

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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THE STORY OF



JOSEPH

### RESPONDING WHEN ... BAD THINGS HAPPEN

Today we reflect on the story of Joseph and his family from the end of Genesis. Even when bad things happen – including the bad things resulting from our and others' poor choices – we trust that God is still at work, producing something good even in the midst of conflict and difficult situations.

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Mark Schmidt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Leann Toews
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 33*
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*GATHERING HYMN “Be Still, My Soul” No. 664  
hymns accompanied by Marcene Entz
- \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN’S STORY Eunice Nickel
- WORSHIP MUSIC Jerry Toews
- SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 37* Denise Nickel  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE “When I Can’t Find My Way” No. 591
- CHILD AND FAMILY DEDICATION
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*SENDING HYMN “O God beyond All Praise” No. 814
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE *\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, September 28

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Jo-Ann Schmidt. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/DRavM57zHYE?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.*

- Mon, Sept 29, 8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness  
**9:30 am** - Comforter Tying & Quilting  
**7:00 pm** - Men’s Bible Study
- Tues, Sept 30, 9:00 am** - Staff Meeting
- Wed, Oct 1, 12 noon** - First Wednesday Lunch  
**5:45 pm** - Wednesday Evening Kickoff

### Next Sunday, October 4

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Scripture for reflection will be I Corinthians 12:12-27, Psalm 133:1, and John 17:21-23. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

### Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the new and emerging faith communities at WDC, that God will guide their growth and bless their leaders with wisdom and vision. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that Mennonite Mission Network’s Mennonite Voluntary Service participants in San Francisco, California — Bella Kephart, Keyan Krabill, Emmi Scott and Ana Esperanza Neufeld Weaver, who is continuing for a second year — will build good rhythms of life, as they learn to live as a household, adjust to their service assignments and integrate into their host congregation, First Mennonite Church of San Francisco.

## Congregational Announcements

The **informal evaluation for Pastor Todd** is due TODAY, **September 28**, in the box on the foyer table.

**Wednesday, Oct. 1:** All are welcome for the Wednesday Evening Kick-off with a meal and fun in the church park with serving beginning at 5:45 pm. Please bring lawn chairs and hot dog roasting sticks if you have them.

**Wednesday Evening Activities:** Classes and choir will begin on Oct. 8. Activities for preschool-adults. It's not too late to register!

**Wednesday Evening Adult Class...**Starting on Wednesday October 8th, Pastor Todd will be offering a Wednesday evening adult class to study different aspects of the Bible starting at 6:30pm and ending right before choir practice. We will use the essays and resources found in the back of the Anabaptist Community Bible as our guide. If you don't have a copy of this Bible...that is fine!!...we will make sure all have what is needed to share in this time together. All are welcome!

**The Harvest Giving Walk** will take place at Tabor Mennonite Church **Sunday, October 12 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 education projects. Walkers are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry to the event. Please make checks payable to "Harvest Giving Walk."

**Tabor Endowment Committee:** A century ago, most people supported their church through simple cash donations. Today, the financial landscape looks very different — nearly **80% of personal wealth is held in assets**, not in cash. These assets may include **IRAs, 401(k)s, stocks, real state, vehicles, and land**. As a result, many of us have limited cash on hand, but considerable value in other forms.

By giving a **small portion of your assets or an asset**, you can make a significant impact on both the **present and future ministries of Tabor Church** — often in a way that is tax-advantageous and easier on your day-to-day finances.

Whether given **during your lifetime** or as part of your **estate planning**, gifts of assets can be:

- Designated to support **special ministries**
  - Used to supplement the **church's annual budget**
  - Directed toward **specific programs** or causes you're passionate about
- We encourage you to prayerfully consider how your legacy can help sustain and grow the mission of Tabor Church for generations to come.

**The Mennonite Men's Annual Chicken BBQ** is right around the corner on Thursday, November 6, 5-7 p.m. Donations received that night will go to our Mission Partners, the Joseph and Rachel Givens family and to Bethesda Home. *If your business or you, personally, would like to help offset the expenses, please let Elton Nickel know and give him or Lindsey Buller your Sponsor check.* Thanks!

**Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge!** Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 25,000 school kits for the 2025 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed **29,639 school kits!** Each of the 29,639 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. **Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge.** We hope you'll join us again next year!

## Community and Conference Announcements

**Blood Drive:** "Color your fall with kindness" and donate blood on **October 6, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church**. Sign up at [red-crossblood.org](https://red-crossblood.org) to donate. Your donations are always needed. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

**The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum is hosting a quilt show** during the Goessel Harvest Festival on **Saturday, October 11 from 9am - 1pm**. The quilts will be on display in the Friesen House located on the museum grounds. Featured quilts will be from the quilt show committee members: Sharon Adrian, Sandy Duerksen, Kim Funk, Laura Unrau and Sharon Unruh. Admission to the museum is free during the Goessel Harvest Festival. The Goessel Harvest Festival will have many other activities all day long including live music by Jake Schmidt and Steel Skarecrows starting at 5pm on the East side of the Goessel High School building. Make sure to follow the Get Goessel Facebook page for more information.

**Mennonite Heritage & Agriculture Museum will have a program featuring Donna Hetrick on October 18, 7:00 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.** Donna Ratzlaff Hetrick will play the recital she played in June, 2024 at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chelmo, Poland as part of a celebration of Mennonite history in the Przechowko area. This is the region where many of the Alexanderwohl congregation lived, 1600-1800.

