

LENTEN READING SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 16

Jeremiah 14:1–9, 17–22
Galatians 4:21–5:1
Mark 8:11–21

Monday, March 17

Jeremiah 16:10–21
Romans 7:1–12
John 6:1–15

Tuesday, March 18

Jeremiah 17:19–27
Romans 7:13–25
John 6:16–27

Wednesday, March 19

Jeremiah 18:1–11
Romans 8:1–11
John 6:27–40

Thursday, March 20

Jeremiah 22:13–23
Romans 8:12–27
John 6:41–51

Friday, March 21

Jeremiah 23:1–8
Romans 8:28–39
John 6:52–59

Saturday, March 22

Jeremiah 23:9–15
Romans 9:1–18
John 6:60–71

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

John 12:13

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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ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE CHURCH
MARCH 16, 2008

Palm

*Offering God's Love,
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All*

Focus Statement: Today's message seeks increased perspective on the events of Palm Sunday and what transpired during the remainder of Holy Week.

***Song of Response** "All hail, King Jesus" Bulletin/Screen
***Benediction** Pastor Lee
***Postlude** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ~Lasky

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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Song Leader: Mary Schmidt
Worship Team: Mandi Brouillette, Pat Flaming, Karen Unruh, Gayle Voth

Sunday

Gathering Music Jenae Janzen
Welcome Pastor Mike Brouillette
Opportunities for Celebration and Service
Call to Worship Psalm 24:7–10 L.B.

Open up, O ancient gates, and let the King of Glory in.

Who is this King of Glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, invincible in battle.

Yes, open wide the gates and let the King of Glory in.

Who is this King of Glory?

The Commander of all of heaven's armies!

Invocation

Prelude Karen Unruh, organ
"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" ~Manz
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

***Hymn of Adoration** "All glory, laud and honor" HWB #237
(Children, ages 2 through grade 6, process with palm branches)

Children's Story Gayle Voth

Scripture Reading Luke 19:29–40 NLT Worship Team

***Song of Praise** "He Is Exalted" SWJ #5

Special Music Andrew Toews, Trumpet; Karen Unruh, Piano
"A Mighty Fortress" ~Martin Luther, arr. Joseph Linn

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ~Burkhardt

Prayer of Dedication and Intercession Pastor Linda Ewert

Video Segment "The Triumphal Entry" The "Jesus" Film

Message "We had thought...but now..." Pastor Lee Suderman

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to each one who has joined us for worship on this Palm Sunday morning. A special welcome to Andrew Toews, who is providing our special music. He is a senior at Tabor College and calls Hesston home.

May the true meaning of this special day in history strengthen our appreciation for what was accomplished for our salvation during the course of the Holy Week events. We also invite you back for our Easter Sunday celebration if you desire to celebrate our Lord's resurrection with us. May His Spirit enrich our spirits as we come before the Lord today.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for:

—**Death:** Marie Jantz died Saturday, March 8 and her funeral was held Tuesday, March 11 at Broadway Colonial Funeral Home with Pastor Lee officiating. Burial was in Emmanuel Bible Church Cemetery at Galva. Remember this family in their time of loss.

—**Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** both students and faculty during Bethany Christian Schools' annual Spiritual Life Week beginning March 17, that all may be encouraged in their spiritual journeys and have their spirits refreshed. Bethany is located in Goshen, Ind.

—**Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Mennonite Mission Network worker Gretchen Kingsley and Ute Paul, both members of the Mennonite Team in the Argentine Chaco, have prepared a Christian education teaching tool appropriate for Toba indigenous churches. Pray that the first booklets for sale will be accepted and that the biblical stories may come alive for the children.

—**Western District Conference (WDC):** Western District Conference—that it will be a ministry for congregational peacemaking and spiritual growth.

Prayer for the Week: O God, we praise you for the wonderful gift of your written word that teaches us about Jesus and his work. Instill in us a deep love and regard for the Bible. We rejoice that its message can give us wisdom, guidance, comfort and a new understanding of your will for us, just as it did for the two who met the Lord on the road to Emmaus. May your word be a light unto our path, is our prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Denise Duerksen.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Board of Worship – Conference Room

Tuesday, March 18

Wednesday, March 19

****NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES****
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
NO Handbell Choir

Thursday, March 20

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Light Meal and Communion
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Light Meal and Communion

Friday, March 21

Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service – *“The Seven Last Words Of Christ”* by Théodore Dubois – Alexanderwohl

Saturday, March 22

Sunday, March 23

Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Speaker: Lee Suderman
“But Christ *Has* Been Raised!”
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1–20
Special Music: Chancel Choir
Offering: First Fruits Giving

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Last Sunday, March 9

“Senior Sunday” is March 30. The worship service will celebrate the gifts and wisdom of our “seniors.” Following the service all of our

Attendance: Sunday School 161
Worship Service 272
Offering: Sunday School \$96.65
First Fruits \$14,672.54

COMING EVENTS

March 26, 6:00 p.m. *Pizza Night for Museum Fundraiser*
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*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Tue., Mar. 18, 7:00 p.m. Begin 24 hour fasting – this is voluntary, but encouraged.

