

LENTEN READING SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 2

Jeremiah 1:1–10
1 Corinthians 3:11–23
Mark 3:31–4:9

Monday, March 3

Jeremiah 1:11–19
Romans 1:1–15
John 4:27–42

Tuesday, March 4

Jeremiah 2:1–13
Romans 1:16–25
John 4:43–54

Wednesday, March 5

Jeremiah 3:6–18
Romans 1:28–2:11
John 5:1–18

Thursday, March 6

Jeremiah 4:9–10, 19–28
Romans 2:12–24
John 5:19–29

Friday, March 7

Jeremiah 5:1–9
Romans 2:25–3:18
John 5:30–47

Saturday, March 8

Jeremiah 5:20–31
Romans 3:19–31
John 7:1–13

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

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MARCH 2, 2008

**Offering God's Love,
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Focus Statement: Our Lenten focus today seeks meaning to Jesus' statement from John 12:32 that "if he is lifted up, he will draw all people unto himself."

Lent 4

Gathering Music Grant Flaming, trumpet; Karen Unruh, accompanist
Welcome Pastor Linda Ewert

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship

Leader: God who hears what is too deep for words,
beneath all our prayers for healing
you perceive the buried hope;
behind all our questions
you understand the hidden longing;
amidst all our singing
you hear the struggle to pray.

**All: God, who hears what is too deep for words, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Amen.**

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Prelude Nancy Becker, organ
"My Jesus, I Love Thee" ~Gordon, arr. Gilliam
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

***Songs of Worship and Praise** "Holy Spirit, come with power" HWB #26

Scripture Reading Isaiah 57:15–19 NLT Worship Team
"There Is a Redeemer" SWJ #25

Children's Story Amy Flaming

Anthem "What a Savior" ~Harlan Chancel Choir

Message "The Journey to the Cross" Pastor Lee Suderman

***Song of Response** "Majesty" SWJ #43

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving
MCC Penny Offering

Offertory "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" ~Chorale melody, arr. Putnam
Prayer of Dedication and Intercession Pastor Linda

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***Benediction**

***Postlude** "The Lily of the Valley" ~Traditional

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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Song Leader: Mary Schmidt

Chancel Choir Director: Nancy Becker

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Marcia Brubaker

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

WELCOME

On this fourth Sunday in Lent, let us worship as did the psalmist, who wrote, "I have seen you in the sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better to me than life itself, how I praise you!" (Ps. 62:2-3, NLT) We welcome each of you in the name of Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for:

—**Memorial Service:** A Memorial Service for Delsie Thieszen Bartel, who died Dec. 12, 2007, in Marion, SD, will be held at the Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, today, Mar. 2, at 2:00 p.m. Delsie was a sister-in-law to Linda Goertzen, Martha Peters, and Elda Bartel and the widow of Leonhard Bartel.

—**Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** the families and friends of Bluffton (Ohio) University students Zachary Arend, David Betts, Scott Harmon, Cody Holp, Tyler Williams, and bus driver Jerome Niemeyer and his wife Jean who died as a result of a bus accident one year ago Mar. 2.

—**Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Mennonite Mission Network workers Christine and Phil Lindell Detweiler, South Africa, request prayer for Breakthru Church's outreach ministry to high school students living in boarding houses while going to school in town. Often their parents' expectations about living conditions and supervision are not met.

—**Western District Conference (WDC):** Marlene Bogard as she leads training sessions for pastors in the prevention of clergy misconduct the next two weeks. Also pray for the Oklahoma Executive Committee and pastors/spouses as they meet this week.

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Pat Schmidt and Marilyn Flaming.

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Stewardship Thought: Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give of your wealth; Give love, give tears, and give yourself. Give, give, always giving. Who gives not is not living; The more you give, the more you live. Giving is healthy for us. (Anonymous)

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. Happy Home Workers all-day meeting. Bring a sack lunch.
7:00 p.m. Board of Education – Conference Room

Tuesday, March 4

Wednesday, March 5

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

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

Thursday, March 6

7:00 p.m. Daughters of Grace “Strong Women” Fitness Class – Fellowship Hall – This will be our last class.