**The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association annual banquet** will be held on **October 18 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Burrton City Auditorium. Peter Buller will be the speaker and musical entertainment will be provided by the Schwisters. RSVP by October 11 to Dave Stucky at [bigdstucky@gmail.com](mailto:bigdstucky@gmail.com) or text or call 620-532-4408. The cost of the banquet is \$25 and can be paid at the door or online at [www.swissmennonite.org](http://www.swissmennonite.org).

**The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is hosting an Arts Soirée on Sunday, October 19, from 2-5 pm at the Tabor Mennonite Church.** There will be an **art show** in the hospitality hall that will feature local and regional artists. A **concert** at 3 pm in the sanctuary will include performances by the Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, Holly Swartzendruber (soprano), and a piano duo extravaganza that will feature Goessel area pianists Russell Adrian, Marcia Brubaker, Jason and Renae Peters, and Karen Unruh performing works for 4 -10 hands! Following the concert at 4 pm, **refreshments** will be served in the hospitality hall. Plan now to attend this free event! (The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is a subsidiary of the Goessel Community Foundation. Members are Russell Adrian, John Goerzen, Kris Schmucker, and Karen Unruh.)

**Bethesda Pillars Banquet – Mark your calendars now for November 2 at Tabor Mennonite Church** – There will be a drive thru option as well as a plated meal. More details to come!

The 2025-26 Prairie Window Concert Series opens with [The Last Revel](#) on **Sunday, October 5 at 4 p.m.** at the **Dyck Arboretum of the Plains**. [Purchase tickets online](#) at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127).

**Camp Mennoscah: The next tee shirt comforter will be (silent) auctioned off at Bethel College's Fall Fest on October 4.** Get your bid ready! Tee shirts and other souvenirs will be available, too.

**-Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, October 10-12, is open.** Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com>

**-Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30pm.** All are invited to attend. Hope Mennonite Church is located at 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, KS 67212. A silent auction for a few items will take place.

**QUILTERS CORNER IS HAVING A FALL SALE on Friday, October 3,** from 4:00 – 7:00pm and Saturday, October 4, from 8:00am to noon at the MCC Central States Warehouse. **SPECIAL ITEM FOR SALE:** Husqvarna-Viking Designer Epic 1 sewing and embroidery machine with many, many accessories - \$4,500. Contact person for this item is Charlotte Wenger: [wengercd@gmail.com](mailto:wengercd@gmail.com) All proceeds support MCC work around the world for relief, development, and peace.

**BETHEL COLLEGE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION** is looking forward to Fall Festival. We will have our usual New Year's cookies, borscht and zwiebach and pie by the slice all outside Luyken Fine Arts Center and Market-in-the-Round inside. We again welcome your donations of homemade goodies and craft items! Please bring donations to the Luyken Fine Arts Center Music Library between 1-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, or 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. If you have questions, contact us at [bcwa@bethelks.edu](mailto:bcwa@bethelks.edu). To volunteer, click on the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA8A72FA3F58-50920044-fall>

**Bethel College: Tues., Sept. 30** – Come enjoy the **2nd annual Fall Fest parade**, 6 p.m.

**-Thurs., Oct. 2** – **Bethel College Jazz**, 6 p.m. on the Main & Broadway stage at Taste of Newton, *downtown Newton*

**-Fri., Oct. 3** – **"Made for you by a professional seamstress," fiber art by Karen Reimer**, opens in the *Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, with the **exhibit reception also Fri., Oct. 3, 6-8 p.m.**

**-Fri., Oct. 3, 7 p.m., Sat., Oct. 4, 3 p.m., Sun., Oct. 5, 2 p.m.** – The theater dept. presents **Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike by Christopher Durang**, *Krehbiel Auditorium*. Ticket purchase required (<https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts/theater/theater-department-presents/#tickets>) or at the door.

**-Bethel College's Fall Festival is Sept. 29-Oct. 5.** See <https://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/> for the complete schedule.

**-Sat., Oct. 4** – **Kauffman Museum bird walk**, 8 a.m. in the museum parking

**-Sat., Oct. 4** – **Miroslav Wolf, "Striving for Superiority and Striving for Excellence," 10 a.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church.**

**-Sat., Oct. 4** – **Fall Fest programs at Kauffman Museum:** "The Organ Still Sings," with Rosi Penner Kaufman and Donna Hetrick, 10 a.m.; "Revisiting the Voth-Unruh-Fast House: 150 Years of History," with Kris Schmucker, 1:30 p.m.

**-Thurs., Oct. 9** – **Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert**, Chris Miertschin, director, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

**Hesston College: Fall theatre production, "Journey to the Poles of Inaccessibility"** October 2 to 5 in Keim Center. Performance times are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at [hesston.edu/bookstore](http://hesston.edu/bookstore) or by calling 620-327-8104.

### Upcoming Dates

October 1: Wednesday Evening Kickoff in the Park

October 8: Wednesday Evening meal and classes begin

October 12: Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

October 19: Arts Soirée

October 27: TMW program - Anabaptist Courageous Women

November 2: Bethesda Pillars Banquet

November 6 - Tabor Mennonite Men's Chicken BBQ

November 9 - TMYF fundraising meal - 11:45

Annual Congregational meeting - 12:30

December 13: Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Breakfast

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Sept. 21, 2025

Offering =	\$ 8,157.00	Attendance =	130
Adult FF =	\$ 30.00	Attendance =	46
Jr. FF =	\$ 19.00	Attendance =	51

Worship Link Views = 43

### OFFERING PROJECTS

Children's Faith Formation - Givens Family

Adult's Faith Formation - MCC Projects



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