

Welcome!

We worship the One on the throne and the Lamb who alone is worthy of all our praise, honor, and allegiance. As we celebrate communion at the same time as many other congregations in the world, we remember that we are called to be a kingdom and priests from every tribe, language, and people, "reigning" in the very upside-down way of the lamb.



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome – Pastor Caleb Yoder

Call to Worship and Invocation – Revelation 4:8b, 11

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come!*

*You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will
they were created and have their being.*

Gathering Hymns

Holy, holy, holy

HWB 120

1 - Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

3 - Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

2 - Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

4 - Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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We will glorify

SWJ 62

We will glorify the King of Kings,
We will glorify the lamb,
We will glorify the Lord of Lords,
Who is the Great I AM.

He is Lord above the universe,
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the heav'n and earth;
All praise to Him we give.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness;
We will worship Him alone.

Oh, hallelujah to the King of Kings
Hallelujah to the lamb,
hallelujah to the Lord of Lords
Who is the Great I AM.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Children's Story

Aileen Esau

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Revelation 5

Message

"The Slaughtered Lamb"

Pastor Caleb

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord's Supper

*All who claim faith in Jesus and follow him
are welcome to participate in the Lord's table.*

Before I take the body of the Lord, before I share his life in bread and wine, I recognize the sorry things within: these I lay down. *(Silent prayer)*

The words of hope I often failed to give, the prayers of kindness buried in my pride, the signs of care I argued out of sight: these I lay down. *(Silent prayer)*

The narrowness of vision and of mind, the need for other folk to serve my will, and every word and silence meant to hurt: these I lay down. *(Silent prayer)*

Of those around in whom I meet my Lord, I ask their pardon and I grant them mine, that every contradiction to Christ's peace might be laid down. *(Silent prayer)*

Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast, I empty now my heart and stretch my hands, and ask to meet you here in bread and wine which you lay down. Amen.

*Deacons and pastors will serve individually packaged elements.
Please wait to partake until all have been served.*

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Sending Song

I Come With Joy

HWB 459

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall,
his life laid down for me.

The Love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known,
we see and praise him here.

3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.

5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Benediction

Pastor Lois

Special thanks to the Board of Deacons, Renae Peters, Bryant Miller, Lynel Unrau, Laura Unrau, Aileen Esau, Brendon Nafziger, Marlin Janzen, David Esau, Steve Unruh, and Delton Voth, for their help with making this unique worship service possible.

Questions for Reflection (Revelation 5)

1. What symbolism do you see in calling Jesus Christ a "lamb that was slaughtered"?
2. What does it mean to believe that this Lamb alone is worthy of worthy of praise, honor, glory, and power in times like these?

Next Sunday we continue our worship focus through the book of Revelation. You are encouraged to read Revelation chapters 6-11 in preparation. You may want to split this into multiple sittings, and be OK with not understanding what you read. The focus scripture reading will be from **Revelation 7:9-17**.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Velma Hiebert as she recovers at home from a hospitalization this last week due to complications from diabetes.
- ❖ In the midst of the harvest season, we are grateful for harvesting already done and offer continued prayers for work ahead.
- ❖ We continue to pray for our elders who are in nursing facilities as well as those who care for them. We ask for God's ongoing love and mercy as they persevere in this long, long season of quarantine caution.
- ❖ We pray for several members of the Goessel High School football team as they heal from injuries.
- ❖ In the increasingly polarized climate in which we are living we pray for God's upside-down and sacrificial love to be shown in the lives of Christians.
- ❖ We pray for California residents still suffering from the wildfires and first responders who are working to contain the fires.

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If you would appreciate a porch visit or phone call from one of the pastors or deacons, please feel free to contact us!

