

**Stewardship Thought:** Think of your life as a vineyard loaned to you by God. It is your responsibility to bear fruit for Christ, or God will choose other workmen. ~Henrietta C. Mears

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ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE CHURCH

*Building on the foundation of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11),*

*empowered by the Holy Spirit,*

*we*

*Love God and invite all people*

*Encourage fellowship in Christ*

*Teach obedience to Christ*

*Serve and minister in Jesus' name*

*so that:*

*God is praised!*

*Offering God's Love, Healing & Hope to All*  
**Justice is "Making Things Right"**

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**FEBRUARY 10, 2008**

# Peace

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**Focus Statement:** This morning our message will focus on how the church can achieve balance in caring for both the offender *and* the victim when an offense occurs.

# Sunday

**Gathering Music** Worship Team  
**Welcome** Pastor Linda Ewert  
**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**  
**Invocation**

**Prelude** Karen Unruh, organ  
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ~Sadowski  
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

\***Hymn of Affirmation** "We are people of God's peace" HWB #407  
**Children's Story** Aileen Esau  
**Anthem** "Halle, Hallelujah" ~arr. Michniewicz Rejoice Choir

\***Hymn of Aspiration** "Let there be light, Lord God" HWB #371  
**Scripture Readings** Dennis Duerksen  
Isaiah 61:1-3; Matthew 25:34-40 NRSV

**Message** "Seeking Right Relationships" Libby Schrag  
**Hymn of Response** "Healer of our every ill" HWB #377

**Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving  
**Offertory** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ~Cherwien  
**Prayer of Dedication and Intercession** Pastor Lee Suderman

\***Benediction**

\***Sending Song** "Where love is found" (vs. 2-5) HWB #623  
\***Postlude** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" ~Leavitt

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

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**Song Leader and Rejoice Choir Director:** Marcia Brubaker

**Rejoice Choir Accompanist:** Karen Unruh

**Worship Team:** Isaac Fast, Matt Flaming, Pat Flaming, Jason Peters, Eric Schrag, Gayle Voth

## WELCOME

We welcome each person present today for our Peace Sunday service of worship and instruction. A special welcome to our guests present and also to Libby Schrag, Denise Goertzen, and Gary Isaac who represent Offender/Victim Ministries, Inc., an inter denominational, church based agency with local offices in Newton and Hutchinson.

## TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Vanessa Schroeder and Kendra Flaming.

**Noon Potluck Meal** in the Fellowship Hall

**Following Noon Meal – Congregational Annual Meeting** in the Sanctuary

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

**Pray for:**

—**Hospital:** Norman Ratzlaff was dismissed from Newton Medical Center; Dwight Klassen at Newton Medical Center

—**Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** conference ministers of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada who are meeting February 11–13 with professors from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in the Pastor–Faculty Colloquy. Pray that their discussions will help clarify and strengthen leadership for the church.

—**Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Melodie Davis of Mennonite Media, as she writes a series of features on marriage for the Another Way newspaper and Web site column.

—**Western District Conference (WDC):** the Newton/Hesston communities as a Spanish–speaking Mennonite Church gathers for worship today. Also pray for Peace Mennonite Church, Dallas, TX, and its interim pastor Melissa Roth in this time of pastoral transition that the Holy Spirit gives a fresh vision and renews the spiritual strength of the congregation.

**Thought for the week:** Peace is the deliberate adjustment of my life to the will of God. (Source unknown)

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, February 11

8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Church Council – Conference Room

### Tuesday, February 12

### Wednesday, February 13

**\*\*MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES\*\*** See bulletin for details.

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Midweek Class will leave from church to go to the MCC Center. Plan to arrive back at church at 8:00–8:15 p.m.

