



THE
STORY
OF
JONAH

Welcome!

We welcome all who are joining us in worship at Alexanderwohl in a variety of ways! November is Mission month and over the next couple of weeks we explore what it means to join God's mission sharing the light of Christ in the Goessel community and beyond. We welcome Eric Frey Martin from Mennonite Mission Network with teaching from the book of Jonah.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Jared Janzen

Welcome

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation (lighting of the peace lamp) (based on *Sing the Story* 144)

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us to bring good news to the oppressed!

People: to heal the brokenhearted,

Leader: to announce freedom for prisoners and captives!

All: God has anointed us!

Leader: God has called us to comfort those who mourn

People: to give them flowers instead of ashes

Leader: oil of gladness instead of tears and joyous praise instead of a faint spirit!

All: God has called us!

Hymn of Praise (instrumental)

Jesus shall reign

HWB 319

Jesus shall reign
where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch
from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax
and wane no more.

People and realms
of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love
with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings
on his name.

Blessings abound
where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to
lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are
bless'd.

Children's Story

Aileen Esau

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Congregational song (instrumental)

Open my eyes

HWB 517

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands
the wonderful key that shall
unclasp, and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest
clear,
and while the wave notes
fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children
thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Worship Music (recording)

Psalm of Life

Hesston College Bel Canto

~Craig Hella Johnson and Mattie Stepanek

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1 - 4:3

Judy Goertzen

Message

"Repentance that leads to life"

Eric Frey Martin

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Song of Response

God of the Bible

SWJ 92

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our center, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.
[Refrain]

Refrain:

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.*

Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. *[Refrain]*

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Prayer of dedication

Pastor Lois

Benediction

Pastor Lois

Postlude

Jared Janzen

Sending Song

Move in our midst

HWB 418

Move in our midst, O Spirit of God.
Go with us down from your holy hill.
Walk with us through the storm and the calm.
Spirit of God, now go with us still.

Strike from our feet the fetters that bind.
Lift from our lives the weight of our wrong.
Teach us to love with heart, soul, and mind.
Spirit of God, your love makes us strong.

Touch now our hands to lead us aright.
Guide us forever, show us your way.
Transform our darkness into your light.
Spirit of God, still lead us today.

Kindle our hearts to burn with your flame.
Raise up your banners high in this hour.
Stir us to build new worlds in your name.
Spirit of God, O send us your pow'r!

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Special thanks to Eric Frey Martin, Jared Janzen, Hesston College Bell Canto, Judy Goertzen, Aileen Esau, Brendon Nafziger and ushers, Tina Schrag (visual arts), DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth, and the AMC Covid Task Force,

Next Sunday we continue learning about how to join God's mission joined by Michelle Armster from Mennonite Central Committee Central States.

Praying for our congregation and beyond

- ❖ We pray for recovery for those contracting COVID-19 and for resolve in our community to slow the spread.
- ❖ We pray for those needing to quarantine with the limitations and changed pace of life this brings including Pastor Caleb, Beth, Austin and Josiah.
- ❖ We continue to pray for those working in hospitals experiencing an increase in COVID patients.

- ❖ We pray for Ron Dirksen, who is Brittany Hiebert's dad, as he recovers from a cardiac bypass surgery. We pray for healing and for God's peace with the family as they are not all able to be together physically due to COVID.
- ❖ Thank you, God, for John Fast's ability and willingness to drive trucks for MCC, delivering goods to those in need! In October John drove a truckload of 650 backpacks filled with health supplies and clothing to the San Antonio (TX) Mennonite Church where the backpacks were delivered to Mexican and Central American refugees. This past week he drove a truck to Boulder, CO where he retrieved 1,014 school kits contributed by the Boulder Mennonite Church that needed to be transported to the MCC warehouse in N. Newton; they will be distributed at a later date.

