



### The child and the congregation

The birth of a child is an expression of God's work in creation. In a service of consecration, we praise God and bring the child into a relationship with the body of Christ.

Infants presented to God and the church are placed in the care of the congregation. In this consecration service, Christian parents commit themselves to the call to nurture their children into faith.<sup>1</sup>

Pilgram Marpeck, in his Confession of 1532, states, "We admonish the parents to cleanse their conscience, as much as lies in them, with respect to the child, to do whatever is needed to raise the child up to the praise and glory of God, and to commit the child to God."<sup>2</sup>

Infants and children have no need for baptism, since they are safe in the care of God. When they are able to be accountable for their own actions, they are able to make the church's faith their own.<sup>3</sup>

1. Paragraphs one and two are based on the 1998 Minister's Manual, page 121  
2. From *The Writings of Pilgram Marpeck* (1978, Herald Press, Scottsdale), page 147  
3. From *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*, Article 11, Commentary, item 2

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#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE May 1, 2010

Offering	= \$ 4,797.00	Attendance	= 163
Adult S.S.	= \$ 28.90	Attendance	= 61
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 10.67	Attendance	= 13

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• the road, and how he was •

known to them in the breaking of bread.

• Then they told what had happened on

• Luke 24 : 35 •



**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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## On the Road with Jesus

*"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him." -Luke 14:31*

### Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Adult Worship Team

WELCOME Brittany Voth

PRAISING WITH THE PSALMIST *from Psalm 30*

Leader: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to God's holy name!

**People: Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Leader: You turn our weeping to dancing, God: you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

**People: May we praise you and not be silent!**

**All: We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!**

PRAYER OF BLESSING

\*SONG OF PRAISE *"Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah"* No. 50

GREETINGS EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM  
*"Taste and See"* -James Monroe

BLESSING OUR NEWBORNS *"Let the Children Come"* No. 176CS

Sophia Grace	Brent and Pamela Abrahams
Vatiken Bryce	Philip and Sarahanne Unruh
Aubrielle Ann	Russell and Sharleen Francis
Weston Roy	Justin and Carrie Sommerfeld
Hoxie Wren	Lee and DeVon Hiebert

"Once upon a Wall..." is the title of an upcoming quilt show for which Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum in Goessel is seeking quilted wall hangings. The show is scheduled for June 17-19. If you are the owner of a wall hanging or two, we invite you participate by loaning us your treasure for a little while. Your wall hanging will be displayed in a fairy tale/nursery rhyme setting. Deadline for entries is Friday, June 10. For more information, please call the museum at 620-367-8200 during regular weekday hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

**Joyful Noise CCC:** Over the next year, all of the cribs at Joyful Noise will need to be replaced due to new crib regulations. We can accept gently used donations but will have to purchase 3 brand new cribs. We are also looking for people willing to cook lunch for the kids at Joyful Noise. This could be as simple as making a casserole and dropping it off or cooking in our kitchen. Please contact one of our board members: Liz O'Brien, Amanda Church, Lynette Duerksen, Susan Saunders or Kim Voth or JNCCC director, Michelle Roberts at 367-4620.

#### On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Camp Mennoscah** news and opportunities.
- ★ **Et Cetera Shop:** Volunteer opportunities.
- ★ **Bethel College:** Alumni Association banquet May 21. Ground breaking celebration for new Academic Center, May 21. Details posted.
- ★ **Mennonite Central Committee** and **Mennonite Disaster Service** updates.

#### The Peace of Christ helps us deal with enemies

Let us move now from the practical how to the theoretical why: Why should we love our enemies? The first reason is fairly obvious. Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.+

. Martin Luther King, Jr., from a Christmas sermon in 1957.



## Announcements

**A big thank you** from the pastors of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance! Our Good Friday offering was \$637.05. These funds will be used to share the love of Jesus with those in our community.

**Thank you the Quarterly Fellowship committee** for arranging the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event last Sunday. There were about 25 couples/families (about 60 people all together) that participated. There was good fun and great visiting that happened around tables with the wonderful meals that were shared.

**The Junior Dept. Summer Sunday School plans** are being made and your help is needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board to teach a lesson or two or help in a variety of other ways. Call Kristi Unruh if you have questions.

**Share Your Gifts:** Carrie Unruh has faithfully decorated the "window" in Pastor Karen's office for many years. For some variety, we are looking for people who would be willing to share their gifts of creativity (art work, wall hangings, photography or other) to display in the window. Please let Karen or Carrie know if you have something to share. We will begin in June. This is a way to honor God by sharing the gifts we have been given with one another.

**The Willing Helpers** May 16 Mentor event has been **changed to May 23, 7:00 p.m.** due to Goessel 8th Grade Promotion. There will be four stations and participants will be choosing two to take part in. They are: Pie making with Kristin Schmidt; Quilting with Wilma Schmidt and Alice Funk; Scrap-booking with Janna Duerksen and Sara Unruh; Photo Computer with Monica Voth. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board soon to get an idea of how many sign up for which station.

