

## “Discover Your Spiritual Gifts” Class

The second “Discover Your Spiritual Gifts” Class during the Sunday school hour in the chapel will begin on Sunday, April 13, and continue for 6 weeks, ending on May 18. If you want to be join us for this class and have not signed up yet—please sign up today on one of the sheets on the bulletin board in the north or south lobbies. This can be done as a Sunday school class or as individuals.

Each participant will need to have a workbook. The cost of the book is \$8.25. You are invited to contribute whatever you are able to give toward the cost of the book.

At least 40 people have been participating in the first session—talk with someone from the East or West Chapel Sunday school classes—and get a taste for what it could be like for you!

Questions? Contact Pastor Linda.

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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*

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**ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**APRIL 6, 2008**

# College

*Offering God's Love,  
Healing & Hope to  
All*

**Focus Statement:** "Give honor to the Lord for the glory of his name.  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." Psalm 29:2 NLT

## Sunday

- Prelude** Karen Unruh, organ  
*Variations on "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" ~arr. Blersch*  
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)
- Welcome** Pastor Linda Ewert
- Opportunities for Service and Celebration**
- Choral Call to Worship** Bel Canto Singers  
*"WASHINGTON" ~William Billings*
- Invocation**
- \*Hymn of Praise** *"Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee"* HWB #71
- Children's Time** Amy Flaming
- Special Music** Bel Canto Singers  
*"Times Without Number" ~Alice Parker*  
*"Vamuvamba" ~Boniface Mganga*
- Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving  
MCC Penny Offering  
Bel Canto Singers
- Offertory** Bel Canto Singers  
*"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" ~traditional Scottish*
- \*Dedicating Our Gifts to God** *"Praise God from whom"* HWB #119
- Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Linda
- Special Music** Bel Canto Singers  
*"My God is a Rock" ~arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw*  
*"Angel Band" ~arr. Bradley Kauffman*  
*"God is Seen" ~arr. Alice Parker*
- Scripture Reading** Luke 24:13-35 NRSV Pastor Mike Brouillette
- Sermon** "Seeing Is Believing" Dr. David Greiser
- \*Hymn of Response** *"Ask ye what great things I know"* HWB #337
- \*Benediction** Pastor Linda
- \*Sending Song** Bel Canto Singers  
*"Ich Freue Mich Im Herrn" ~Gottfried Homilius*

**\*Postlude** "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!" ~Cherwien  
\*All who are able are invited to stand.

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**Song Leader:** Ken Rodgers

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to each worshipper with us this morning. A special welcome, also, to the Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College; Bradley Kauffman, their director; and our speaker, Dr. David Greiser, Director of the Pastoral Ministries Department at Hesston College. May the work of the Holy Spirit be evident in our time together today.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

### Pray for:

- Hospital:** Velda Duerksen was admitted to and dismissed from Newton Medical Center
- Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** Offer praise for the good progress being made on the construction of a staff duplex at Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. Many volunteers have been at work since December and will continue until June. Pray for their safety and for the needed funding to complete the project.
- Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** the staff of Korea Anabaptist Center that they may be able to respond to requests for new Anabaptist materials and that publishing through Korea Anabaptist Press will grow as a self-sustaining ministry. Menn. Mission Network partners in this work.
- Western District Conference (WDC):** all WDC pastors (and their families) that they might find joy, fulfillment, challenge, and spiritual growth in their ministries.

## TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Mary Schmidt and Tia Goertzen.

**Noon** – College Age/Young Adult Luncheon at Newton's Pizza Hut

**4:00 p.m.** **Bethesda Chapel** with Pastor Linda Ewert and Elsie Unruh

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, April 7

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

### Tuesday, April 8

### Wednesday, April 9

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
7:30 pm Board of Trustees – Conference Room  
8:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

### Thursday, April 10

1:30 p.m. Willing Workers  
6:30 p.m. Faith Ex and Mentors

### Friday, April 11

MCC Relief Sale Begins  
7:00 p.m. KMMC Concert at MCC Relief Sale  
7:15 p.m. Bethesda Program

### Saturday, April 12

MCC Relief Sale

### Sunday, April 13

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**  
**Speaker:** Mike Brouillette  
**Special Music:** Chancel Choir  
**Offering:** First Fruits Giving

**Noon – Area Jr. High Fundraiser Meal - Fellowship Hall**

**7:00 p.m. KMMC Concert** at Memorial Hall, Bethel College

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### **Good Friday, March 21**

