

LENTEN READING SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 9

Jeremiah 6:9-15
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Mark 5:1-20

Thursday, March 13

Jeremiah 10:11-24
Romans 5:12-21
John 8:21-32

Monday, March 10

Jeremiah 7:1-15
Romans 4:1-12
John 7:14-36

Friday, March 14

Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-20
Romans 6:1-11
John 8:33-47

Tuesday, March 11

Jeremiah 7:21-34
Romans 4:13-25
John 7:37-52

Saturday, March 15

Jeremiah 13:1-11
Romans 6:12-23
John 8:47-59

Wednesday, March 12

Jeremiah 8:18-9:6
Romans 5:1-11
John 8:12-20

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 9, 2008

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Focus Statement: Call forth our faith, Lord Jesus, that we, like Martha, may know You to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come.

Lent 5

Gathering Music Loretta Wiens
Welcome Pastor Lee Suderman
Opportunities for Ministry and Service
Invocation
Prelude Mary Schmidt, organ
"Am I a Soldier of the Cross" ~arr. Boud
 (Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

***Hymns** HWB #76
"Praise, I will praise you, Lord"
HWB #614
"In the bulb there is a flower"

Scripture Reading Pastor Mike Brouillette
 Psalm 130 NIV
Unison Prayer of Confession Pastor Mike

Eternal and almighty God, you have long sought us and we have fled. You have offered us an easy yoke, and we have tied ourselves down with cares and burdens. You have forgiven us, and we have complained against our sisters and brothers. Give us a conversion that turns us around to face the light; teach us a repentance that lives in works of love; guide us through the valley of the shadow of death. Call us to follow Jesus Christ and in his way to live and suffer, die and rise again. Amen.

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***Song of Response** In Bulletin
"Longing for Light" (vs. 1, 2, 5)
Children's Story Delbert Peters

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *"Meditation on 'Near the Cross'" ~arr. Figh*

Prayer of Dedication Pastor Linda

Anthem *"Tell Me More" ~Hinnant* Rejoice Choir

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Lee

Scripture Pastor Linda
 John 11:1-45 NIV

Message "I am ...the resurrection and the life" Pastor Linda

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***Hymn** *"I am the Bread of life" (vs. 1, 4, 5)* HWB #472

***Benediction** Pastor Linda

***Postlude** *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" ~arr. Jordan*

*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

WELCOME

Welcome, people of God! As we gather for worship this day, may the Spirit of God breathe comfort, encouragement, and hope into our dry and thirsty souls. Let us rejoice in the assurance of God's presence with us as we journey through these days of Lent. We are glad you are here!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for:

—**Hospital:** Wanda Ratzlaff was admitted to and dismissed from St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

—**Death:** Esther Plett Yos, sister of Andrew Plett, passed away on Tuesday, March 4. The funeral was held Saturday at Schowalter Villa. Remember this family in their time of loss.

—**Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School and Slate Hill Mennonite Church, Camp Hill, Pa., are exploring the possibility of locating a Mennonite school on the west shore of Harrisburg. Please remember this effort in prayer.

—**Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Mennonite Mission Network workers request prayer for the Colombian Mennonite Church as it continues to work for peace in Colombia. Pray for the protection of people supporting human rights and displaced people.

—**Western District Conference (WDC):** Pray for Melissa Roth as she is installed and credentialed as interim pastor for Peace Mennonite Church, Dallas, TX.

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Kim Voth and Aileen Esau.

4:00 p.m. Bethesda Chapel will be led by Pastor Lee and Di Rempel

Stewardship Thought: "Spiritual Gifts are special abilities given by the Holy Spirit and distributed to every believer according to God's design and grace for the common good of the body of Christ." (Bruce Bugbee)

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Church Council – Conference Room

Tuesday, March 11

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

1:30 p.m. Willing Workers
6:00 p.m. Western District Women's Sunset Supper at Eden Menn. Church, Moundridge

Friday, March 14

7:15 p.m. Bethesda Program – Heritage Quartet

Saturday, March 15

6:30 p.m. Mennonite Heritage Museum Supper

Sunday, March 16 *Palm Sunday*

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Speaker: Lee Suderman

"We had thought...but now..."