### Thursday, February 14

7:00 p.m. Daughters of Grace “Strong Women” Fitness Class – Fellowship Hall

### Friday, February 15

7:15 p.m. Bethesda Program – **We are needing someone to do this.**

### Saturday, February 16

### Sunday, February 17      *Health Sunday*

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Speaker:** Lee Suderman

“The Journey Toward Shalom”

**Scripture:** Genesis 28:20–22

**Special Music:** Chancel Choir

**Offering:** First Fruits Giving

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### Last Sunday, February 3

**Attendance:** Sunday School 191

Worship Service 273

**Offering:** Sunday School \$115.39

MCC Sale Penny Offering \$54.44

First Fruits \$6,031.75

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## GOESSEL AREA JUNIOR HIGH

**Take Note of NewsLine deadline**—The deadline to submit items for

**Today, Feb. 10 Bowling Party** – Meet at Goessel Mennonite Church at 4:00 p.m. and bring \$5. Snack bar is available at your own expense. Still need drivers if anyone is interested. Be back by 7:00 p.m.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**Wed., Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m.** Meet at Youth House. The season of Lent is a time to self-reflect, remember Christ’s sacrifice and, ultimately, celebrate the empty tomb. It’s a pillar of importance in the Christian faith and to casually acknowledge it would be doing an injustice to the cross of Christ. Because of this, the youth ministry teaching topic over the next month will change. We’ll take an in-depth look at Lent through a series entitled, “Leaving it all Behind.” We’ll tackle the question, “What is it that we need to leave behind in order to step more fully into the presence of God?”

**March 14–16 Sr. High Snow Camp** – Parent Letter was in your mailboxes last Sunday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**James Boese**, son of Rod and Sherry Boese, has enlisted in the Marines and will be leaving on Monday, Feb. 11, for boot camp in San Diego, CA. Please keep James and his family in your prayers.

Remember to turn in your recipes for our **Hot Dish/Casserole Contest** to the church office by Wednesday, February 13.

**Esther (Mrs. Jacob J.) Flaming** will be 90 years old on Feb. 24. Help her celebrate with a card shower: Esther Flaming, Bethesda Home, P.O. Box 37, Goessel, KS 67053.

**Adult singers from Alexanderwohl, Tabor and Goessel Mennonite Churches** will present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Dubois on Good Friday evening, March 21. Anyone interesting in participating in this experience is welcome to join the rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00–7:30. Watch the bulletin for further rehearsal announcements.

The process of jump starting **children’s church** for kids ages 3 through Kindergarten has begun! Anyone that has an interest in teaching/helping with this valuable ministry for our young children is encouraged to contact Vanessa Schroeder (327-4719 or [vanessa@hesston.edu](mailto:vanessa@hesston.edu)) as we begin to look at curriculum and space for the children’s church time during our worship service.

the March 2008 *NewsLine* is Monday, Feb. 18, 2008. Items received

after that date may not be included or may be held for the February issue.

### **Adult Midweek Class:**

#### ***Road Signs for the Journey—A Profile of Mennonite Church USA***

According to data from a survey taken by Mennonites across the USA in 2006 the Mennonite Church is facing the same challenges as mainline denominations across America—the struggle to cope with aging memberships, shrinking budgets, blurred theological identity, and waning allegiance to church traditions. “Compared with the results of a similar survey done in 1989, Mennonites today are less able to articulate theological distinctives, they are less inclined to support conference and denominational leadership, and they are more likely to regard Mennonite beliefs as an impediment to the message of the gospel...there is little evidence that Mennonites today are all that eager to actually share the gospel with their non-Christian neighbors.” This is tough to read. If this is true in any way, how do we respond? Do we care—care enough to learn more about this and have a conversation with one another about it? For the next 6 weeks, adults are invited to come to class at 7:00–8:00 p.m. in the Conference room to learn more about this critical subject of the future of our church—Alexanderwohl included. Where are there signs of new life, seeds of hope for us to grab a hold of? Come young, old, and in-between. Come, to listen and talk with one another. Pastor Linda will be leading the conversation.

