

August 12, 2007

## Seek the Kingdom

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Luke 12:34 NRSV*

### Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Russell Adrian

WELCOME Worship Leader, Leann Toews

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 57

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord.

**People: In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge.**

Leader: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

**People: Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.**

Leader: Be exalted, O God,

**All: Let your glory be over all the earth.**

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* No. 37

\*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"O Power of love"* No. 593

\*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Living Prayer"* Katy Schmidt  
—sung by Bethany Amstutz

### Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S FOCUS Sheri Schmidt

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Psalm 57* Marcene Entz

SERMON *"The Treasure Within"* Karen Andres  
Luke 12:22-34

### Responding

RESPONSE *"O God, in restless living"* No. 557

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Lord we give you our thanks* **-“Thanks be to God”**

*Lord we pray to you* **-“Hear our prayer”**

\*SENDING SONG *"Seek, ye first the Kingdom of God"* No. 324

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# Today

All of us deal with anxiety and worry in our lives. Jesus' words are an invitation to let go of our anxieties by seeking the kingdom of God. In our seeking, we allow ourselves to be found by God. What a treasure! May you seek God wholeheartedly for God has been seeking you!

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us!

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Denise & Elton Nickel and Jerry Toews. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Following the worship service we will vote on a Council recommendation to call Karen Andres, Associate Pastor, to a three-year term beginning October 1, 2007.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone.

**Children** ages 2 through grade 5 meet in rooms 10-12.

**Junior high and high school youth** will go to Londell and LeNora Duerksen's to enjoy God's creation at their beautiful home and pond. Bring \$5 for a pizza lunch there.

**Adults:** Continuing the series on *Practicing our Faith*—Artistic Expressions, Nancy Miller, Phyllis Regier, Wilma Schmidt.

On the table in the foyer are **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

**700 p.m.**—The (final) benefit concert of the Possum Boys will be tonight at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. All proceeds from the offering will go to Western District Conference Vision 2012 prayer and financial campaign. Bring your friends; enjoy bluegrass, hymns, original folk music and wish them well as they sing together for the last time!

## This Week

Youth Pastor Doug Krehbiel has been on vacation this past week and will be gone this week as well.

### Wednesday, August 15

**Willing Helpers** visitation day for nursing home residents. Find a list of residents in your mailboxes today.

### Thursday, August 16

**7:00 p.m.**—Church Council meeting.

**8:30 p.m.**—Deacon's meeting.

### Saturday, August 19

**10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**—The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Agri-Urban Day on the Farm at the Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen farm. This family event includes animals, activities and food. Agri-Urban was developed to bring farmers and urban dwellers together to support WDC, Bethel College & Mennonite Church USA.

## Next Sunday, August 19

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday the theme will be "*Persevering in Faith*." The texts are Jeremiah 23:23-29, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56 and Corey will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. Children meet in rooms 10-12. Jr Hi and High School meet in the parsonage basement.

Adults meet in the fellowship hall. *Practicing our Faith*—Nursing/Medical Care with Jill Brandt and Duane Duerksen.

## Announcements

**THANK YOU** for the many cards, notes, phone calls and prayers on our behalf during these past weeks. On Friday, Aug. 3, I [James] received my 8th chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. The good news is that my pain is gone. My body is responding positively to the treatments. The primary side-effect is very low energy. But I am told that should improve. We continue to be hopeful. Thank you for your loving concern.

With deep appreciation, James and Lenore Waltner, Goshen, IN

### **GIFT DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE:**

>>The committee is currently looking for someone to **fill the position of Adult Sunday School Supervisor** beginning in September. We would like you to prayerfully consider using your gifts for this position. Please talk to anyone on the Gift Discernment Committee: Barb Banman, Bob Unruh, Van Schmidt, Warren Schmidt or Pastor Corey, if you feel called for this position.

>>The Gift Discernment Committee invites everyone to help discern persons whom you would like the Gift Discernment Committee to consider to **serve in leadership positions at Tabor Church**. You will find a Gift Discernment form in your mailboxes today. Prayerfully consider these positions and please return these forms to the box in the church foyer by Sun., Aug. 26th.

Thank you - The Gift Discernment Committee.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

>>Please **SIGN UP now to teach a Sunday school class** next year!! We need teachers for children's and adult classes. Even if you've never taught before, sign up if you're interested. Sign-up poster is located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thanks!

>>Christian Education is looking for 4-5 people who would be willing to be on a **"dream team" for issues involving Christian Ed. at Tabor**. This team would meet for a year with a goal to present a proposal to the congregation in Nov. 2008 regarding the restructuring of the committee and Sunday school among other things. If you are interested or have more questions, talk with Pastor Karen.