**Did you know that the Harvey County Homeless Shelter has served 800 people in need.** You can be a part of this ministry. Sign up today to give an evening or night of your time. If you have questions contact Pam or Brent Abrahams.

**Summer Story Time and Reading Program** at the Western District Conference Resource Library starts on June 15 for 3-8 year olds and runs for 6 weeks. Creation Care is our theme! Sign your children / grandchildren up today by calling 316-283-6300. Space is limited.

**Ladies Tea:** Carol Duerksen will present the program of *Nature+* at the Annual Ladies Tea at the Goessel Agape Senior Center on Tuesday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m. All ladies are welcome for an interesting afternoon of refreshments and visiting. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon. No reservations needed.

## Hearing God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY		Janna Duerksen
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>"Adagio and Allegro"</i> -Rhoads	Reece Hiebert
*HEARING THE GOSPEL	<i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	
SERMON	<i>"Seeing Jesus on the Road"</i>	Corey Miller

## Responding to the Spirit

SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>"Open our eyes, Lord"</i>	No. 66CS
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		
*SENDING SONG	<i>"Open my eyes, that I may see"</i>	No. 517
*POSTLUDE		

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## Today

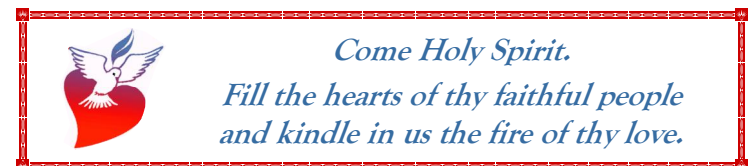
We are all on a spiritual journey and even when our eyesight isn't clear and our minds cannot comprehend it fully, Jesus walks along with us along the way, opening our eyes to His presence and His Truth. We invite you to meet Jesus along the road as he reveals himself to us today.

We are so glad you are here with us. This morning you were greeted by Jim and Diana Schmidt and Jerry and Leann Toews.

*Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders. A special welcome is extended to all visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the back of the friendship card and place it in the offering bag.*

Childcare provided by Janna Duerksen in the nursery during the worship service.

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.



*Today continued*

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

**6:30 pm.**—The *Amazing Grace* musical presented by Children of Light will be held this evening at Tabor. Come early to get a choice seat and stay for some refreshments that will be served following the performance. *Please bring cookies to share.*



**Pastor Corey Update:** Last weekend, Corey, Nancy and the girls went to Iowa to candidate for the lead pastor position at the West Union Mennonite Church. It was a full three days of meeting people, answering questions, listening, talking, fellowshiping, praying and discerning. We all felt like the weekend went well. Today, West Union will vote to give Corey an official call to be their next pastor. The church will communicate their vote to Corey some-time today and next Sunday, Corey will give a response to both congregations.

Thank you all for your ongoing prayers. While the whole process has gone well, it has been a very exhausting experience for obvious reasons. Your prayers were felt by us on the road and all throughout the process. You have offered Christ's love to us in so many meaningful ways and it has helped us navigate through these times.

## This Week

### Monday, May 9

**7:00 p.m.**—Safe Sanctuary Task Force meeting.

### Wednesday, May 11

**6:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

**7:00 p.m.**—TMYF, Education Committee meeting

### Thursday, May 12

**12:00 p.m.**—Newton Lunch Bunch

## Next Sunday, May 15

**9:30 a.m.—Worship:** Next Sunday continues the season of Easter. The theme for the day is *Trusting the Shepherd*; the texts are Psalm 23, I Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-16 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will be blessing our graduating seniors during the worship service.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday school for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

## Prayer Requests

*The following items were shared last Sunday, May 1.*

- ★ Alvin Schmidt asked prayers for rain.
- ★ Prayers were said for Corey and family as they spent time at West Union Church in Iowa.
- ★ Brent Abrahams expressed prayers for helping at the homeless shelter.

Happenings:

- ★ A number of volunteers willingly served at the church yesterday to clean and tend to our facilities. Don't things look great!
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilt and Children's Caring Quilt are home.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Our newly dedicated youngest children and the homes that they are nurtured by.
- ★ All women, who have nurtured us in our lives and in our faith journey of following Christ.
- ★ Rain. The wheat has been stressed because of the lack of moisture and our farmers have growing concerns.
- ★ God's Spirit to help us process and reflect on the events surrounding the capture and killing of Osama bin Laden this week. Pray that Christ's teachings would guide our thoughts and conversations regarding this event.
- ★ The Miller's as they wait, pray and listen for God's Spirit in these days.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Susan Jantzen as she is commissioned today as the pastor of First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Beyler of MMN in Japan requests prayer for the nation's decision-makers in the face of continuing earthquakes, tsunamis and nuclear disasters. Pray also for the safety of those in the middle of the crisis, those clearing out rubble and getting on with their lives, those still searching and still mourning, those newly mourning, and those who have had to evacuate.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the students graduating from Hesston College today. Thank God for their contributions to the campus community for the past two years and for the impact they will have on the world as they move forward.