### **THANK YOU**

THANK YOU to all who supported conference-wide youth ministry through the recent seven performances of the "Upside Down King," an original musical. We are pleased to report that 2,200 people attended at least one performance and almost \$12,000 was raised to support youth ministry in Western District Conference and South Central Conference.

### **COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE**

Bethel College Young Alumnus Award winner for 2008, **Arthur Marks, in concert Monday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.** in Krehbiel Auditorium; free—will offering for the African-American Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Bethel College **Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration**, postponed from Jan. 21, rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building chapel (note change of location), with music and speakers; free, with refreshments following.

**The M–2 (Match Two) program of Offender/Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m., at the

**Life Enrichment at Bethel College** has begun. There are program schedules posted on the bulletin boards in both lobbies.

Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M–2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love, and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M–2 receive no other visits than those of their M–2 friend. More than 50 men are waiting to be matched. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month.

**Contact OVM** (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information **no later than February 11** so that clearances may be obtained for admission. You may also email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net).

**CELEBRATION 35!** Offender/Victim Ministries is celebrating 35 years of restorative justice ministries. Join us for dinner, fellowship, reflection, and entertainment at our annual meeting on Monday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m., at Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, North Newton.

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 12.** You may call the OVM office at 316-283-2038 or e-mail: [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net).

**Companions in Grief**, sponsored by Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, will meet Feb. 14 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Kidron Bethel Village Community Room, 500 W. Bluestem, North Newton. Call Brenda Glanzer Lilliston at 316-283-1103 or 877-883-1103 for more information.

**John McCutcheon**, nationally acclaimed singer, songwriter, and peace activist, will perform at Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus Saturday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. This concert, which is free and open to the public, headlines KIPCOR's 35<sup>th</sup> annual Peace Lecture Series. For details, call KIPCOR at 316-284-5217.

**Galen Waltner**, chair of the building committee and construction oversight for the new director's house at Camp Mennoscah, fell at work and broke his pelvis on Jan. 29. Please pray for his healing, recovery, and strength. Also, **a site supervisor is needed ASAP** to cover for Galen while he recuperates. If you can volunteer or know someone with construction skills who can offer assistance for the next month at Camp Mennoscah, please contact Bruce Janzen, Retreat Commission chair, at [iti@elbingks.com](mailto:iti@elbingks.com), 316-799-2890, 316-772-7006 (cell); or Dorothy Nickel Friesen, conference minister, at [dorothyf@mennowdc.org](mailto:dorothyf@mennowdc.org) or 316-283-6300, ext. 205.

**Faith and Life Bookstore's annual Vacation Bible School Preview** and Display will be open through March 15. Starter kits from 11 different programs will be available for reading, listening, and check-out. For more information, call 1-888-646-2210 or email [info@faithandlifebookstore.com](mailto:info@faithandlifebookstore.com).

**The next Bloodmobile** will be Feb. 21 from Noon–6:00 p.m. at the

Goessel Mennonite Church.

The **2008 MCC Central States Annual Meeting** will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, 15150 E. Evans Ave., Aurora, CO. All constituents in Central States are welcome to attend the meeting, which is a combination worship service and business meeting. Please join us to review the past year in MCC Central States and look forward to the year ahead.

**Shane Higgs**, pastor of Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Ariz., and one of the speakers for the 2007 Mennonite Youth Convention in San Jose, Calif., will give the **2008 Staley Lectures at Bethel College Monday, Feb. 25**. The first one is at 11:00 a.m. and the second one at 7:30 p.m., both in Krehbiel Auditorium of the Fine Arts Center, and both free and open to the public. Shane will speak on how media and technology affect Christian faith and discipleship. For more information, call 316-284-5356.

**Explore the Night Sky Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah! Have you ever wondered about the phases of the moon? Have you seen a dwarf star in the middle of a nebula? Come to Camp Mennoscah Feb. 29 to Mar. 1 for our star party! We will have informal discussions Saturday afternoon with experts from the Kansas Astronomical Observers; telescopes ranging in size from eight inches to 16 inches and... we even have lousy movies to make fun of in case of cloudy skies! Look for brochures coming to your church soon! Cost for lodging and meals, at the Retreat Center, is \$85 per person for the weekend. For more information contact the camp at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**Mountain States Mennonite Conference Men's Retreat** is scheduled for February 29 – March 2 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Flyers are available in the church office.