Friday, March 7

Saturday, March 8

Sunday, March 9 **5th Sunday of Lent**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Speaker: Linda Ewert

“I am ... the resurrection and the life”

Scripture: John 11:1–45

Special Music: Rejoice Choir

Offering: First Fruits Giving

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Faith Ex Class

Last Sunday, February 24

Attendance: Sunday School 169
Worship Service 228

Offering: Sunday School \$135.46
First Fruits \$5,582.06

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COMING EVENTS

We would like to have lilies for Easter. If you would like to contribute a lily, bring it to the church on Saturday, Mar. 22, and put it on the stage.

March 20, 6:00 or 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion with meal
March 21, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service – “The Seven Last Words of Christ”

March 29, 6:00 p.m. Mennonite Men Pancake Supper at Goessel Grade School

March 30 Worship planned by the Senior Adult Ministry Team

April 13, noon Area Junior High Fundraiser Meal (Note Change of Date)

GOESSEL AREA JUNIOR HIGH

Today, Mar. 2 – Roller Skating Party – Meet at Goessel Mennonite Church at 3:00 to go to Hutchinson and bring \$6.25. We need volunteer drivers and will return at 7:00 p.m. Call Delton and Janice Voth @ 367-8152 with any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wed., Mar. 5, 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. 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 – Our registrations are filled. We need one more female adult sponsor – can you help?

Week of June 9 – Our service trip – Mark your calendars.

Adult Leader’s Meeting, March 2, 8:45 a.m. Meet in Mike’s office.

COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULT

TODAY, March 2, Noon – Luncheon at Hillsboro’s Pizza Hut

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Maundy Thursday Service with a simple meal and communion will be observed on Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 or 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Child care will be available. More information will be coming.

The Dubois cantata, **The Seven Last Words of Christ**, will be presented on Good Friday evening, March 21, at 7:00 p.m., by a choir from the Goessel area churches and community. Anyone interested in singing is welcome to join the rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00–7:45 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

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You are welcome to put your name on it.

The Pancake and Sausage Supper is coming up on Saturday, Mar. 29. One way you can contribute is to help purchase the hogs. If you have any interest in getting involved in this way, contact John Flaming or Lynell Hiebert.

The process of jump starting **children's church** for kids ages 3 through Kindergarten during our worship service 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).

WDC Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for April 4 and 5. If you are interested in playing, please contact Vanessa Schroeder (327-4719 or vanessas@hesston.edu). Anyone 18 years and older is eligible!

The Church Council is putting into place the time line for naming the search committee to guide us in selecting our next Lead Pastor. As required by our constitution, the Board of Deacons, Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Trustees will each name their representative for affirmation by the Church Council at its next meeting on March 10. The remaining members for the search committee will be discerned by the Church Council from names provided by the congregation. Forms will be distributed on Sunday, Mar. 30, and names will be gathered on Sunday, Apr. 7 and Apr. 14. The goal of the Council will be to present the final list to the congregation for affirmation at the quarterly business meeting on Sunday, Apr. 27. Please be in prayer as you suggest names for this important committee and as the Church Council gives leadership to this important process. **Please Note** that Pastor Lee's term runs till June 30, 2009. However, we are naming the search committee now to give us a year to find our next Lead Pastor.

For Alexanderwohl youth and young adults: Check out MMA's new Web site created just for you: www.mmaYnow.com. It features articles, calculators, and an online community where you can ask questions, get to know other Anabaptist young adults, and learn more about managing your money, time, talents, health, and relationships.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to Pastor Lee, Pastor Linda, and friends for visits, food, cards, and memorial gifts during the past week and months of

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Lester's illness. It is so good to be part of a loving, caring church and community. It was appreciated more than you will ever know.

~Family of Lester Schmidt

The Sweet Adelines will be in concert here at Alexanderwohl, March 15, 6:30 p.m. The double quartet is associated with the award winning

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

Hesston Mennonite Church and Hesston College welcome the public to attend a Dedication Concert featuring the new Andover 19-rank organ and organist Ken Rodgers, on Sunday, Mar. 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. A reception will follow the concert.

Comforter Blitz sponsored by Kansas Friends of MCC, Monday, March 3, 12 noon–9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 4, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at the South Hutchinson Mennonite Church–Yoder Campus (formerly Yoder Mennonite Church).

