

Sermon

Unfinished...but still used by God Pastor Lois Harder

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song** *Light Dawns on a Weary World* VT 205

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** *Morning Song of Praise* –Leavitt 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 that God's shalom will prevail.

Greeters: North – Verney and Janice Voth
South – Myron and Pat Schmidt

Organ / Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader: Julianna Kaufman

Visual Arts: Brianna Combs

Nursery Staff: Travis Duerksen and Janice Voth
(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

May 10 Attendance: Sunday School – 93; Worship -- 122 in person;
10 Zoom Households

May 10 Offering: Sunday School -- \$34.98; First Fruits -- \$4,445.25

Next Sunday – Pastor Chris will preach from and encourage us to think of the book of Job as a prophetic narrative – rather than its usual association with the wisdom genre. What can we learn from the narrative of Job's suffering and transformation that can guide our lives today? We'll also hear from Tim and Judy Goertzen about their recent MDS experiences in Lahina, Hawaii. Also, immediately following our time of worship next Sunday, there will be a brief memorial service in the kiosk out in the church cemetery, remembering those who have died since last Memorial Day. All are welcome!

Greeters are Tim and Judy Goertzen and Jason and Renae Peters.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We praise you, O God, for the many ways you shower us with your tender love and care, even as we wait longingly for rain to water the land.
- ❖ We thank you God, for those graduating from high school and those being promoted to high school in this season. We pray your blessing would be upon them in the next stages of their journey.
- ❖ We pray for our world, its leaders, and the turmoil that headlines our news daily. May we not be overwhelmed, but empowered by your Spirit and your Son's example to keep sowing seeds of peace and hope wherever we can.

- ❖ We pray for the family of Anita Parish who died on May 4 at the age of 94. Send your comfort and mercy to them, Lord, as they celebrate her life and grieve her loss.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship -- Recognize high school and 8th grade graduates

Tuesday, May 19

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 pm – VBS Staff Orientation at Tabor Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 24

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Brief memorial service in the kiosk following worship

COMING EVENTS

May 25 Church offices closed for Memorial Day

May 31-June 2 Serve at New Hope Shelter

June 1-5 Vacation Bible School at Tabor Mennonite Church

June 5 MCC Sale Celebration – See announcement for details

June 7 VBS Worship Service at Tabor Church – no service at AMC

June 19 Senior Coffee with Jason Peters as presenter

June 28-July 4 Youth Summer Service Project with MDS

July 5 Peace Reflection Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our High School Graduates:

Jayden Barnett – Jayden will do an online program through the Sonoran Desert Institute for Gunsmithing. Before he begins those classes he will work for MKC.

Aida Hartvickson – Aida says, “This summer I will figure things out as I go!” She plans to attend KU in the fall.

Eleanor Mai – Elly will attend Newman University this fall to study Nursing and Spanish. She'll be involved in the Honors program, choir and cheerleading.

Levi Schrag – Levi will spend the summer working at the Hesston Golf Course doing maintenance. This fall he will attend Bethel College to study Sports Management and to play golf.

Grace Meier was promoted from the 8th grade on to High School.

It is time to serve at New Hope Shelter! Please sign up on the south lobby bulletin board for May 31 - June 2. The Seekers & Sojourners class will serve supper on May 31, Foundation Fellowship will be June 1 and Friends and Followers will serve on June 2.

It's time to celebrate Ruth! May 31 marks the end of Ruth Goertzen's role as the Administrative Assistant for Alexanderwohl. She has faithfully served our congregation for the past 15 years, and it's time to celebrate those years of work! Please share a memory, funny story, words of appreciation, encouragement and celebration through cards or notes left in her church mailbox throughout the next several weeks.

Instant Church Directory Update -- Our Instant Church Directory has expanded! The complete church family has been added including full members and associate members. The Directory serves as our always-up-to-date pictorial directory, as well as replacing the annually printed yearbook. With your smart phone or computer, you can access the pictures, family information, birthday and anniversary calendars, as well as the list of boards and committees in the "additional pages". If you do not have phone or computer access there will be a *limited* number of copies printed. Due to the cost of color printing and in an effort to reduce costs, a donation of \$3.00-\$5.00 is suggested. Contact the church office if you would like a copy.

VBS is around the corner and the "snack ladies" are asking for monetary donations for purchasing snack ingredients. Please put your donation in the box in either lobby by May 31. Thanks for your help!

Sunday, July 5: The Peace and Social Concerns Committee and pastors are working to plan a **Peace Reflection Sunday!** In the place of our usual Sunday school and worship service programming, we are planning a full morning of peace-related storytelling, activity stations set up inside and outside for the creation of art, poetry, music and singing, play, and time to read, write, or meditate on peace. Additionally, we will have information, resources, and guidance available for those who desire to create a written record of religious objection to war to help establish your status as a conscientious objector (especially for those age 16-25), as well as information regarding alternative service options. More information to come soon!

Summer Book Study! The Board of Mission and Service and Peace and Social Concerns Committee are organizing a summer book study of *Strange Worship: Six Steps For Challenging Christian Nationalism*. The book study will meet for 8 Wednesday Evenings beginning **July 8 thru August 26**. Please add your name to the sign-up on the south bulletin board or let the church office know if you would like to participate so we can reserve your copy of the book that we'll borrow from the WDC Resource Library. For more information, contact a member of the Peace Committee.