

Tabor Mennonite Church

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READING THE BIBLE WITH JESUS: THE PARABLE OF THE INVESTED COINS

As a new school year begins and as we anticipate a new year of faith formation, our focus this morning will be on one of Jesus' teachings, specifically the parable of the talents. What might this parable have to teach us? What might it say about how we read and study the Bible together?

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Nathan Goerzen, Martha Goerzen, & Cynthia Goerzen
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Duerksen
MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
*SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP from Matthew 22
*GATHERING PRAYER
*GATHERING HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See" No. 738
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
OFFERING OUR GIFTS
CHILDREN'S STORY Diane Unruh
HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 831
SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 25:14 – 30* Nathan Ashley
Luke 19:11 – 28
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!
SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Renew Your Church" No. 717
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING HYMN "Move in Our Midst" No. 827
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, August 23

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/WK9muknFkeg?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation - Intergenerational Trivia Time

1:00 pm: Tabor provides the Bethesda Chapel service

This Week

Bulletin announcements due on Thursday at noon.

Mon, Aug 24, **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Comforter Tying/Quilting
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
Tues, Aug 25, **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting
7:00 pm - Worship Council meeting
Thurs, Aug 27, **9:30 am** - Coffee Time at Tabor

Next Sunday, August 30

Next Sunday, Peter Goerzen will be sharing about his experiences in Indonesia during worship.

10:45 am - New **Faith Formation** classes will begin.

4:30 pm - Catechism

6:00 pm - **Mennograss** - We are excited for another wonderful evening of Mennograss! We will once again be providing a meal of hamburgers, beans, chips and ice cream and are looking for volunteers to bring salads. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, or you can let Pam Abrahams or Eunice Nickel know if you are willing to bring one. Salads can be delivered to the church park by 5:50 on August 30, or can be dropped off ahead of time and left in the refrigerator in the church kitchen (labeled for Mennograss). Pasta salad, potato salad, fresh veggies, cut up fresh fruit, or another favorite cold salad to serve as a side dish to the meal would all be welcome. Thank-you for your help!

Congregational Announcements

Last Sunday to collect items at the church

2026 MCC School Kit Challenge - To learn more about this challenge visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge. Place items in the basket.

Tabor Church Family & Friends are invited to Tabor's Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 12, between the hours of 2:30 pm & 5:30 pm for the **70th wedding anniversary celebration honoring Donavon & Deloris Schmidt** who were joined in marriage on September 14, 1956. Your attendance is the only gift accepted.

Tabor Mennonite Women are invited to a Mystery Evening on Sept 23. Please sign up on the bulletin board by September 13 if you are attending and if you can drive. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and bring \$20 for the cost of the evening.

Is God's spirit nudging you to help nurture the faith of Tabor's children?

Do children and youth bring you joy? Do you appreciate their curiosity, their thoughtful questions, and their insights about God? The Commission on Christian Education is looking for people to help nurture the faith of our children and youth! Our Fall Sunday morning Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, August 30 and our Wednesday evening classes in October. We invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to participate:

- Teaching or Helping on Sunday mornings: Wee Wonders/Preschool class, 1st-2nd grade class, 3rd-5th grade class, substitute
- Praying for our children, youth, teachers, and helpers
- Other areas that will be available on Wednesdays

As we've done in the past, the hope is to have enough people join so that everyone involved could teach or help every other month on Sundays and still be able to plug in with adult groups. If God is nudging you, please sign up or let Tammy W., Diane U., or Dale A. know as soon as possible. **Thank you for prayerfully considering this wonderful ministry! Thank you very much to those who have already volunteered!**

Wednesday evening meals are around the corner. If you or a small group would like to **provide a meal**, that would be awesome. Last year we did not have to raise prices of the meal because we had generous donations of beef and eggs. **If you have anything you would like to donate**, let Denise know.

Service Sunday - September 20th. If you have any projects or service opportunities to recommend for our community, please notify Kevin or Kenton Nickel.

Rejoice! The fall issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available. Pick up a copy from the table in the foyer or the shelf below the mailboxes.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE August 16, 2023

Offering = \$ 3,846.00 Attendance = NA

Worship Link Views = 27

Upcoming Dates

August 28: Bethel College Music Faculty Showcase - 7:00 pm
August 30: Regular Faith Formation begins
August 30: Catechism class begins
August 30: Mennograss
September 12: Kids Meet Christ Event – 9:30 am – First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson
September 12-13: Mennonite Women in Mission Retreat
September 20: Service Sunday at Tabor
September 22: New Hope Shelter *Blueprint for the Future* event
September 23: TMW Mystery Evening
October 3: Goessel Harvest Festival Quilt Show
October 4: Harvest Giving Walk - 1:00 pm
– beginning at Alexanderwohl

See announcement sheet for details of these and other events.



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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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The church office is normally open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday a.m. with pastors' days off on Friday. These times are flexible. To visit with church staff, it is recommended to call ahead to ensure the person you wish to speak to is available.

Deacons:
Nancy Funk Larry Goerzen Nathan Graber Denise Nickel Kristi Unruh