**Attendance:** 344  
**Offering:** Emmaus Mennonite Church \$831.95  
Goessel Ministerial Alliance \$831.95

### **Last Sunday, March 30**

**Attendance:** Sunday School 195  
Worship Service 237  
**Offering:** Sunday School \$131.23  
First Fruits \$4,080.65

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## COMING EVENTS

A sign-up sheet for the **April 29 Spring Salad Supper** is posted in the

**April 20, noon** Teacher Appreciation meal

**April 27, following worship service** Congregational meeting

**April 27, 4:00 p.m.** Ordination Service for Pastor Linda Ewert followed by a reception meal

**April 28, 7:30 p.m.** Spring Style Show, High School Auditorium

**April 29, 6:30 p.m.** Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper

## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

**Sat., Apr. 12, 1200–2:00 p.m.** Come help serve at the Chicken BBQ at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale at the Kansas State Fair Grounds in Hutchinson. **RSVP to Matt and Laura at [mattlu@mtelco.net](mailto:mattlu@mtelco.net) or 367-2917 by Wed., Apr. 9.** Parents – We are needing someone to drive the church van or be drivers in your personal vehicles to get the junior highers to and from Hutchinson. Please let us know if you would be willing to help by the 9<sup>th</sup>. We will already be in Hutchinson helping with other activities.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**Wed., Apr. 9** “The Spring Shindig” at Whitestone Mennonite. Leave church at 6:15 p.m.

**Sat., Apr. 19, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm** Service project at Tim Voth’s farm  
**Week of June 9** – Mark your calendars for our service trip.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Oops! We goofed!** We inadvertently missed putting Erma Pankratz (April 17) in the Birthday Prayer Calendar in the April *NewsLine*.

**In your mailboxes today** is information about military taxes. Peace Committee hopes you will complete the short form and either mail it to the address provided or put it in one of the Peace Committee member’s mailboxes for them to send as one mailing.

**Sunday dinner is already planned for you on April 13.** The Goessel Area Jr. High will be serving Taco Joes, applesauce jello, chips, and cupcakes immediately following the worship service in the Alexanderwohl Fellowship Hall. Please come and help support the youth so they can all go to Camp WaShunGa this coming May. Thanks for your support!

**An ordination service for Pastor Linda Ewert** will be on Sunday, April 27, at 4:00 p.m., at Alexanderwohl followed by a reception meal. Please join us for this celebration of Linda’s ministry among us.

south lobby. All ladies are invited to attend! Sign up and plan to bring a

salad for a 6:30 p.m. dinner. The evening program will feature Laurie Oswald Robinson and Carol Duerksen, co-authors of the devotional, "Now It Springs Up."

**Upcoming Message Series** – The book of Revelation has been called the most neglected or abused book of the Bible. Let neither of those be true at Alexanderwohl as we begin a message series on Sunday, April 20, to open up the truth of this exciting book.

The focus of this study won't be on the red or black horse or the dragon; or on the seals, bowls, trumpets, or even the 24 elders singing praises around the throne of God; not even the 144,000 whose robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb; but on the Lamb of God Himself – the Alpha and the Omega in all of his glory as he prepares to bring his story to its eventual conclusion by teaching us how to be a "faithful church in difficult times." Revelation has much to say to us today and we invite you to read chapters 1–3 in preparation for Pastors Lee and Linda's first three messages. Let us hear, then, what the Spirit is saying to the Churches in our day.

**Budget and Debt Counseling:** Are you facing financial struggles you feel you cannot overcome or are you interested in better understanding your financial situation? A new service sponsored by MMA provides counseling in basic budgeting, consumer debt consolidation, as well as mortgage and credit score education at no cost. Call toll-free: (877) 809-0039, between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., EST.

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends, Thank you all so much for your faithfulness in remembering us. We are so grateful for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, and food. Your love and concern mean so much to us. We are both on chemotherapy now and are doing well. We are trusting God to carry us through this time and giving us both a strong hope in the future. Thank you.  
*~Norman and Wanda Ratzlaff*

**Mennonite Mission Network** thanks Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church for contributing \$12,069 received from February 2007 through January 2008. These gifts, along with your prayers and participation, create ministries of healing and hope across the street and around the world. May you experience God's blessings as we work together to share all of Christ with all creation.

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## COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

heed the call of seeking more just relations between the United States, Canada, and Colombia, and encourage a more just relationship between the Colombian government and its people.

**The Bethel College Concert Choir**, directed by William Eash, concludes its spring break tour with the traditional home concert Today, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Allison Banman, Evan Fast, Kyle Unruh, and John Wiens are members of the choir. The concert is free with a freewill offering taken. This year's tour took the choir to South Dakota, southern Manitoba, Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska.

