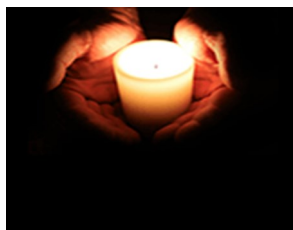


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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT CHRIST AMONG US - THE NEW COVENANT

As we find ourselves a week away from the start of Holy Week we are reminded by the gospel of John that Jesus is the Messiah and through believing we may have life in his name. May Christ's light shine in our lives.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Nathan Ashley
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Jeremiah 31:31-34</i>
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Spirit, Open My Heart"</i> No. 636
*GATHERING PRAYER	
*HYMN OF PRAYER	<i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i> No. 610
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	
CHILDREN'S STORY	Eunice Nickel
WORSHIP MUSIC	Miriam Nickel
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>John 12:20-33</i> <i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i>
SERMON	Pastor Todd Schlosser
LENTEN RESPONSE	
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Longing for Light"</i> No. 715
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Thy Word"</i> No. 398
*BENEDICTION	
*POSTLUDE	

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, March 17

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/iHvZcDzl8Dk?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel.

This Week

Mon, March 18,

9:00 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, March 19

9:00 am - Staff Meeting

7:00 pm - Deacons' Meeting

Wed, March 20,

5:45 - 6:20 pm - Supper - Taco Salad

6:20 - 7:30 pm - Preschool through 5th grade

6:30 - 7:30 pm - Jr. Hi and High School

7:30 pm - Easter Choir Rehearsal (also March 27)

Next Sunday, March 24

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday: Christ Among Us, The Way of a Servant. Pastor Katherine will be preaching. Scriptures for reflection will be Mark 11:1-19 and Psalm 119:1-2, 19-29.

10:45 am: Faith formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for representatives from WDC traveling to attend Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meetings this week, as they join with others from across the church to listen, learn and discern together.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today, youth from northern Indiana are gathering to hear about service options that Mennonite Mission Network is offering them to grow in their spiritual lives and test career directions. Pray for the youth as they plan for their next steps. Pray also for Eric Frey Martin, as he leads the event and as he makes connections in Mennonite high schools and colleges.

Congregational Announcements

Share an Easter Lily in honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Names of those to be honored, along with names of those sharing the lilies need to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday, March 27 to be listed in the bulletin. Lilies need to be brought to the church, **clearly marked on the bottom with the name of the donor**, and left in the foyer by **12:00 noon on Saturday, March 30**. Donors are invited to collect their lilies after the Easter Service. Lilies left at the church will be used in April visuals or donated to Bethesda.

Easter Breakfast: Everyone is invited to a potluck Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday at 9 am. Please bring Easter breads, cinnamon rolls, muffins or egg casseroles. Fruit and cheese will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Brent and Pam Abrahams or Kenton and Eunice Nickel.

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.

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.

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.

WANTED : Wide-mouth quart canning jars for the TMW Project evening on Monday, March 25. Place your donations in the kitchen on the counter beside the stoves by Sunday morning, March 24. Thanks-Carrie Unruh

Fifth Sunday Giving Opportunity again in 2024 – Please bring items OR Checks for MCC kits. See the MCC bulletin announcement for most needed items. Please make checks out to Tabor Church and write MCC Kits in the Memo. There will be a plastic tote in the foyer labelled for these donations on Sundays March 24 & 31.

The Church Council accepted an invitation from Western District Conf. to be a part of a Listening Group Process with table group conversation around these questions, collection of responses and then sharing back to our congregation: *1. Can you tell about a time when you've felt most alive and vibrant as a congregation, or as a participant of the congregation? 2. What is foundational and reassuring about this congregation that has helped in difficult times? 3. What activities or ministries are most important for your congregation now in fully carrying out God's work? 4. What do you hope for the future for your church and what resources from WDC would be helpful for that? Please reserve Sunday, April 28 to attend a shorter worship service and join in the table group discussion that will take place instead of Faith Formation that morning. Childcare is needed during this morning – Please see Gayle Funk.*

Thank you for your attendance and generosity at our pizza fundraiser meal on March 6! Donations of over \$700 were received on behalf of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum and will be used as vital operating funds. Special thanks to Denise, Camille, Vickie, Emil, and others that helped us with the meal. It's an exciting year as we celebrate our 50th year and the 150th anniversary of the migration of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church group to this community. We are grateful for the continued support of this congregation through your presence at events and contributions financially and through volunteer opportunities. ~Aileen Esau, Treasurer

Upcoming Dates

March 28 - Coffee Time at Tabor

- Maundy Thursday Worship

March 31 - Easter Sunday

April 3 - Season Finale Quiz Bowl Event

April 7 - New Hope Shelter Dedication

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

Community and Conference Announcements

Everence® Social Security and retirement income workshop-**Thursday, March 21, starting at 6:30 p.m.** To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

“Goodly Heritage” Historical Drama at Eden Mennonite Church - March 23, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. and March 24, Sunday, 2:00 p.m. A musical depicting the history of the Swiss Volhynians. The drama seeks to explain the religious beliefs underlying the Anabaptist movement and the journey over centuries that brought this group to America. Several Tabor members are in the cast and choir.