>>If you have an interest in being in charge of the **Christmas Eve program**, please contact a member of the Christian Ed. committee or Pastor Karen. We need to have someone in place by September. Thank you.

>>Christian Ed. will have their **appreciation dinner** on Aug. 26 at noon for those who taught Sunday school last year and those planning to teach this year. This includes Preschool-Adult teachers. Come enjoy a good meal catered by Keith's Foods!

**MENNOGRASS—BLUEGRASS AND BBQ FESTIVAL:** is coming the evening of August 26! The Quarterly Fellowship committee is working to provide homemade ice cream. If you have an electric maker that we could use, please call Janna Duerksen at 367-2747 by Aug. 22. Thank you!

**TABOR CHURCH CAMPOUT** is coming next month! Make plans to attend our annual campout/retreat at Camp Mennoscah, September 15-16. The theme is "Rivers of Delight" and we will be celebrating a baptism on Sunday morning. Look for registration fliers to be in your boxes next Sunday and make plans to attend!

### **BE GENEROUS-SHARE YOUR GARDEN PRODUCE AT CHURCH!!**

Anyone may bring fresh produce to share with others. There is a table set up in the food pantry room to put the produce on. Just bring it to church any Sunday morning throughout the growing season. Anyone may take home the produce from the table. If you take some, we ask that your share a small money donation to help support our **Tabor Church Food Pantry Ministry**.

*Questions: ask Nancy Miller, Phyllis Goertzen or Eleanora Goertzen.*

**WALTON/PEABODY/GOESSEL LUNCH BUNCH:** Sign up for the noon meal at the AGAPE center in Goessel on August 21 when lunch bunch will be meeting.

**MCC MEAT CANNING:** Josh Voth, Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, has accepted a position on the meat canner crew and will leave for Akron on the 18th of August for a two year term. From Oct-April he will follow the canner throughout the US and will work in Akron the remaining months.

**BUYING SCHOOL SUPPLIES?** You can help children and adults in Iraq, Liberia, Honduras and other countries by purchasing extra items for Mennonite Central Committee school kits. Kits include 4 spiral notebooks (70-80 sheets each); 4 unsharpened #2 pencils; 1 ruler; 12 colored pencils; 1 large pencil eraser. Items may be brought to the MCC material resource center, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton; 316-283-2720. Find out more at [www.mcc.org/kits](http://www.mcc.org/kits). Thank you!

**WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE:** Adding Voices! Dr. Marci Nielsen has been added to the roster of presenters at *Healthcare Summit: Finding our Voice*. Dr. Nielsen is the executive director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority and will present a workshop on the topic of Kansas Health Reform. Plan to attend: "*Healthcare Summit: Finding Our Voice*" on September 15 (8:30am-3:30pm). Deadline for registration is September 2. The summit is sponsored by Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church and WDC.

**MCC FLATLANDER BICYCLE RIDE:** The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride to raise funds for MCC water projects in African and Asia will be held on Sat., Sept. 15, originating at the MCC offices in North Newton. Informational brochures are available through the church office.

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

Newsletter from **CHUCK AND JOY GOERTZEN** serving with Campus Crusade.

**CAMP MENNOSCAH:**

>>Women's and Girls' Retreat, Sept.7-9.

>>Job opening: Urgent need for year round part time housekeeper at Retreat Center and main camp during off season. Details posted.

**Communication Skills to Enhance Personal, Family and Congregational Life**, Sept. 29, 8:30am-3:30pm, sponsored and hosted by Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing.

**SUNDAY-AFTERNOON-AT-THE-MUSEUM**, Kauffman Museum, August 19, 3:30pm, "Bernhard and Wilhemina Warkentin: Newton's Finest Citizens."

Volunteer information for **HOSPICE CARE OF KANSAS**.

**PRAIRIE VIEW:** Information on free Family Caregiver Services

***On the table in the foyer: Our Faith Digest. Pick up a copy to enjoy.***

New Address:

Nathan and Krista Graber  
1609 Berry Ave, Newton, KS 67114

Krista ph.# - 316.217.3040  
Nathan ph. # - 620.747.0779

***God's Peace: It can be lived out in your life.***

At some thoughts one stands perplexed, above all at the sight of human sin, and wonders whether to combat it by force or by humble love. Always decide 'I will combat it by humble love.' If you resolve on that once for all, you can conquer the whole world. Loving humility is a terrible force: it is the strongest of all things, and there is nothing else like it.

*-Starets [Elder] Zosima,  
from "The Brothers Karamazov" by Fyodor Dostoevsky*