**The Newton Hispanic Mennonite Church** began worship services on March 30 with 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and 11:00 worship services; Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Bible study and prayer at 510 SE 2nd Street in Newton. A special "inauguration service" will be held on Sunday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church to celebrate this new church. The public is invited.

**The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender/Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers April 17, 6:00 p.m., at the 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 April 14 so that clearances may be obtained for admission. You may also email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net).

**The Kansas Muslim community** is hosting an event at Washburn in Topeka, KS, that we are hoping will be an interfaith event. This event will be on Sunday, April 20, 2008. The conference is from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Henderson Hall, Rm 100 (Free Registration) and there will also be a Banquet from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (\$30 per person) at the Memorial Union at Washburn Rm A&B. One of the main speakers will be Dr. Ingrid Mattson, the President of the Islamic Society of North America. Dr. Ingrid Mattson is the Director of Islamic Chaplaincy and Professor at the Macdonald Center for Islamic Studies & Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT. Please join the Conference. If you have questions, contact Rehan Reza at [rehanreza@yahoo.com](mailto:rehanreza@yahoo.com) or 785-554-0586. Thanks for your support.

**Day of Prayer**—Churches in Colombia call on their sisters and brothers in the United States and Canada to raise awareness about the humanitarian crisis in the country, home to the world's second largest internally displaced population, after Sudan. Churches also ask us to

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More than ten people die daily in Colombia due to a war that makes civilians its primary target. Yet every day thousands more put their lives on the line to heed God's call for peace by working for justice and an end

to war.

Respond by taking a day to remember our brothers and sisters to the South in prayer and worship, and then act by asking our government to take action on the humanitarian crisis and to call for justice.

“Sisters and brothers, please join us in fervent prayer and faithful witness for a sustainable peace in Colombia.”

~Jenny Neme, *Justapaz, The Christian Centre for Justice, Peace and Nonviolent Action*; Ricardo Esquivia, *Sowing Peace and the Commission for Restoration Life and Peace, CEDECOL*; Alix Lozano, *President of the Colombian Mennonite Church*

**WDC/SCC Annual Conference:** Mark your calendars now for June 27–28, when 400 or more persons will gather in Hesston, Kansas, for the annual delegate session, to be held jointly between Western District and South Central Conference churches. A joint Program Planning Committee is at work, with the promise of an interesting and uplifting time of worship, fellowship, and learning. Programs and activities will be included for children through Junior High. More details to follow in coming weeks.

## CAMP MENNOSCAH NOTES

**We’re putting the dam back in!** With our Retirees’ Relaxation Retreat and the Men and Boys Retreat coming up, it’s time to get our fishing holes back and clear out some of that sand. We’ll be putting the dam back in on **Sunday, April 6, in the afternoon**, as long as weather permits. If anyone is interested in joining us, we’ll start sometime around 1:30–2:00 pm. Should there be questionable weather, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 before starting your journey.

**Camp Mennoscah Retirees’ Relaxation Retreat**—Retirees of any age are invited to join us for our Retirees’ Relaxation Retreat, April 14–16. We don’t care if you’ve been retired 6 months or 60 years or if you’re only semi-retired—everyone is welcome! Come take a rest after the hustle–bustle of the Kansas MCC Sale. There will be a musical program provided by Ann Dunn, sessions on the theme of Caretakers of Creation, and opportunities to share pictures of your latest trip, project, or grandchild. Did we mention great food and company? Please register by April 9. Questions? Comments? Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**Men & Boys Retreat at Mennoscah (April 25-27)** Picture yourself sitting by a camp fire with friends, fishing and playing in the river, flying kites, star gazing...all that and no girls! Mark your calendars for the last weekend in April for the annual retreat and campout, sponsored by the

### 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale April 11 & 12, 2008

◆ Donated craft items are on display in the Fellowship Hall TODAY.

Mennonite Men of the Plains. 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! Questions? Email [bcvoran@cox.net](mailto:bcvoran@cox.net) or call 316-284-2657 and ask for Brent.

