

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture	I Kings 18:17-21	Denise Duerksen
Message	"Limping Between God and Something Else"	Pastor Brett
Song of Response	<i>Spirit of God! Descend</i>	VT 557
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer</i> ~Held	Marcia Brubaker
*Song of Dedication and Sending	<i>Rain Down</i>	VT 703

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Benediction	Bryant Miller
*Postlude	Marcia Brubaker

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ 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.

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Greeters: North – Alan and Sharon Boese
South – Lee and Mary Alice Hertzler

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Aileen Esau, Cambry Duerksen

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth

October 29 Attendance: Sunday School – 99; Worship -- 123 in person; 16 Zoom Households

October 29 Offering: Sunday School -- \$21.46; First Fruits – \$3,419.00

Brett Klingenberg farms with his family near Peabody. He and his wife, Cassie, have four children who attend Remington Schools. Brett is a former pastor of First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, and Grace Hill Mennonite Church. They currently attend Zion Mennonite in Elbing.

Next Sunday Pastor Brett will preach from the prophetic book of Hosea, chapter 11:1-9. Here we read about God's passionate love for his children; despite their disobedience God cannot give them up.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for DJ Flaming and Marilyn Unruh Flaming and their family as they grieve the unexpected passing of DJ's brother-in-law, Gene Claassen, married to DJ's sister Dorene. We ask for God's comfort and for traveling mercies as the family gathers next weekend in Moses Lake, WA for services.
- ❖ We pray for the friends and family of Eldon Epp, Chaplain at Bethesda. Eldon died unexpectedly at his home this past Sunday.

- ❖ We pray for our college and graduate students who have semester deadlines looming; grant them focus and motivation as they work.
- ❖ We pray for those who've sustained losses of family, homes and livelihoods due to the hurricane in the Acapulco Bay area.
- ❖ We pray for WDC's Israel Palestine Task Force and for WDC congregations that are engaged in advocacy for peace and justice for all who suffer war and violence.

+This week pray for: Arlin and Maretta Buller, Kent and Lyndsey Duerksen, Irvin Goertzen, John and Janell Janzen, Jane Voth

THIS WEEK

Daylight Saving Time Ends – Set clocks back one hour Saturday night

Sunday, November 5

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship
- 5:30-6:30 pm – Bethesda Pillar's Banquet

Monday, November 6

- 4:00 pm – Prayer Team
- 5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, November 7

- 9:00 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 8

- 5:45 pm – Fellowship meal served
- Note: This is a fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum
- Midweek Activities

Sunday, November 12

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

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| Nov 17 | Senior Coffee – Nora and Forrest Miller |
| Nov 19 | GMA's Community Thanksgiving Meal |
| Nov 23-24 | Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving |
| Nov 26 | Thanksgiving Service (no Thanksgiving Day service) |
| Dec 3 | First Sunday of Advent |
| Dec 3 | Newton Community Children's Choir Concert at AMC |
| Dec 6-9 | Serve at New Hope Shelter |
| Dec 9 | Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch |
| Dec 10 | A Service of Lessons and Carols |
| Dec 10 | Christmas Brass and Elbiata Goessel Community Concert |
| Dec 15 | Senior Coffee |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lois is away this weekend. Pastor Gail Graber is on call for emergency situations. For other pastoral needs please contact a deacon.

Fifty years ago, the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum, then known as the Mennonite Immigrant Historical Foundation, was in its early beginnings as community members were concerned that the stories of those that immigrated to this area in 1874 be preserved and shared. **In celebration and with gratitude, museum board members will be serving Menno Bros. pizza, along with fresh tossed salad and delicious cookies, between 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8.** All proceeds from the meal will benefit the museum; your donations will be gratefully accepted. Please join us!

Plan to join us for Senior Coffee on Friday, November 17, at 10:00 am when Nora and Forrest Miller from Newton will share their "Harvey County Road Adventure" with us. Come for food and fellowship!

Community Thanksgiving Meal -- Sunday, November 19 between 5:00-6:30 pm at the Goessel Elementary gym. There are signup sheets on the bulletin board in both lobbies to help bring food and to be a worker.

Daughters of Grace are planning a Christmas brunch on December 9 and are looking for volunteers to decorate a Christmas-themed table for that morning. If you are willing to share your creative talents in this way, please sign up in the south lobby.

As families begin to make plans for the upcoming holiday season, we wanted all to be aware of the schedule for Thanksgiving and Christmas services. We will celebrate **Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 26,** with no service on Thanksgiving Day. This service will include a special offering time where we are encouraged to symbolically express our thanks to God through gifts of money, grains, creative work, tools, and any other ways that are unique to us. On Sunday, December 24, we will meet as usual for Sunday School and worship service at the regular times. The Christmas Eve program and Candlelighting Service will be held that evening, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. There will be no service on Christmas Day.

The thank you note from Western District Conference is posted on the south bulletin board from our 3rd quarter distributions to our mission partners.

The 2024 commemorative 150 Years of the Mennonite Migration calendars have arrived! These calendars are filled with interesting Mennonite historical tidbits and include event dates for the 150th celebration of Mennonites coming to America. They are great for Christmas gift-giving! On November 12 & 19, there will be a table in the south lobby following the worship service to purchase your calendars for \$15 plus tax. Calendars will also be for sale at the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum gift shop. For more information contact Sandy Duerksen 620.386.4434.

The 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 clothing sizes. 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 17 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 1 tag 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 Tuesday, November 21. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Bank by Monday, December 11. 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.

It is our goal that everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both the giver and the receiver. We hope that each of our congregations may enter into this ministry opportunity.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the one of the pastors.