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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, November 15	10:00 am	Worship service with guest speaker, Eric Frey Martin
	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal
Monday, November 16	4:00 pm	Prayer Team
	7:30 pm	Board of Worship
Wednesday, November 18	6:45 pm	Faith formation for ages 3 through grade 12 (final session)
November 20 & 21		MCC Meat Canning, N. Newton
Sunday, November 22	10:00 am	Worship Service with guest speaker, Michelle Armster
Tuesday, November 24	7:30 pm	Board of Deacons Zoom meeting
Sunday, November 29		First Sunday of Advent
Monday, November 30	4:00 pm	Prayer Team

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from the COVID Taskforce: Members of the AMC COVID taskforce and Pastors Caleb and Lois have chosen not to offer the option of in-person worship for at least this Sunday and Sunday, November 22. We do not make this decision lightly, but make it in light of the rapid increase in local cases and because members of Pastor Caleb's family have tested positive with COVID-19. You may join the worship service via Zoom on Sunday morning at 10:00 or watch the recording online, after the service. Pastor Caleb will be quarantining and working from home. The task force will continue to consider adult Sunday school for the future, but we agree that now is not a good time to add more exposure opportunities at church. All opinions, ideas and suggestions are welcome; the task force appreciates your input and concern for the well-being of our congregation and community. We will continue to re-evaluate our plan after November 22 based on county and state guidance and local health data.

TODAY -- Goessel Community Drive-Through Thanksgiving Meal from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Goessel Elementary School. The meal is free; donations are welcome to help Goessel Ministerial Alliance (GMA) provide assistance for community families and the schools.

The Board of Deacons is deeply appreciative of the freezer meals that have been contributed – thank you! More are always welcome!

Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19 there will be **NO Thanksgiving Day** service this year.

Christmas Giving Tree

Jesus' love was the greatest gift that God has ever given to humanity. That love continues to inspire us to gift each other with God's grace and love. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Citizens State Bank are sponsoring a "**Christmas Giving Tree**" to do just that. This tree endeavors to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for those families in need. We invite all parents who feel they could use a little help to fill out an application listing their children by name, age, and some gift suggestions with sizes, if clothing is listed. Besides parents, other people that are aware of needs for children should also fill out the application form.

Applications will be available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the Goessel City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank. All applications will need to be turned in by Friday, November 20 to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Citizens State Bank. Each child's name turned in will get 2 tags on the tree with their age, sex and gift description. The names of the children will not be on the tag.

The tags will be available on the tree at the Citizens State Bank on Monday, November 23. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Bank by **Monday, December 14**. The gifts should be wrapped and the bank personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. The gifts will then be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance. If you have any questions, please one of the pastors.

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

MDS Opportunity: When Hurricane Delta (the 5th storm to hit Cameron, Louisiana in mid October) left much destruction, it is a great testament to MDS that 27 of the 30 homes they built between 2007-2012 in that area were still standing. Some interiors will need to be gutted, but the structures survived. MDS is recruiting volunteers for week-long stints through mid December to clean up debris, cut trees, muck out, and prevent mold. Call 1-800-241-8111 for more details if you can help out, or talk to Steve and Rosi 367-2418.

CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for WDC staff in their daily work of sustaining transformational leaders, resourcing missional congregations, and encouraging church planting partnerships in our conference.

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network's Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit helps extend the ministry of Beth-El Mennonite Church through building relationships in the community. Pray for Elyse Burton as she helps families who are homeless and for Makenzie Shelman as she works with people with disabilities. Pray also for unit leader Cindy Headings.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennoscah

Camp Mennoscah is a wonderful place for family gatherings of whatever size! A variety of facilities fit any number of family groupings. Or maybe you only need a space during the day for walking the trails or playing disc golf. There is plenty of outdoor space! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org to reserve! You are welcome here!

Looking for your next opportunity to come to Camp Mennoscah? The Christmas Gathering is tentatively being planned as an outdoor event on Saturday, December 12 at 2:30pm. Details forthcoming.

Western District Conference

Associate Conference Minister transition: WDC announces that Sandra Montes Martinez has accepted a call to serve as WDC Associate Conference Minister based in Texas. She will begin in this role half-time on December 1, 2020 and move to full time on February 1, 2021. Sandra's appointment follows consideration of multiple candidates by a Search Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the WDC Executive Board, Ministerial Leadership Commission, Church Planting Commission and Staff Relations Committee.

