

Sept. 28, 2008

“All in God’s Family”

*“My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word
of God and do it.” -Luke 8:21*

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Mark Schmidt and Cynthia Goerzen
WELCOME Worship Leader, Carrie Sommerfeld

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come sisters and brothers, let us worship Almighty God.

People: We lift up our songs, our prayers, or praises!

Leader: Come young and old, married and single, broken and healed,
and honor Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

**People: We offer to love Christ with our hearts,
our minds and our spirits.**

Leader: Come Family of God, let us be filled with the Spirit
of the Living God.

**People: We are ready to hear, see, and experience the
transforming power of God today.**

All: May god’s presence unite us together as God’s Family of Faith.

Praising God

*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“I sing the mighty power of God”* No. 46
“He’s everything to me” No. 38CS

*GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN’S TIME Gayle Funk

CENTENNIAL MOMENT Ilona Abrahams

Hearing God’s Word

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Genesis 2:18-25, I Corinthians 7:8-13*

SPECIAL MUSIC Mark and Aspen Schmidt

*GOSPEL READING *Mark 10:2-16, Luke 8:19-21*

SERMON *“All in God’s Family”* Corey Miller

Responding to God’s Word

SONG *“One is the body”* Insert

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG *“When we walk with the Lord”* No. 544

*BENEDICTION

Today

God has a large family and we are privileged to be part of it. God has created us to be in community and to be family for each other, whether we are married, divorced, single or widowed. As we reflect today on what it means to be a church that nurtures family, may we remember how God nurtures us.

We are so glad you are here to worship with us this morning.

This morning you were greeted by Sherry & Bill Unruh and Lee & Phyllis Goertzen. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pads.* Come back and join us again.

Childcare is provided by Sara Hiebert in the nursery during worship.

This morning's historical focus is on the building of the Tabor Church.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone. Adults: *Practicing Our Faith* series developed by our pastors. Join a class and be a part of the lively discussion we are experiencing. In order for classes to begin promptly, a bell will be rung following worship.

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.

The Prayers/Sharing Class meets as usual this quarter.

4:30 p.m.—Wednesday Evening Activities Welcome! This is an opportunity to come and hear what is new for Wednesday night activities, meet the leaders and get excited about our upcoming year! It is also a time to let parents sign permission slips and become aware of special dates and performances. Ice cream floats will be served. Plan to come!!

This Week

Tuesday, September 30

7:30 p.m.—MCC Meat Canning meeting of contact persons at Tabor. Others interested in this work are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, October 1

Narrative requests are due in the secretary's office. If you can, email narratives to kfunk@tabormennonite.org.

10:00 a.m.—Men's Morning Manna

5:30 - 6:00p.m.—Adult Bible Study

6:00 - 6:45p.m.—Supper for Everyone

6:45 - 7:00 p.m.—Supper Clean UP

6:30 - 7:00p.m.—*Sonbeams*

6:30 - 7:15p.m.—Children of Light

7:00 - 8:00p.m.—*Faith Friends*, TMYF, Spanish Class

7:15 - 8:15p.m.—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers, Worship Team

8:00 - 9:00p.m.— Adult Choir

note time change for Sonbeams and Faith Friends

Thursday, October 2

7:00 p.m.—Deacon's meeting at Bonnie Janzen's home

Next Sunday, October 5

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we will begin the countdown to our Centennial Celebration. The focus of the morning will be "*Becoming the Sent Church*" and the text is John 20:19-23. Corey will be preaching, The Brothers Four will be singing and Mary Ulsaker will be offering a special gift of music on her baptism anniversary.

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

Announcements

Thanks: We would like to thank those who generously gave us gifts of food and money for our grocery shower. Our pantry is now full and we feel so blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation! -Nick & Sara Unruh

"God is so generous with us, God blesses us and...we are blessed to give!" May we each be open to God's call in our lives. Please pray with the discernment committee as we make calls and for those who receive calls that "all will have a spirit of willingness, a heart to the Lord to serve, and that we will have more than enough people for the work."

The Reception Committee has a vacancy in its representation due to the death of Howard Unruh. We are looking for someone to fill Howard's unexpired term, which runs through November 2009. Contact Worship-Fellowship Committee chairperson Shelley Buller if you are willing to serve our church in this way or suggest persons who could fill this vacancy.

Wednesday Evening opportunities:

>Please volunteer to **help prepare a meal** for Wednesday evenings. Help is also appreciated with clean up. Contact Brenda Buller.

>Violeta Ajquejay is planning to lead a **Spanish language class** on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 for people wanting to know the basics. She is requesting a maximum of 16 people, however, feel free to sign up if you are interested because she would consider another class later. The purpose of the class is to learn conversational Spanish. So, if you are interested, please sign up today!