Scripture: Luke 19:29–44; Luke 24:13–27

Special Music: Andrew Toews, trumpet

Offering: First Fruits Giving

Last Sunday, March 2

Attendance: Sunday School 204
Worship Service 261

Offering: Sunday School \$232.66
First Fruits \$8,297.59
MCC Penny Offering \$117.03

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COMING EVENTS

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

Suderman

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Christ" by Théodore Dubois

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)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Sun., Mar. 9, 8:45 a.m. Sponsors for Snow Camp meet in Pastor Mike's office

Wed., Mar. 12, 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. Be at the church ready to pack the vans at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 14.

March 29–30 Out of the Pew hosted by Bethel College

Week of June 9 – Mark your calendars for our service trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Mike's Contact Info – Since the computer in the youth office doesn't work properly, please use the following choices to contact Pastor Mike: killerbrewcrew@msn.com, Mikeb@tabor.edu, 620-877-7806 (Cell), 620-947-3587 (Home). Thanks.

The Senior Adult Ministry Team is sponsoring an activity to Crown Uptown Dinner Theater in Wichita on Thursday, May 22, for a lunch buffet and performance of "Church Basement Ladies." We will leave the church at 9:45 and travel as a group – transportation will be provided. The cost is \$28/person. **Reservations are required by March 16 – sign up on the sheets in either lobby.** Questions? Contact Irvin and Elaine Goertzen.

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. You are welcome to put your name on it.

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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 interest in this, contact John Flaming or Lynell Hiebert.

“Senior Sunday” is March 30. The worship service will celebrate the gifts and wisdom of our “seniors.” Following the service all of our “seniors” (65 years and over) are invited to a meal in the fellowship hall, sponsored by our Senior Adult Ministry Team—Irvin and Elaine Goertzen, Erma Pankratz, Phyllis Nickel, Andy and Elva Plett, Elmer and Josephine Voth. ***Please sign up for the meal on the sheet in the north or south lobby by March 24.***

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!

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

Today is the last day to make reservations for the **Sweet Adelines Concert** at Alexanderwohl on Saturday, March 15. The \$50 per plate dinner/entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. and is a **benefit for the Mennonite Heritage Museum**. Call the Museum at 367-8200, Agatha Duerksen at 367-2399 or Jan Schmidt at 367-2617.

Camp Mennoscah director's house update: sheetrocking is complete on main floor and basement; roofing is nearing completion; cabinets are being constructed; siding is started. There is an urgent need for someone to tape and finish the sheetrock. Contact Galen Waltner: 620-386-0287 (cell); galenwaltner@hotmail.com.

Companions in Grief, sponsored by Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, will meet Mar. 13 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.

Mennonite Central Committee is seeking a **Human Resources Generalist** to develop MCC policies and procedures, oversee compensation and benefits, prepare immigration and visa applications, and assist the HR director with leadership recruitment and personnel crises. Deadline to apply is March 14, 2008. For more information visit our website at www.mcc.org.

Et Cetera Shop Newton is receiving applications for the position of full time general manager. Et Cetera Shop Newton is a non-profit, retail thrift shop business dedicated to reselling donated items. This position requires experience in an active retail business environment, computer and public relations skills and managing a large group of volunteers. Must be able to lift, bend, and be on your feet much of the day. Should be able to work independently and as part of a team and be available on occasional evenings or weekends. Please bring in your resume at the shop located at 619 North Main in Newton, during the hours of 9:30–5:30 Monday through Saturday. If unable to come by in person you may submit your resume by regular mail, or by email at newtonetc@sbcglobal.net. The application deadline is March 15 and the position is available beginning March 24.