**MCC Washington Spring Seminar:** Come to Washington, DC, for our annual Spring Seminar, March 2-4, 2008, "Uprooted Peoples: Action & Advocacy in the Face of Displacement." Learn about issues facing immigrants, refugees, and displaced peoples through workshops, worship, and speakers (including Rep. Joe Pitts). For more information: [www.mcc.org/us/washington](http://www.mcc.org/us/washington) or 202-544-6564.

**The Kansas Friends of MCC Committee** is excited about planning our second annual **Comforter Blitz** on Monday, March 3, noon to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 4, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. We're planning for a larger location at South Hutchinson Mennonite Church (Yoder Campus - formerly Yoder Mennonite Church). Irma Gonzales (MCC workroom supervisor) has begun to collect comforter tops, but we could use more. If possible,

have a back matched to any tops that you provide. Twin and full sizes are both acceptable. We will have each woman bring a sack lunch for the noon meal; child care will be provided Tuesday only.

**Camp Mennoscah's** new director's home is progressing in spite of the weather! Thank you for the generous donations to Vision 2012 and the time of volunteers. The house is enclosed and windows have been placed. Generators are being used for electricity but the hope is to have a line placed in the next two weeks. The plumber and electrician will begin work soon. Roofing and siding materials are ready when weather permits and volunteers are available. Can you help? Can you supply meals for the workers? Call Galen Waltner, building committee chair: 620-345-2626 (work), 620-345-8598 (home), 620-386-0287 (cell); email: [galenwaltner@hotmail.com](mailto:galenwaltner@hotmail.com). Follow progress on Western District Conference website: [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).

## LENTEN READING SCHEDULE

### Sunday, February 10

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

### Monday, February 11

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18  
Psalm 19:8-10, 15  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Tuesday, February 12

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19  
Matthew 6:7-15

### Wednesday, February 13

John 3:1-10  
Psalm 51:12-13  
Luke 11:29-32

### Thursday, February 14

Esther 12:14-16, 23-25  
Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8  
Matthew 7:7-12

### Friday, February 15

Ezekiel 18:21-28  
Psalm 130:1-8  
Matthew 5:20-26

### Saturday, February 16

Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-8  
Matthew 5:43-48

## MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – FALL 2007

### Schedule for February 13, 2008

5:30–6:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study Read Isaiah 45–53; Discussion of Chapters 45 & 53 Led by Pastor Lee	Conference Room
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:30–7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Choir (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Sanctuary
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Midweek Classes for Children & Youth	
	3 yr. olds – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Education Wing
	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grades	East Chapel
	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grades	Fellowship Hall
	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grades	Shelter House
	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades	Youth House
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Loft
7:00–8:00 p.m.	“Road Signs for the Journey” Led by Pastor Linda	Conference Room
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	West Chapel
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Repeat Adult Bible Study on Isaiah 45–53	Pastor Lee’s Office

Invite your Friends, Neighbors, New Persons in the Community  
To Join Us!

Questions? Call 367-8192

### MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP MEALS READY TO SERVE AT 6:00 P.M.

**Additions** will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.  
**Cancellation** deadline is 9:00<sup>AM</sup> on Wednesday. Menu for February 13:  
Roast Pork Loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, cupcakes (peanut butter  
and jelly sandwiches will also be available).

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### Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for February 13

**Additions** will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.  
**Cancellation** deadline is 9:00<sup>AM</sup> on Wednesday.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We plan to be a regular at every Wednesday night meal. I will  
notify the church office if I will not be able to come.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We plan to come this Wednesday.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_

(Place in Offering Plate or Turn in to Church Office)