>We would like to have **childcare** available on Wednesday evenings beginning on October 1st from 7-8pm and 8-9pm. The **Faith Friends** (ages 3-grade 1) class, taught by Kim Funk, has need for a **helper/s** as well. Contact Brenda Buller or Kim Funk to volunteer.

Centennial Notes:

>**If we feed them they will come!** To the Centennial German meal, that is. And we could sure use some extra help with serving or cleaning up. Maybe you didn't sign up for the meal but you'd like to be a part of the fun. We welcome anyone 14 years and older to volunteer on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions see Barb Banman, Denise Nickel, Sandra Duerksen or Phyllis Goertzen.

>**Under the tent**—The quarterly fellowship will be serving toasted zwieback as one of the snacks during the family activities on Saturday, October 11. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help with making this crunchy snack.

>**"Bring Your Own Hedge Post"** Rehearsal for the production will be Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Contact Carol Duerksen or Leann Toews if you have questions.

>**Tabor Church Centennial book**—The cost of a book is \$15.00 and will be available each Sunday and at the centennial weekend celebration.

Food Pantry: The purpose of the Tabor Food Pantry is to provide food for families in need in the Goessel community and surrounding area. It is supported by donations only.

The Food Pantry is in need of these items:

cereal	mac & cheese	hamburger helper	jelly
canned fruit	spaghetti sauce	creamy peanut	brownie mix
ramen noodles	spaghetti noodles	butter	

There are two, new, blue containers in the church foyer under the table. (One for the Tabor Food Pantry and one for Joyful Noise Community Child Care.) Your donations can be put into them. Thank you for supporting this ministry. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Miller or Phyllis Goertzen.

Are you missing a shirt, cap, jacket or suit coat? It could be hanging downstairs on the coat rack. Claim it today. All unclaimed clothes will be taken to the Etcetera Shop on Sept. 29.

Joyful Noise Community Child Care needs our support. Donations are greatly appreciated. Please see the article in the newsletter for details.

Grapevine, a group of Christian educators who share and brainstorm issues, ideas and solutions, will gather at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 9 at the Western District Conference office. All are welcome! Interested? Call Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300.

Your help is urgently needed October 4, 5:30 - 8:30 pm (all or part of this time) to work with sausage for Bethel Fall Festival. On October 6 one person is needed from 11:30 to 1 to serve the sausage. We also need 10 pies. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thank you very much!

Mennonite Heritage Museum:

> "Driving through Time" is nearing the end of its road. "Driving through Time," Mennonite Heritage Museum's temporary exhibit uses hundreds of photos to tell the history of motorized transportation in the Goessel area since 1903, when the first car arrived. The exhibit will close at the end of November.

>Mennonite Heritage Museum is looking for a used wheelchair in good condition. If you have one you are willing to donate, please call the museum at 367-8200.

On the Bulletin Boards

- * **Market on the Green** at Bethel College Fall Fest Oct. 4. Check bulletin board for suggested donations and details.
- * **"The Struggle for Peace and Justice in Latin America"**, lecture sponsored by Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR), Oct 7, 7:30pm, Bethel College Krehbiel Auditorium.

Peace can be lived out in us.

"Justice is what love looks like in public."
- *Cornel West*

Tabor's 100th Anniversary Celebration – October 10-11-12, 2008

100th Anniversary Celebration Events

Friday, October 10,

- ♦ 7:30 pm—**Lecture by Dr. James Juhnke**, Bethel College History Professor Emeritus: "*P. H. Richert: Holder of the Traditional Mennonite Middle Ground*"
 - Prelude on Tabor's original pump organ
 - Special Music by The Brothers Four
 - Exhibits open one hour before and after lecture

Saturday, October 11

- ♦ 1:30-3:30 pm - **Family fun events under tent, Tabor Church Park**
 - The Greenhorns will perform bluegrass and gospel music
 - Games and activities for children and adults: *rope turning, wagon rides, soap making, popcorn, snacks*
- ♦ 5:00-5:45 pm - Exhibits in the church will be open
- ♦ 6:00 pm - **Ethnic German meal**
- ♦ 7:30 pm - **Drama written by Carol Duerksen and Doug Krehbiel**
Tickets required for meal and drama

Sunday, October 12

- ♦ 9:30 am - **Morning worship service**
 - James Schrag and Brenda Martin Hurst preaching
 - Adult and Children's choirs performing, including commissioned piece written for this occasion
 - Communion service offered by former pastors
 - Children's activities are planned
- ♦ 12:00 pm - **Potluck meal**
- ♦ After lunch - Opening of the church cornerstone
 - Releasing of homing pigeons

The public is invited to be a part of this joyous celebration.

*"It is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt...
He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed....
Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."* - Joshua 24:17ff.