The Newton Chorale presents: "From Darkness to Light"- Sunday, March 24 at 3:30 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Ave., North Newton, KS - Director, Riley King, will conduct the concert consisting of the Haydn Missa brevis Sti. Joannis de Deo featuring Soprano soloist Megan Taylor-Gilstrap and organist Will Wiebe-Friesen: along with several pieces composed within the past 20 years, accompanied by Meghann Rogers. Admission is free. A goodwill offering will be taken.

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) 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.

Today (March 17) will be the third in the migration/immigration series hosted by the Peace Team and the Mission Board at Alexanderwohl. We'll watch a couple more TED Talks and discuss how our faith impacts what we learn from the presentations. **NEXT Sunday, March 24** will be our final event. **Peter Goerzen will be our guest speaker.** He will offer perspectives on the historical, biblical and theological significance of Israel/Palestine. Come to learn and participate - and have faspas! 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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. 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). Questions: please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at 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

-Fri., March 22 – Bethel College's Faculty Lecture Series -Jennifer Chappell Deckert, asso. prof. of social work, "Begin with the Body: Somatic Listening for Trauma Healing," **11 a.m., Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village**

-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 - NOTE: Adult content, not suitable for children.

-Fri., March 22 – Wingspan Game Night at Kauffman Museum (2801 N. Main St., North Newton), 7 p.m. see <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/wingspan-game-night/>

-All interested singers are invited to participate in Bethel College's annual Masterworks concert, to be held April 28. Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/Auu4FaYBcaLwKDuF6> or come to the first rehearsal April 2, 6 p.m., Choir Room in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

Hesston College:

-March 17 - Prairie Window Concert: The Arcadian Wild

Join Dyck Arboretum March 17 at 4 p.m. to hear The Arcadian Wild. Crust & Crumb will be serving during intermission. Learn more at 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." Audience members may also join via livestream at hesston.edu/livestream.

Western District Women in Mission: Women & Girls Save the Date!

Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space, featuring Renata Goossen, at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton on Friday, April 19. The schedule is: 5 p.m - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m. The evening program, 6:30 - 7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental.

-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. **To register send an e-mail by March 18 to westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.**

Camp Mennoscah:

-We will put the dam back in on March 24 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to help or watch. The process of putting the boards back in is not for young ages due to the ungainly size and weight of the boards, but watching is great!

-Nurses needed for the weeks of First Camp, June 20-22; Junior High 2, July 7-12; and Junior 2, July 14-19. Nurses must be an RN and can receive a stipend or a parent discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290

or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org if you are interested. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

-Register for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps! [Register online!](#)

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

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA signed a letter to Congress, along with 62 faith-based organizations, asking for strengthened funding for Victims of Crime Act grants. Read the letter here: mennoniteusa.org/news/letter-funding-victims

-On Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT on Zoom, join Nancy Kauffmann, MC USA's interim denominational minister for Church Safety and Mar-

lene Bogard, former minister of Christian Formation for Western District conference, former executive director of Mennonite Women USA, and current interim pastor at Salem Mennonite Church, to learn more about safe protection policy guidelines during an informational webinar. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-safechurch-march25 View the slide here: mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-protection-policy-webinar

AMBS: Grow in leadership through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Practical Leadership Training modules! Upcoming modules include Leading Congregations in Transition (online short course); Practicing Resilience in Response to Trauma (webinar); and Beyond Boring Bible Studies (online short course). CEUs available. Register for one or more modules! ams.edu/plt

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE March 10, 2024			
Offering = \$	8,741.00	Attendance =	91
Adult FF = \$	16.00	Attendance =	28
Jr. FF = \$	11.47	Attendance =	27
Worship Link Views		=	23

So far this 2024 fiscal year we are consistently running nearly \$20,000 short of where our giving to the Unified Budget should actually be. Giving per Sunday should be about \$6,900.

Unified Budget Giving Update - Fiscal Year 2024	
Total Budget	331,567.00
Actual Giving Through 3/10	76,348.94
Total Left to Meet Budget	255,218.06
Current Above/(Shortfall)	(19,295.39)
Sundays Remaining	37
Amount Needed per Sunday	6,897.79



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

CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING was \$57.42. AWESOME!

We have really felt the TABOR support. ALL funds for the Memory Work are taken care of. We have received strong support for Pre-Sale Expenses.

ALL Pre-Sale Expenses have been raised by the collective efforts of the Kansas Mennonite Churches!! THANKS to ALL of you who have helped raise \$85,000 to cover the costs of putting on the KS MCC Sale. Now ALL Funds raised during the MCC Sale will go directly to those in need.

SIGN-UP sheets for Baked Goods are on a table in the Northeast corner of Hospitality Hall for Zweibachs, Pies, and Breads. PLEASE help fill the slots. Help teach our YOUNG Taborites to get involved also as in the past.

It takes over 1000 Volunteers for the MCC Sale. MOST positions are done online. IF you would like to sign up to help and do not have a computer, please let any Tabor Contact Persons know and they can help you. The sooner you sign up the more helpful for those in charge.

You can start bringing your items to DONATE to the MCC Sale and display them on the Tables in the NorthEast corner of the Hospitality Hall.

MCC Sale Children's Auction - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Items may be given to your MCC Liaison for delivery to Sale.

Kristin and Rene Kaufman are in charge of the **Verenike and Sausage Booth** in the Dom Arts Bdg. Please consider signing up to work a shift or two! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AB2CA5FECE9-47875763-draft#/>

TABOR Contact Persons are: Bill & Sherry Unruh; Jim & Diana Schmidt; Kris Schmidt; Jerry & Leann Toews.



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