

May 18, 2008

God, Our Deliverer

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save." -Zephaniah 3:17a

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Lost in Lights

WELCOME Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 100 & Isaiah 43

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We cry to you, O Lord, in times of trouble.

People: Lord, you are our deliverer.

Leader: When you pass through the waters,

Women: God is with us.

Leader: When you walk through the fire,

Men: we will not be consumed.

ALL: Lord, you are our deliverer.

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *"How firm a foundation"* No. 567

*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"I owe the Lord a morning song"* No. 651

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS
please pass the friendship pads

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & DEDICATING THEM

BLESSING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Doug Krehbiel

CHILDREN'S FOCUS Sheri Schmidt

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING *John 1:1-5, James 1:2-4, Hebrews 10:23*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Cry out to Jesus"* -Mac Powell Bill Froese & Brian Voth

MESSAGE *"From death to life"* Brittany Voth
Romans 12:12, Zephaniah 3:17

RESPONSE Karen Andres

Responding to the Spirit

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Healer of our every ill"* No. 377

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG *"They that wait upon the Lord"* No. 584

*BENEDICTION

Today

Today we hear testimony from Brittany Voth, whose family was involved in a car accident last November. God does not promise to keep us from trials. How does God's deliverance come? How do we respond to suffering? May we hear God's word to us as we listen to this story of faith and hope.

We welcome all of you to our time of worship! This morning you were greeted by Jim & Diana Schmidt and Donavon & Deloris Schmidt. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pads.* Come back and join us again.

Childcare is available during worship today.

Thank you to "Lost in Lights" for sharing through their music this morning. Band members are Max Wedel, Jesse Goertzen, Andrew Findley, Tyler Doerksen, and Michael Unruh

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School classes for all ages today.

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's place for lunch right after the church service. A big thank-you goes to Helen Schmidt and Carrie Unruh. Helen bakes her ever-so-soft zwieback for the college students each time we meet, and Carrie prepares one of her extra-delicious recipes every time.

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.

This Week

Monday, May 19

6:30 p.m.—Table Stories. Salad supper for all women and girls with music by The Country Cat Tails (Hannah and Rachel Miller and friends). Please bring a salad for the evening meal.

Tuesday, May 20

12:00 Noon—Goessel/Peabody/Walton Lunch Bunch at the AGAPE Senior Center. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Wednesday, May 21

7:00 p.m.—TMYF

Next Sunday, May 25

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday the theme is "*No Worries*." The texts will be Isaiah 49:8-16, Matthew 6:24-34 and Pastor Corey will be preaching.

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

7:30 p.m.—Memorial Service at Goessel Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Announcements

PASTORAL REVIEWS: All of our pastors are currently going through their annual review with the deacons. If there are any concerns or joys you might have about our pastors, please make them known to Denise Nickel, the deacon chair.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Bible School this year is all about listening to God's messages. We would like to use all different kinds of telephones to decorate. If you have a phone that you are not using and would be willing to lend for the week, please contact Pam Abrahams or Janna Duerksen. Thanks!

BETHESDA HOME: What is more fun than an annual meeting? A free BBQ? Come to both and decide. Bethesda Home's annual meeting will be Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 in our main activity area. We would love for anyone who can to attend. On June 1 – after church we will be having a free BBQ to celebrate our receiving a \$225,000 check from the Mabee Foundation. We couldn't have done it without all of you, and want to say thank you.

SONG ON THE LAWN is the second annual mini-music festival and meal on the farm of Maynard Knepp/Carol Duerksen, June 1, 5-8 p.m. Featured musicians will be Jake Schmidt, The Book of JEBB, Generation Gap, Lighthouse Quartet, The Country Cat Tails (Hannah and Rachel Miller and friends), Doug and Jude Krehbiel and friends, Bill Froese with Brian Voth. The entertainment and meal is by donation—this is a fundraiser for Joyful Noise Community Child Care Center in Goessel. Directions: from Goessel, 3 miles north on Hiway 15, 4 miles east, $\frac{3}{4}$ north. From Hillsboro: 4 miles south on Indigo, 3 miles west, $\frac{3}{4}$ north.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Part of the benefit of attending the **annual conference** is meeting old friends and making new ones. Come to Hesston on June 27-28, where delegates and others from Western District Conference and South Central Conference congregations will be meeting and sharing. The theme of "Bold Witness: Pray with Courage, Share as One" will be developed through sermons, stories and workshops. Registration brochures are now available in the church office, or online at: www.mennowdc.org.

Children, ages preschool - 3rd grade, are invited to "Meet Bill Peet" during **Story Time at the Western District Conference Resource Library** on Wednesdays, beginning June 4 - July 2, 10:00 - 10:40. Amanda Friesen will be sharing her love for books and the fun and energizing stories created by author-illustrator, Bill Peet. Come meet Ella the Elephant, Droofus the Dragon and find out what a Whingdingdilly is. Enroll by calling 316-283-6300 and ask to speak with Marlene or Pat in the library.

CAMP MENNOSCAH: Our theme this summer for camps is The Bible: Digging for Treasure. We still have room at all of our camps—especially the weeks of June 1-5 and July 6-12. *Please sign up on the bulletin board to receive a scholarship from Tabor Church and a check will be issued to you.*

MENNOSCAH SUPPORT STAFF—Kitchen helpers are needed for the weeks of June 8-14, June 15-19, June 22-28, July 20-26, and July 27-August 1. Kitchen helpers/parent volunteers receive a full discount for a camper.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE: MCC is responding to recent disasters in Myanmar and China. MCC does not have any service workers in Myanmar, but is currently distributing aid through four trusted partner organizations. MCC is raising funds for Myanmar and China. All eleven MCC workers in China are safe. Watch for details next week and check mcc.org for stories, photos and more information.

OFFENDER / VICTIM MINISTRIES' M-2 RECOGNITION CELEBRATION, 2:30 pm, Sunday, May 18. This event is to recognize the significant contribution made by hundreds of volunteers through the M-2 program's 35 year history. If you have been a part of this program or if you have interest in learning more about how you can reach out to the local prison population, please join us at Center Amish Mennonite Church, 2711 W. Morgan Rd., Hutchinson, KS

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

* Mennonite Disaster Service update.

Peace, lived out in us.

"We can be reconciled to life in its severest aspects if we are confident that the disasters are not meaningless, and that the valley can be made a place of springs.

- Charles Allen Dinsmore