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, October 4	10:00 am	World Communion – outdoor service
	3:00 pm	Bluegrass Grand Porch Visit
Monday, October 5	4:30 pm	COVID taskforce meeting
Wednesday, October 7	6:45 pm	Faith formation for ages 3 through grade 12
	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees
Sunday, October 11	10:00 am	Anticipated in-person indoor service
Monday, October 12		Goessel Blood Drive
	5:45 pm	Board of Mission and Service
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Sunday, October 18		Carry-out Fundraiser Meal for students attending Mennonite Colleges
Sunday, October 25	1:30 pm	Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk
Sunday, November 1	2:00 am	Daylight Saving Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)
Sunday, November 1		Bethesda Pillar's Banquet
November 23 & 24		MCC Meat Canning, N. Newton

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us TODAY (October 4) for the Bluegrass Grand Porch Visit in the church yard from 3 - 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy socially-distanced fellowship and bluegrass music from several local groups. The FM radio station will be going, so staying in your car is also an option. Please bring a chair, snacks and drinks, wear a mask and enjoy some live music and fellowship! An offering will be taken to support MCC and New Hope Shelter. Rain cancels.

Midweek activities for children and youth begin this week Wednesday, October 7.

Schedule

6:45-7:30 pm Class time for children and junior high

6:45-7:45 pm Class time for high school youth

Classroom Teachers & Helpers and Locations

Preschool — (ages 3 & 4) Susan Nafziger, Jennifer Jay--Rm #18-19

Primary — (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd grades) Janine Peters, Pat Schmidt, Jadlyn O'Neill--Chapel

Older Elementary -- (3rd, 4th, 5th grades) Aileen Esau, Suzanne Meier—Foundation Room

Junior High -- Kent Peters, Delbert Peters, Jared Unrau—Shelter House

High School Youth—Brian & Rachael Burkholder, Pastor Caleb, Pastor Lois—Fellowship Hall

Parking—We are encouraging individuals to park in designated areas on Wednesday nights as follows: children's families in the northeast parking lot by the airlock entrance of the church, junior high families by the shelter house, and high school youth by the north church office door. The south lobby entrance, south office doors and south parking lot will be closed due to construction work.

Freezer meals – If anyone would be able and willing to prepare a freezer meal (or several) that we could have on hand here at the church, the pastors and deacons would really appreciate that as we minister to our church family. As we all know, sometimes having a few meals that can simply be pulled out of the freezer is a big help in times of crisis or need. If you bring meals, please write the date that you put it in the freezer on the package. Thanks for your consideration!

The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team is planning a delicious chicken enchilada take-out meal for Sunday, October 18. This is a fundraiser for our students attending Mennonite colleges. Meals will be available at the kitchen window or the church's northeast entrance. Serving time will be 11:00 – 11:45 am.

It's almost that time again – October 12 is the next blood drive at Goessel Church. We had such a great response they added a few extra spots so there are now 7 openings. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or talk with Rosi (367-2418) or Nancy (367-2610).

The Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 25.** Donation envelopes are now available from your church recruiter **Kent Peters.** This year we are also offering an online option for donors and fundraisers. Please go to <https://runsignup.com/harvestgivingwalk> to make a donation or to set up your personal fundraising page.

Save the Date: I am sure many of you have been questioning how you are going to spend the first Sunday of November this year because normally you would be at the Pillars Banquet, supporting Bethesda. Well never fear, the Bethesda Home Board of Trustees is still sponsoring the event!!! Bethesda Home's Annual Fundraiser, "Pillar's Banquet" will be held this year as a drive thru event! Sunday, November 1 you are invited to drive thru Tabor Church's parking lot to pick up a delicious homemade meal catered by Elaine Unruh, Lynette Duerksen and Laura Unrau. Details will be coming for this event so stay posted! ~Sara Hiebert, CEO/Administrator Bethesda Home

Current and upcoming devotionals (*Upper Room & Rejoice!*) are available in the NE entryway for purchase.

CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for WDC congregations as they continue to navigate difficult decisions and new patterns of church life during the pandemic.

Mennonite Mission Network

Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher of Mennonite Mission Network completed their sabbatical leave in the United States last month. Pray for them as they pick up their ministries, many have been put on hold due to South Korea's COVID-19 restrictions.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennosciah

Work and Play Day! Camp Mennosciah invites volunteers to sign up for a day of service and fun on October 10. The day begins at 8:30am and ends approximately 2:30pm. Contact staff at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennosciah.org for details. Please bring a mask!