UPDATE: Volunteers are still needed at Camp Mennoscah for the house building. The current projects are sheetrock hanging, siding, and roofing. There is on-site supervision. If you can assist, please contact Galen Waltner: 620-386-0287 (cell); galenwaltner@hotmail.com.

Your Voice is Needed! WDC urges you to add your voice to critical healthcare issues by participating in the **Health Advocacy Day on March 12** at the First Presbyterian Church and State Capital Building in Topeka, KS. The Kansas Faith Alliance for Health Reform, Inc. has organized a training event for state health advocacy. Meet with your state Senator/Representative to share your recommendations and seek their support on key health reforms for the state of Kansas. Contact Kansas Action for Children, 785-232-0550 or rsvp@kac.org for information.

WDC will have van transportation from North Newton for this event. Call WDC: 316-283-6300 and send \$15 (Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117) to reserve a seat by March 7.

Morning Star Ranch invites us to the graduation ceremony for Emilio Rivas and Paul Sanders to celebrate their completion of The Christian Leadership Training Program on Saturday, March 8, 4:00 p.m. at Florence Christian Church. Invitation posted in south lobby.

The annual **SPRING SUNSET SUPPER** will be Thursday, March 13, at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge with the theme, "Days of the Dust Bowl." Supper will be served at 6:00 (costing \$5.00 per person) followed by the program. An offering will be taken for Mennonite Women USA. **Reservations are required by March 3; sign up sheets are posted in both lobbies.**

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Wichita Chorus Sweet Adelines. The concert will **benefit the Mennonite Heritage Museum**. Cost for the dinner and entertainment is \$50 per

person. Reservations may be made by calling the Museum, 367-8200, Agatha Duerksen, 367-2399, or Jan Schmidt, 367-2617. **Deadline for reservations is March 9.**

All women are invited—April 18-20, at the Wichita Airport Hilton. Carolyn Holderread Heggen will lead a retreat to explore “women’s unique way of experiencing the Divine.” Registration form is available in the church office. Registration deadline is March 28. Daughters of Grace Ministry will contribute \$25 for each participant from this church to help individuals with the registration fee. Transportation will be provided upon request.

40th Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale April 11 & 12, 2008

Today is **Relief Sale Fellowship Sunday**. We have visitors in our worship service today who are guests of our families as part of an annual visitation program sponsored by the KS Relief Sale. These fellowship meals help to build a bond between Mennonite, Amish and Brethren in Christ congregations.

Numerous small contributions to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale have resulted in large amounts used to assist needy people in many ways.

This year’s **Penny Power collection** before and during the sale will support **MCC Food Basket Projects promoting Food for Today, for Tomorrow, and for All**. Let us remember the families in Haiti that can only provide their children with one meal a day or the 1 in 10 U.S. households that doesn’t always know if they will have food for their next meal. The Penny Power project at the Kansas Sale raised a little over \$26,900 last year. Let us help end hunger through our spare change. The Penny Power Challenge goal for 2008 is \$40,000.

What can you bring to the Kansas Menn. Relief Sale as your gift to the hungry and hurting at home and abroad? Quality woodwork and needle-work items, cotton tea towels, hobby items, crafts, plants, and baked foods are much in demand. Also requested are “recycled” quilt supplies and linens for Quilter’s Corner. Check with our relief sale contact persons.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – FALL 2007

Schedule for March 5, 2008

5:30–6:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study Discussion of Isaiah 61 & 62 Led by Pastor Lee	Conference Room
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall

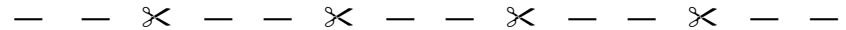
6:30–7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Choir (3 rd – 6 th grades)	Sanctuary
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Midweek Classes for Children & Youth 3 yr. olds – 2 nd grade 3 rd & 4 th grades 5 th & 6 th grades 7 th & 8 th grades 9 th -12 th grades	Education Wing East Chapel Fellowship Hall Shelter House Youth House
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Loft
7:00–8:00 p.m.	“Road Signs for the Journey” Read Chapters 6 and 7 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 61 & 62	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^{AM} on Wednesday. Menu for March 5: Pork and bean burritos, rice, peaches, chocolate pudding cake and ice cream (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will also be available).



Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for March 5

Additions will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.
Cancellation deadline is 9:00^{AM} 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)