Wed., Mar. 19, 7:00 p.m. Meet at Youth House. Bring things you want to leave behind. We will have a service to end our fasting and *“Leaving it all Behind”* series with supper and communion, followed by a ceremony to burn the things we want to leave behind.

March 29–30 *Out of the Pew* hosted by Bethel College
Week of June 9 – Mark your calendars for our service trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 TODAY – 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.

MomTime will be Monday, Mar. 24, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Moms meet in the Fellowship Hall; Kids in the Nursery. Provide a sack lunch for your child and \$1.50 per child for child care. E-mail (bkschmucker@mtelco.net) or call (367-2575) Kris Schmucker to RSVP.

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“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.**

Take Note of NewsLine deadline—The deadline to submit items for the April 2008 NewsLine is Monday, March 24, 2008. Items received after that date may not be included or may be held for the May issue.



The **Alexanderwohl Mennonite Men's pancake and sausage supper** will be Saturday, March 29, at the Goessel Grade School. All you can eat pancakes and sausage will be served from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Donations will be gratefully accepted to help purchase a new power point projector. Come out and enjoy the food and fellowship!

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.

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!

CAMP MENNOSCAH NOTES

Camp Mennoscah Camping Season—Hooray! Camp catalogs are in the mail and on our website: www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html. Every camper (all ages) who attended any camp or retreat at Camp Mennoscah last year should receive a catalog in the mail. Catalogs have also been sent to your churches. Look for the 2008 camp poster or ask your camp advocate or church staff. Our theme for the summer is "The Bible: Digging for Treasure," and there is a \$10 discount if registration and FULL payment is received by May 16, 2008. We can't wait to see you at Camp Mennoscah this summer. Questions? Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Camp Mennoscah—The Retirees' Relaxation Retreat will take place April 14–16. Our theme this year is "Caretakeers of Creation." Come join

us for three days of relaxation and community in a small bit of God's creation. Relax and get away from everyday activities—enjoy the river, go fishing, or share pictures, hobbies, music, or stories. There will also

Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, will meet Mar. 22 from 8:00–9:30 a.m. at Newton Medical Center Cafeteria, 600 Medical Center Dr., Newton. For more information call

be presentations on grassland birds, recycling, and birding. Brochures have been sent to those who attended last year's retreat and also to your churches. Please pre-register by April 9th. We look forward to a peaceful time with you at Camp Mennoscah. If you have questions, please contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

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.

Camp Mennoscah needs nurses and kitchen staff! We're looking for folks who like camp and kids and have a week or two to give. Our camping season starts June 1 and ends August 1. Check out our 2008 camp schedule or catalog for details about each camp week at www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html. (Only have a few days? How about our First Camp or one of the Pre-Junior camps?) It's a great way to spend time with fun people, rejuvenate, and see what is going on at Camp Mennoscah. We'll even give you a camp tee shirt. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Camp Mennoscah director's house update: The sheetrock is being taped and mudded, the garage doors should be installed this week. Work is continuing on the siding and hopefully the roofing will be completed this weekend. The next need will be for: priming the walls and ceiling, blowing insulation in the attic, more help for siding, also looking for trim carpenters, door hangers, cabinet installers, people willing to stain and varnish wood trim. Contact Galen Waltner: 620-386-0287 (cell); galenwaltner@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

WDC Conference Resource Library at 2517 N. Main, North Newton, continues to be open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday nights. Come and see what's new! However, we will close at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, in observance of Maundy Thursday.

Brenda Glanzer Lilliston at 316-283-1103 or 877-883-1103.

Et Cetera Shop, Newton, is taking applications for a full time manager

position. 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. Bring your resumé to the shop located at 619 North Main in Newton, between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. If unable to come in person you may submit your resume by mail, or by email at newtonetc@sbcglobal.net. Application deadline is March 28.

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.

Mennonite Mission Network seeks a full-time Mennonite Voluntary Services director to provide vision and leadership, in a team environment, for sustaining and developing the Mennonite Voluntary Service program. Qualifications include administrative skills, ability to travel frequently, communicate comfortably by telephone and email, and computer literacy. Located in either the Elkhart, IN, or Newton, KS, office, this strong leader must be passionate about mission and service and able to forge trusting and productive relationships. For more information, see Staff Opportunities at www.MennoniteMission.net or call Linda Krueger, Human Resources assistant, at 574-523-3009.

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

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, features events for the whole family.

Urgently needed are volunteers to help make Verenike on Tuesday, April 8, from 8:00 am to noon. Be sure to check out the other volunteer sheets also to see where you can help.

Pie tins and bags for zwieback are ready to be picked up.

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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.

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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.)

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