Ten Thousand Villages, Newton, is looking for volunteers to help conduct physical inventory on Sunday, March 30 at 2:00. Inventory will take approximately 2½ to 3 hours and refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in volunteering for this project please call the store at 316-283-0061.

Men & Boys Retreat at Mennoscah: Mark your calendars for **April 25–27** for the annual retreat and campout, sponsored by the Mennonite Men of the Plains. The theme is “Wrestling With God,” and will feature music, food, fellowship, fishing, and just plain fun. This is a great opportunity to start a tradition with your son or invite someone to “church” in a relaxed atmosphere. Don’t put it off another year...come see why this event has been successful for over 50 years! For more information, contact Brent Voran, 316-283-1072.

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

It’s fun for the whole family. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, April 11 & 12 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, features events for the whole family. Located inside the Pride of Kansas Building is the newly organized Children’s Activity Area featuring a Children’s Auction, Moon Walk, carnival games, barrel rides, and the 9-hole MCC Mini-Golf. Also, don’t forget the Big Slide on the way to Feeding the Multitude. Come enjoy a weekend of fun with your family and help make a difference through your donations to MCC, www.kansas.mccsale.org.

	Discussion of Isaiah 61 & 62 Led by Pastor Lee	
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:30–7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Choir (3 rd – 6 th grades)	Chapel
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Midweek Classes for Children & Youth	
	3 yr. olds – 2 nd grade	Education Wing
	3 rd & 4 th grades	East Chapel
	5 th & 6 th grades	Fellowship Hall
	7 th & 8 th grades	Shelter House
	9 th -12 th grades	Youth House
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Loft
7:00–8:00 p.m.	“Road Signs for the Journey” Read Chapter 8 Led by Pastor Linda	Conference Room
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	West Chapel
8:00–9:00 p.m.		Pastor Lee’s Office
	Repeat Adult Bible Study on Isaiah 61 & 62	

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 12:
Sausage, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and dessert (peanut butter
and jelly sandwiches will also be available).

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Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for March 12

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)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 20

*Maundy Thursday is a service that remembers the last meal that Jesus
shared with his disciples. Within the context of a meal, Jesus blessed*

*and broke bread and blessed the cup and shared it with his friends. The
sharing of food and fellowship around the table symbolizes the sharing of
life as the communion of the body of Christ.*

Our service of Remembrance and Communion will include a light meal
of soup, bread, and fruit. We will have two services, each in the fellowship
hall. The first will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the second at 7:30 p.m.

Child care for infants through 2nd grade will be provided in the nursery
and chapel. Children in child care will receive a simple meal of
sandwiches, cheese and fruit. Children and youth, 3rd grade and older,
are welcome to attend the service with their parents.

In order to make adequate provisions of food for each service, we ask
you to use the tear–off slip below to sign up for which service you and
your family will attend and the number of children in your family needing
child care. Please place them in the offering plate today, or leave them in
the church office.

Good Friday, March 21

The Ministerial Alliance invites you to a Community Good Friday
Service to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. A
choir composed of singers from Alexanderwohl, Goessel, and Tabor
churches will present “*The Seven Last Words of Christ*” by *Théodore
Dubois*. The offering will be divided between the Goessel Ministerial
Alliance to help assist folks in the community and transients who are in
financial need, and Emmaus Mennonite Church. We welcome all ages to
be present. Child care will be provided for infants through kindergarten
age. Singers still wishing to join the choir should attend rehearsals on
Wednesday evenings from 7:00–7:45 here at Alexanderwohl.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Our Maundy Thursday services, held in the fellowship hall, will include
Communion and a light supper.

I/We will attend the following Maundy Thursday Service:

_____ Number attending the 6:00 p.m. service.

Need Child Care? Ages of Children _____

_____ Number attending the 7:30 p.m. service.

Need Child Care? Ages of Children _____

(Please place in offering plate or turn in to church office by March 16.)