Sandra brings a wide range of church and ministry-related experience, passion for missional church leadership in an Anabaptist/Mennonite context, bilingual and cross-cultural competency, pastoral and organizational skills, and strong relationships within Western District Conference and Mennonite Church USA. She has attended Seminario

Anabautista Menonita in Caracas, Venezuela; Los Angeles Mission College in Sylmar, California; and Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) and Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH), programs of Mennonite Education Agency.

Sandra has formerly been serving as a credentialed pastor at Iglesia Cristiana Menonita Monte Horeb in Dallas, TX; Administrative Assistant for WDC in Texas; and Executive Director for Iglesia Menonita Hispana (IMH), a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA. She plans to continue giving leadership to Academia Liderazgo Misional Anabautista (ALMA), a missional leadership initiative of IMH.

We are excited to welcome Sandra to this new role of Associate Conference Minister in WDC! A formal installation for Sandra will be planned at a later date.

Lee Lever will conclude his role as WDC's Interim Conference Ministry Liaison for Texas on November 30, 2020.

Join this year's final WDC Leadership Lunch Conversation on November 19 at 12:00 noon. Each month a Kansas Leadership Center leadership competency is presented. This time the conversation will focus on "speaking to loss". Anyone is welcome. Email wdc@mennowdc.org for a Zoom link to join the conversation.

On November 22 at 4 pm, Rainbow Mennonite Church of Kansas City, KS, will host an ordination service in honor of Roseann Penner Kaufman, Minister of Music and Worship. Please [click here](#) for how to participate, including sending well wishes which will be sewed into an ordination stole for Rosi.

The Tabor Mennonite Men (Newton KS) would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all who came and donated to our annual chicken barbeque. It was a big success, raising approximately 40% more than last year. We were indeed humbled, considering the Covid circumstances.

Because during COVID-19 congregational singing has been discouraged, Southern Hills Mennonite, Topeka, KS has creatively come up with an alternative: tone chimes. Two groups of four persons have begun to rehearse playing tone chimes which the congregation had purchased recently. For those who miss congregational singing, playing the tone chimes adds a dimension of music. Those on church council and Pastor Gabriel Pennington are supportive of the option. Congregants look forward to hearing the chimes as we celebrate and worship our God.

Giving Tuesday is December 1 – Western District Conference invites you to join this global giving initiative! Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. You may make an online contribution **HERE** or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

Did you miss the WDC webinar "Connect: Faith Formation in Challenging Times"? You can watch a recording of the web and/or read through a list of the faith formation in the digital age resources that were referred to during the webinar at: <https://mennowdc.org/christian-nurture/>.

Bethel College

TODAY (Sun., Nov. 15) – If you signed up, don't forget to join the talk-back session this afternoon for the KIPCOR Film Series presentation *Cooked: Survival by Zip Code*, 2 p.m., with Christy Miller Hesed, Hesston, a postdoctoral associate in environmental anthropology at the University of Maryland (advance registration was required to join the talk-back).

Now on display in the Regier Art Gallery, Luyken Fine Arts Center, at Bethel College: "Noir + More," recent work by Denise Brueggeman. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. *Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing observed on the Bethel campus.*

Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is looking for Newton-area bakers to help support the college by supplying baked goods for this year's "5 Places of Christmas" on Dec. 5. Follow this link for sign-up options: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BABA2EA4FDCF8-baked>

Everence to hold Medicare webinar: Nov. 16

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Monday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

**Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. Advisory services offered through Investment Advisors, a division of ProEquities Inc., Registered Investment Advisors. Securities offered through ProEquities Inc., a registered broker-dealer, member FINRA and SIPC. Investments and other products are not NCUA or otherwise federally insured, may involve loss of principal and have no credit union guarantee.*

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Mennonite Church USA

Service Adventure is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term! Grow in leadership and faith as you spend a year serving and living in community with others your age and with unit leaders.

Visit MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure to learn more!

Giving Tuesday is coming up on December 1. Your contribution to Mission Network will help us Be the Gospel through our valued partnerships, ministries, and resources. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Donate to give on or before December 1.