

March 11, 2007
LENT 3

“God Pours Out Life-giving Drink”

“... Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.” - Isaiah 55:1

Gathering

PRELUDE Doug Krehbiel & Friends

WELCOME Worship Leader, Fred Schmidt

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: We have seen you in the sanctuary,
and know your power and glory.

People: We will praise you and bless you as long as we live.

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,
and you uphold us.**

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“Holy Spirit, come with power”* No. 26

*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

Praising God

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Come, thou fount”* No. 521

*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Rejoice in the Lord Always”* Sonbeams

CHILDREN’S STORY Carrie Unruh

Hearing God’s Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 55:1-9*
“O let all who thirst” No. 495

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *I Corinthians 10:1-13*

SERMON *“Turn Around or Go Round and Round”* Corey Miller

Responding to God

SONG OF FAITH

"I hunger and I thirst"

No. 474

CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Leader: We are all invited to seek the Lord today.
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

**All: Sheltering God, we seek you, for you alone are our
Light and Salvation. When darkness moves into our lives,
we seek your face.**

Leader: When fears overcome us and paralyze us (*pause*), we seek your face.
When our souls hunger for your shelter (*pause*), we seek your face.

**All: In the morning and in the evening,
we will seek the face of our God.**

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

SONG

"I sought the Lord"

No 506

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord we give you our thanks

-*"Thanks be to God"*

Lord we pray to you

-*"Hear our prayer"*

*SENDING SONG

"Rain down"

Insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

Lent is a season when we repent or turn from our sins. It is a time to turn to God who pours out life-giving drink and food that sustains us. When we become empty and weary from things that do not satisfy, God richly provides for us. May we find joy in our repenting or turning around today. We are so glad you are here.

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

Childcare is available during worship today.

10:45—Sunday School for all ages.

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.

Pastor Karen will be leaving this afternoon for Tulsa, OK to participate in a mediation training seminar sponsored by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. She will return on Friday evening. Please pray for safe travel and that this will be a good learning experience.

6:00 p.m.—*Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* for those who signed up.

This Week

MDS Service Trip at Port Arthur through March 16.

If you would like to contribute financially, make checks payable to Tabor Church, earmark "Texas Service Trip", and place in the secretary's mailbox.

Wednesday, March 14

6:00-6:45 p.m.—Supper—*sign up for meal* .

6:30-7:15 p.m.—Children of Light

6:45-7:00 p.m.—Supper Clean Up

6:45-7:15 p.m.—Sonbeams Choir

7:00-8:00 p.m.—TGYF —Adult Bible Study: *Conflict Transformation* –
Leann Toews will be leading the discussion.

7:15-8:00 p.m.—Children's Bible Study, Worship Team

7:15-8:15 p.m.—Faith Weaver Friends, Youth Explorers

8:00-9:00 p.m.—Adult Choir

Thursday, March 15

WDC Pastor's Day Apart at Tabor

Friday, March 16

MARCH FOR PEACE: You may come to Tabor at any time during the day to pray for peace and reflect on your life as a peacemaker. At **5:30pm**, we will gather at the church and walk to the road and have a prayer vigil by our sign by the highway. Please consider being more public in our yearning for peace in the world and especially in Iraq.

Saturday, March 17

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study. Hebrews 11.

Next Sunday, March 18

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Lent. The focus of the morning will be "*God helps the Lost.*" The texts are Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, II Corinthians 5:16-21 and Luke 15 and Corey will be preaching.

We invite you to enter the sanctuary quietly and reflectively during the season of Lent. Come early and use the time for prayer and centering your hearts on Christ. May we all prepare to be fed in this season of Lent.

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

Prayer Requests

14 people left yesterday for Texas to do some work at Port Arthur during this next week. They are worshipping at Potter House Mennonite Church this morning and will be back on Saturday evening.

Remember to pray for:

The Tabor Church Texas Service Trip participants. Pray for safety as they travel. Pray for a good public witness as they offer their gifts in the name of Christ.

The Bluffton community and University as they continue to deal with their tremendous loss.

Alvin and Wilma Schmidt and Ben Schmidt, together with Leann Toews, are going to Washington DC to march for peace. Pray for safety for their travels and ministry in Washington.

Western District Conference: Pray for the Gifts Discernment Committee as it begins to prepare the Tulsa '07 ballot for leadership of WDC Executive Board and Commissions.

Prayer Requests Continued

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network workers Jeanette and Todd Hanson, China, request prayer that the Nanchong congregation will experience a renewal in its commitment to each other as a body and healing of relationships during the final phases of a long, difficult building project.

Mennonite Education Agency: Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Pray for newly admitted students who wish to enter the United States to study at AMBS this fall. Pray that they will be allowed to join the seminary community.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came to the Jr. Hi fundraiser last Sunday at Tabor Church. We appreciate your giving of \$1686.50 to be used for Camp WaShunGa in May. The sponsors also want to thank Elaine Unruh for planning the meal and food preparation. Thanks for your support! —Fred & Diane Unruh and Delton & Janice Voth, sponsors.

WRITERS ARE NEEDED for the coffee table book that is to be written for our 100th celebration. Elaine Schroeder and John Goerzen have already done extensive research and are needing help with the writing process. Please prayerfully consider how you might be a part of this ministry that allows Tabor Church to share not only our history but our faith story with the greater community. Contact Ilona Abrahams if you are interested.

