will be our special guests. Brocia will tell us about what happens in the MCC Work Room and Maynard may tell us about the warehouse, or his development work, his recent travels or... who knows!? Come join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Alexanderwohl for a slideshow presentation, snacks and fellowship.

**Exploring The Immigration System** The Peace Team at the Alexanderwohl Church will lead four Sunday afternoon sessions beginning on March 3rd in which we will explore and discuss various aspects of immigration and migration. The format of the first three sessions will be to view two 10 to 15-minute videos, each followed by an open discussion. The legal, human, and structural challenges of our national immigration system are complex and frustrating. This series is an attempt to more fully understand what is really happening, in hopes that our attitudes and actions will be most appropriate. Each session will be in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 – 5:30 pm with faspas. All are welcome!

**Want to visit someone in prison?** OVM (Offender/Victim Ministries) has been visiting inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility for 50 years, and we are looking for new volunteers. M-2 is a visitation program for inmates with few outside visits; volunteers are paired with an inmate and visit one evening a month for conversation and encouragement. Apply for M-2 at [www.ovmks.org/m2](http://www.ovmks.org/m2) and mark your calendar for one of the upcoming volunteer trainings: March 18, May 20, or July 15, 12:30-4pm. Contact Kenzie Brister to learn more ([prison@ovmks.org](mailto:prison@ovmks.org) or 316-281-4721).

**MCC: MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

### **Bethel College:**

**-Sun., March 17 & Mon., March 18 – Hartzler Bible Lectures at Bethel College with César Garcia and Sandra Baez;** Sunday-7 pm, Ad Building Chapel; Monday-11 am, Krehbiel Auditorium

**-Thurs., March 21 – Artist talk by Marguerite Perret, 7 p.m.,** Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College

**-Fri., March 22-7:30 pm, Sat., March 23-7:30 pm, Sun., March 24 2:00 pm Spring play at Bethel College, *Rancho Mirage* by Steven Dietz -** Krehbiel Auditorium

### **Hesston College:**

#### **-March 17 - Prairie Window Concert: The Arcadian Wild**

Join Dyck Arboretum March 17 at 4 p.m. to hear The Arcadian Wild. With roots in formal vocal music and influences from progressive bluegrass and folk, The Arcadian Wild offer up songs of invitation; calls to come and see, to find refuge and rest, or to journey and wonder. Crust & Crumb will be serving during intermission. Learn more at [dyckarboretum.org/events](https://dyckarboretum.org/events).

#### **- March 19 - Bel Canto Singers Final Spring Break Tour Concert**

Bel Canto Singers' final concert of the spring break tour will be Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, Kan. The 19-voice mixed chamber choir, under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian and accompanied by Ken Rodgers, will present a program titled "Common Ground." The program is inspired by the composition "On the Common Ground" written by Alice Parker out of concern for the many walls that have appeared to separate society. Audience members may also join via livestream at [hesston.edu/livestream](https://hesston.edu/livestream).

**Kauffman Museum, an affiliate of Bethel College, seeks a full-time Traveling Exhibits Coordinator.** Applicants should be willing to travel to venues across North America, be able to coordinate exhibit scheduling and contracts, possess exceptional interpersonal skills, have mechanical aptitude, be able to work independently and do physical labor, and enjoy working with volunteers at a variety of venues. For the link to a complete job description, see <https://KauffmanMuseum.org/traveling/>

### **Western District Women in Mission: Spring Cleaning at Camp**

**Mennoscah** sponsored by Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am – 4 p.m. Come for part or all of the time. Women, men, kids, youth groups, Sunday school groups are all invited. If children younger than high school attend, they need to be supervised by their parents (no child care or children's activities will be provided). **Projects will include cleaning staff houses, shower houses, cabins, t-shirt inventory, and other jobs.** Dress warm, bring a full water bottle, \$5 to cover the cost of lunch (pizza), and the following cleaning supplies if you have them: rakes, long handled brooms for cobweb reaching. Other cleaning supplies will be provided. **To register send an e-mail by March 18 to [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).** Space is capped at this event to manage the jobs, so don't delay in registering. Thanks!

### **Camp Mennoscah:**

-Registration for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, April 19-21 is open. [Register here!](#)

-Work continues on the Retreat Center project. Volunteers are needed every week day (M-F). Work will start at 9am and end at 5pm. Half days are fine. Bring your own lunch and water bottle, please, and meet at the Retreat Center. Please let us know you are coming so we can be prepared. Contact us at 620-297-3290, 316-293-7313 (text)

or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org). **Thank you to the many volunteers who have already helped!**

**-Registration for 2024 Summer Youth Camps is open!** The theme for the summer is Linked By Love and looks at how God's love teaches us about faith and commitment. [Register online!](#)

**-Scholarship funds are needed for summer youth camps.** Just as facilities are an important part of Camp Mennoscah's ministry, so are campers. There are campers who are unable to come to camp without assistance. Give to the Scholarship Fund or Scholarship Endowment to help more campers learn about Christ while in God's creation. Mark your donation with the fund/endowment you prefer. The Scholarship Endowment will give up to two full scholarships a year, depending on earnings. Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290 for more information.