**Camp Mennoscah Summer Camps**—We are gearing up for our summer camps! For first-time campers going into 3rd and 4th grade, we invite you to try out our First Camp, June 5-7. Come play in the river, stay in the cabins, and see what Camp Mennoscah is all about. And for all our other returning and new campers, we can’t wait to see you at camp this summer! Bring a friend, a flashlight, and maybe some clean socks! Our theme this summer is “The Bible: Digging for Treasure.” Confirmation cards should be arriving for those campers who have already registered. Please check the cards for any inaccurate information. Questions? Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**Camp Mennoscah Support Staff**—Camp Mennoscah is looking for nurses and kitchen staff for our weekly summer camps. Check out our 2008 camp schedule or catalog for details about each camp week. We need nurses for June 1–5, June 5–7, June 8–14, July 22–28, and July 27–August 1; and kitchen staff for all weeks. If you’ve volunteered at Camp Mennoscah before, we welcome you back. If you’ve never been to Camp Mennoscah, volunteer or otherwise, come see what our summer camping program is about and join in the fun. Don’t forget the free camp tee shirt! Contact Camp Mennoscah at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290.

**Camp Mennoscah new directors residence update:** drywall has been taped and finished and the ceilings are textured. The walls are being sanded in preparation for painting. The cabinets and vanities are being constructed offsite. The trim is ready to be stained and finished and will be ready for installation soon. The attic still needs to be insulated. The siding is nearly complete and will be ready for paint soon. A deck still needs to be constructed and sidewalk needs to be poured with concrete. There is work to be done leveling and backfilling. Labor needs: deck builder, concrete worker (sidewalk & AC pad), painters (interior & exterior), insulation blowing in attic, trim carpenters, door hangers. Contact: Galen Waltner, [galenwaltner@hotmail.com](mailto:galenwaltner@hotmail.com) or 620-386-0287 (cell). Thanks to all the volunteers that have sacrificed their time to make this project a reality.<sup>9</sup>

- ◆ **Workers** are still needed for making verenike on Tuesday, April 8. Sign up on the MCC table at the back of the sanctuary.
- ◆ **Cookies** are needed for break on verenike making day. The sign up sheet is also on the table. The cookies can be taken to the Goessel

Mennonite Church kitchen by Monday evening, April 7, or taken with you if you are working on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

- ◆ There are still **bags for zwieback and pie tins** to be picked up and filled.
- ◆ In addition to the baking assignments, the following items were good sellers at past sales: Angel Food Cakes; Noodles, packaged in 1 lb. bags; Cookies, packaged by the dozen—label the variety; Cinnamon Rolls and Sweet Rolls, packages of 6 or 12; Peppernuts, packaged in ½ lb. or 1 lb. bags—label the variety.
- ◆ Have donated items at the church as follows:
  - Friday, April 11, by 8:00 a.m.**
    - Rye and/or wheat bread
    - Plants & Things
    - Crafts
    - Items for extra baked goods
  - Saturday, April 12, by 8:00 a.m.**
    - Zwiebach
    - Pies
- ◆ The Annual MCC Sale Dinner and Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church. If you are interested in attending, please contact Norman Schroeders, Ted Nikkels, or Laura Flaming by Sunday, May 4.
- ◆ What's going on at this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale on April 11 & 12? Go to [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) and learn more about the activities and auction items at this year's sale.

**On Friday**, the quilt display and food service begins at 4:00 p.m. and priced items go on sale at 5:00 p.m. The evening auction begins at 6:00 p.m. in Sunflower Building North. Musical entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Meadowlark Building. This year's program features Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. **Saturday** auctions are at 8:45 a.m. with the Children's auction at 10:00 a.m. The quilt auction is at the Meadowlark Building, and the general auction is at Sunflower Building North.

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**Kansas MCC Ride for Relief:** Motorcyclists have a special opportunity to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) by participating in the MCC Ride for Relief scheduled Sunday, April 27. The ride begins at King Memorial Park in Hesston, and the destination is

Kingman Mennonite Church, arriving in time for Sunday morning worship. Lunch is to be provided at the church as a youth group fundraiser. A donation of \$25 qualifies you to participate. In case of inclement weather, the ride will be set for May 18. To register call Lelyn Peters, 620-327-2256, or Daryl Regier, 620-345-8531, by April 23.

**The annual MCC Relief Sale Golf Tournament** will be held Saturday, May 10, 2008, at the Hesston Municipal Golf Course. Final registration begins at 7:00a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00a.m. The format is a 4-person scramble and registrants are welcome to enter as individuals or as a team. The \$55 per player fee includes carts and lunch. Payment can be made at the final registration the morning of the tournament. **Please pre-register your team by contacting Gregg Dick, PO Box 295, North Newton, KS 67117, 316-283-1366, or by e-mail at [greggd@bethelks.edu](mailto:greggd@bethelks.edu). The pre-registration deadline is May 6, 2008.** Our goal is to have 18–24 teams again this year.

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