IN YOUR MAILBOXES: Survey for our Pastoral/Congregation Review. Please spend some time in thoughtful and prayerful reflection as you respond to the questionnaires. Return completed form to the box in the foyer no later than Sunday, March 18. All responses will be kept confidential.

WDC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Those who are interested in playing at the WDC basketball tournament, contact Ben Schmidt or Maynard Knepp by March 18. Goessel Mennonite has an over 35 year old team put together and they could use some other guys.

GROCERY SHOWER MINISTRIES: Tabor is exploring a new ministry that is intended to nurture our young married people. We are proposing that we would have a Grocery Shower for those who are getting married. We would gather (perhaps on Sundays for a potluck) and bring items of food for the young couple starting out, and would bless them as they begin their life together. We think this is a wonderful gesture of hospitality to the wonderful young adults in our midst. If you are interested in helping to coordinate these events, please contact Corey or Barb Abrahams.

ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE MEN'S PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER Sat., March 17, 6-8 pm, at the Goessel Grade School. Donations gratefully accepted to help purchase new folding tables for the Alexanderwohl Fellowship Hall.

GOESSEL HERITAGE MUSEUM DINNER - March 24, 6:30 p.m. Donavon Schmidt and Darlene Schroeder will be selling tickets after the service today and next Sunday. Museum memberships may also be purchased.

BETHESDA HOME "Building Community & Changing Lives" capital campaign. An evening of FREE dessert and FREE entertainment. Desserts will be provided by "the Breadbasket", and entertainment will include some Woelk's, some Possum's, and of course "This Group". March 25, 7:00 pm, Goessel Elementary School. Come show your support.

URGENT MCC RELIEF RESPONSE TO IRAQ: You can help more than 500,000 people who have been displaced by the war in Iraq. MCC is shipping material aid, including 4,200 relief kits and raising \$60,000 for shipping and related costs in the month of March. In Central States, we are committed to collecting 865 relief kits and \$12,000. Designate funds for "Iraq Emergency Assistance." Kits can be brought to any MCC center. Details about relief kits and other drop-off sites can be found at www.mcc.org/iraqrelief. or call 316-283-2720.

DO YOU SENSE A CALL TO BE A CHURCH PLANTER? Ever wondered what church planters do? You are invited to attend a workshop March 23-25 in Waxahachie, TX, learn about current Western District Conference and South Central Conference initiatives, and meet others who sense God's call. Presenter is Mauricio Chenlo, Director of Church Plant Academy of Mennonite Mission Network. All sessions will be in both Spanish and English. Cost is \$136 for all costs. Contact Esther Martinez, 214-943-4207 or emartine@earthlink.net for info. (Brochure posted).

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

Camp Mennoscah see posted information for the following:

Explore the Night Sky. March 16-18.

Retirees Relaxation Retreat is coming up April 23-25.

Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 20-22.

Goessel Blood Drive, March 19, noon-6pm, Goessel Mennonite Church.

Kathy Kelly, coordinator of **Voices for Creative Nonviolence**, will address "Maladjustments for Peace: Why We Won't Adjust to Racism, Poverty, and War," at 7:30 p.m. on March 15, Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College.

Patty Shelly will share "**Reflections from the Religious Delegation to Iran**" at Bethel College Mennonite Church at 7:30 p.m., March 19.

Living With Grief: Before and After Death, March 22, 12:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College.

Ten Thousand Villages needs host family for volunteer from India. Details are posted.

KANSAS MCC SALE NOTES

39th annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
April 13 & 14, 2007 - Kansas State Fairgrounds

The **Children's Coin offering** last Sunday for the MCC Sale brought in \$64.08. FANTASTIC!! "Change does Change Lives". THANKS Children for helping!!

PLEASE look over the FANTASTIC wood craftsmanship in the northwest corner of the basement. Perhaps some of you may want to bid on some of these wonderful items that **Tabor craftsmen** have built. We will keep collecting these items until sale time. PLEASE label your item with your name and a brief description. THANKS for sharing your talents to help others.

MORE **signup sheets**, *Pies*, *Zwiebach*, *Bread*, have been added to the table in the foyer. Join in the FUN and sign up to help. It is an energizing weekend. By giving of your time and money you help provide others with things we take for granted, such as water and medical supplies.

Consider helping with **pre-sale expenses**. Help us cover our \$80,000 budget so ALL proceeds of the sale go to help others. This is what is called running at 100% efficiency. Remember that many people doing small things is how miracles happen. This is the MCC way. Tabor people have already given over \$1,000.

We would like for ALL Tabor people to get involved in the **Run for Relief** again this year. Either be a runner, walker, or a sponsor. Remember the example that Fred Schmidt set for us. Get motivated and start asking people to sponsor you.

It's fun for the whole family. Located inside the Pride of Kansas Building is the newly organized **Children's Activity Area** featuring a Children's Auction, Moon Walk, carnival games, barrel rides, and the 9 hole MCC Mini-Golf. Enjoy a weekend of fun with your family and help make a difference through your donations to MCC.

Peace. Think About it.

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.
- *Martin Luther King Jr.*