-Summer Youth Camps take many hands to make them run. Nurses, head cooks, kitchen staff and maintenance volunteers are needed for every week of camp. The summer camps range from 3 to 6 days and begin June 9. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) if you are interested.

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp** is seeking Summer Staff and Volunteers: We welcome short term and long term volunteers. Job roles for volunteers vary and can include kitchen, housekeeping, and maintenance. Please contact camp for more information at [info@rmmc.org](mailto:info@rmmc.org) or 719-687-9506.

**-Colorado Roots Music Camp June 2-8, 2024.** Break out of your routine and be inspired by a variety of styles, first-rate musicians, and the incredible experience of being immersed in acoustic music. Our instructors are some of the top players in the nation, but they were chosen because they're known by peers and students as great instructors for all levels. For more information and registration, visit the camp website at [rmmc.org](https://rmmc.org).

**-Wilderness Camps at Rocky Mountain.** RMMC offers a wilderness experience with a unique blend of destinations and activities. Campers participate in rock climbing and rappelling on Monkey Rock, backpack a few miles to a different destination for each camp week, experience the beauty of remote wilderness areas, play games, set up a campsite and learn skills of camping outside. Our summer theme is "What's the Forecast?", looking to Joshua 1:9 and Matthew 28:20 to learn how can we see God amidst the calm, in the storm, and everything in between! For more information and registration, visit the camp website at [rmmc.org](https://rmmc.org).

**The annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** will be held March 10, 2024, at 2:30 at the Wellness Center at Pine Village in Moundridge, Kansas. "An insiders view of the 100 year celebration of the coming of the Swiss Mennonites to America" is the focus of the presentation given by Frank Stucky, Newton.

**Mennonite Church USA:** In honor of Women's History Month, the MC USA Archives has compiled a Mennonite Women's History timeline. Explore the rich history with this engaging resource: [mennoniteusa.org/women's-history-timeline](http://mennoniteusa.org/women's-history-timeline)

-The Women in Leadership ministry of MC USA is releasing season three of its popular podcast, "Holding It (,) Together." Bonita Rockingham of the Women in Leadership steering committee hosts the podcast, which is created by women for women. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/wil-podcast-season](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/wil-podcast-season)

**AMBS: Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 10 – May 21.** Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online AMBS short course. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 20 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](http://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

**-The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation: June 10–24.** Participants in this pilgrimage will trace the route of the U.S. military's 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This intensive AMBS course can be taken for credit, audit or no credit (trip only). Limit: 15 participants. Sign up by May 1. [ambs.edu/trail-of-death](http://ambs.edu/trail-of-death)

**COMING! Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptism in Zurich + Swiss Alps 9-Day Tour in May 2025.** Tour sites: Lake Geneva, Murren – the Swiss mountain village accessed by cable car, and Mennonite heritage in Bern and the Emmental Valley. On May 29 we will join Anabaptists from around the world in Zurich in worship and celebration of the 500 Year beginning of Anabaptism. Details and registration coming soon. Preview the tour at [www.tourwithweldon.com](http://www.tourwithweldon.com) To join the "Interested List" contact Weldon Martens at [weldon.martens@gmail.com](mailto:weldon.martens@gmail.com) / 402-202-9276.



**KS MCC SALE DATES: April 12 & 13**  
**Get excited and think of ways**  
**YOU can get more involved**  
**in the FUN!**

Website is: [kansas.mccsale.org](http://kansas.mccsale.org)

CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING was \$77.74 from GENEROUS givers.

A few reasons we have MCC Sales in nearly every State and most Canadian Provinces: Most of us will not go to help in war torn and poverty stricken countries where famine and starvation are daily worries, where food and water are not available to everyone, where clothing and blankets are in short supply, where medical aid is not available.

\*We ALL want to help--so we get involved with our MCC Sales to raise money that can be used to alleviate the pain and suffering of those in these desperate situations around the world where MCC has workers.

\$32 buys a pig which generates income in Uganda

\$150 buy a sewing machine for women in Sudan who can earn money that provides food, medicine, clothing and school fees for their children

\$78 buys a bicycle so lead farmers can travel and connect with other farmers teaching better ag practices that MCC teaches

\$15 buy an eco-friendly stove for women in Malawi so they use 60% less firewood; which saves trees and means less time gathering wood

\$15 buys 10 ducklings in Bangladesh so families have meat and eggs

We still need more \$\$ for pre-sale expenses. and a little more for memory work. Make checks out to KMRS and put in Jerry and Leann's box. THANKS. These are SOLID investments.

Kristin and Rene Kaufman are in charge of the **Verenike and Sausage Booth** in the Domestic Arts Building. They are looking to fill 133 volunteer slots! If you love MCC, the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, verenike, sausage, gravy, or spending time with fun people, please consider signing up to work a shift or two! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB2CA5FECE9-47875763-draft#/>

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**  
**March 3, 2024**

Offering = \$ 4,655.00	Attendance = 112
Adult FF = \$ 20.00	Attendance = 27
Jr. FF = \$ 5.75	Attendance = 29

Worship Link Views = 37



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