Escape to the prairie! Pastors and ministry workers are welcome to come to Camp Mennoscah for a day or overnight retreat. No charge for the first day/night, but reservations are required. Spend time on the trails, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie and the Ninnescah River! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation.

Western District Conference

Racial Justice from Palestine to the US video is now posted

at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDhQEV0VfGw&list=PL6aO7e884ZT6FJtR4ENGB8dtMFJgSorEJ&index=1&t=4s>

. If you missed this great dialogue hosted by the WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force and MennoPIN last Monday because of our technical difficulties, here's your chance to listen to it. It was full of fascinating intersections of racial justice issues here and in Israel-Palestine.

Hoffnungsaus Mennonite Church (43 13th Ave, Inman KS) annual Mission Supper is just around the corner and not even Covid can keep us from this special time of service and celebration! While we will not have a dine-in experience in our church basement, we will be offering a carry out meal featuring our traditional menu of homemade sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie. Save the date for Saturday evening, October 24. Orders will be accepted from October 4-October 18; call/text Barb Reeves (620-543-6863) or Teresa Schrag (620-242-2357) to let us know how many meals to have ready and prepared for you. Meal pick-up will be at the church from 5-6:30pm on October 24. This will be a free-will offering benefit with all proceeds going to support the Buhler Omega Project, a Christian addiction recovery program. Checks can be made out to "Hoffnungsaus Mennonite Church" and cash donations will also be accepted that evening. We look forward to serving you!!

The Tabor (891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS) Mennonite Men's annual chicken BBQ will occur on Nov. 5.

However, unlike the last 50 years there will be no in church dining. The meal will be a drive-by to-go meal. The menu will be the same, bbq chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll and ice cream. Mark this day on your calendar and come support the Tabor Menn. Men. More details to follow.

Mennonite Central Committee WDC/SCC Women's Retreat 2020:

Share your thoughts! Mennonite Central Committee is partnering with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and we need your feedback. Please take 5-7 minutes to complete this survey to help MCC establish an understanding of how congregations are currently involved with creation care and advocacy. All results will remain confidential. Please share the survey link with others in your congregation. Thank you for taking time to help guide our future work in addressing issues around climate change. Please email centralstates@mcc.org for more information.

Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on **Saturday, Oct. 17**, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Bethel College

Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "Forthcoming," photography by David Long, through Oct. 30. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. *Face coverings must be worn on the Bethel campus.*

Bethel College Theater presents *No Cross, No Crown: Covid Edition*, an original play by Karen Robu, adapted for an online format. This year's Fall Festival play is based on the life of Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the first woman to be ordained in a mainline denomination in the United States, and an outspoken anti-slavery, temperance and women's suffrage advocate. **The play can be viewed on Bethel's YouTube channel** at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYk8Gp04MB0PIO2NUap95uq>

Tues., Oct. 13 – The Bethel College Chamber Orchestra will present a short outdoor concert (weather permitting), 5 p.m., on the Green. *Face coverings must be worn on the Bethel campus.*

Save the date: KIPCOR will kick off its **2020-21 Peace Lecture series** with journalist and best-selling author Sarah Smarsh, **Thursday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.**, in an online format. This is a fundraiser for KIPCOR. More details to follow!

Outreach Meal Packaging Event

Can you help? On Saturday, October 17, 2020 an Outreach Meal Packaging Event will happen and we need 150 volunteers to make this a success. Our goal is to package 50,000 meals between 9am - 2pm (in two shifts). This is

part of a nationwide 1,000,000 meal challenge in honor of the 19th anniversary of 9/11. All of the meals will be donated to domestic food banks, with 5,000 meals donated within Reno County. The event will be at the Sand Hills Event Center in Hutchinson. We will practice social distancing considerations including provided masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. The event is co-sponsored by Buhler Mennonite Church and IdeaTek. Sign up and also pass the invitation on to other people you know. For more information and to sign-up use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545AEAD2EA1F58-100000> or call 620.899.2733.

Everence Fall Webinar Wednesdays

This full-page flyer will provide a summary of the schedule and titles of the upcoming six webinars. **To register, participants may follow the instructions on the flyer or simply click on the title of the webinar within the interactive flyer.** The flyer is also posted on the bulletin board in each lobby.