

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.

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.

2008 First Quarter Fruits Update	
1 st Quarter Offerings	80,455
Dollars Remaining	253,545
How our gifts were used:	
Witnessing to our world and nation	\$ 7,355
Witnessing to our local community	1,888
Provide support for higher education	1,342
Study, Worship, and Fellowship	58,000
Provide a facility to carry out our local mission	11,870

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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For the statement, "I really expect to attend on Sunday of a sense of duty or because my relationship with God is so important to me and because I want to be a part of the community through the custom of attending church on Sunday and Wednesday rituals other than what to wear and who would be there. Through the years I developed a solid working knowledge of morality and expectations but an emotionally charged longing to connect was a foreign concept."

Love

Gathering Music Chrystiana Voth, clarinet; Karen Unruh, acc.
Amy Brubaker, clarinet; Marcia Brubaker, acc.
Welcome Pastor Mike Brouillette

Opportunities for Service and Celebration
Invocation

Prelude "Amazing Grace" ~arr. Young Mary Schmidt, organ
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

***Hymn of Adoration** "Blessed Savior, we adore thee" HWB #107
Children's Time Jeff and Tina Boese
***Songs of Praise** "Great is the Lord" HWB #87
"He Has Made Me Glad" SWJ #20

Commissioning Service for Brady Peters
Pastor Linda Ewert and Board of Mission & Service

Congregational Response:
As God's Spirit calls and the church commissions, the servants of Christ are scattered in places of need. We accept your call to service and pledge our support to you. We will keep praying for you, that Christ may be seen through you in word and deed.

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving
Offertory "Lamb of God" ~arr. Bettcher
***Dedication Of Our Gifts** "God, whose giving" (vs. 1) HWB #383
Morning Prayer Pastor Lee Suderman

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Anthem "Jesus, the Fairest" ~Bergquist Chancel Choir

TODAY

Scripture Reading Luke 18:9–14 NIV Ben Schrag
Message "Sunday Rituals" Pastor Mike
Video "Sunday" Rob Bell
Special Music "It's All About You" ~Big Daddy Weave
***Benediction** Pastor Mike
***Postlude** "Great Is the Lord" ~arr. Bettcher

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Ken Rodgers
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Marcia Brubaker

WELCOME

As we continue to celebrate our Lord's resurrection, we are pleased to welcome each one who has gathered here for worship this morning. Our goal as a church is to be a place of refuge, of love and acceptance of all, and of equipping for witness in the world in which we live. May we each do our part in making this a reality this week.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for:

- Birth:** Emma Colleen was born to James and Kim Gudeman on March 24. Grandparents are Chet and Jeanette Roberts.
- Hospital:** Randy Reimer at Newton Medical Center; Meribeth Schmidt was admitted to and dismissed from Kansas Spine Hospital
- Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** Students from Mennonite high schools have gathered at Lake Center Christian School in Hartville, Ohio, to participate in the Mennonite Schools choral festival. Thank God for this unique opportunity to get acquainted with those from other schools and share the culminating concert/worship experience today.
- Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Mennonite Mission Network workers, Pat and Rad Houmphan, Thailand, request prayer that a suitable center will be found to expand ministry to Kosum Phisai, a new location where a local pastoral couple, Samarn and Somlid, will give leadership.
- Western District Conference (WDC):** Bill Dellinger as he is credentialed today as pastor of Mt. Zion Mennonite Church, near Columbia, MO, a new church plant in Hallsville. Also pray that the Holy Spirit gives guidance to two English-speaking church plant possibilities in Denton (Anglo-White) and Grand Prairie (African-American), Texas.

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A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under

during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Rick and DJ Freeman.

Noon – Area Jr. High Fundraiser meal – Alexanderwohl Fellowship Hall

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

Tuesday, April 15

6:00 p.m. Visual Arts Committee “Field Trip” to Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita

Wednesday, April 16

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Dinner – Fellowship Hall
Short rehearsal in choir loft following dinner
NO Handbell Choir

Thursday, April 17

1:30–3:00 p.m. Happy Home Workers – Reminder, we will be working at the Newton Et Cetera Shop

Friday, April 18

Saturday, April 19

Sunday, April 20

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Speaker: Lee Suderman
“From God With Love”

Scripture: Revelation 1

Special Music: Worship Team

Offering: First Fruits Giving

Noon – Teacher Appreciation Meal - Fellowship Hall

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Sunday, April 20, cont.

2:30 p.m. Jaroslaw (Jarek) Paj_kowski, Director of the Lower Vistula
Participants in the Spiritual Gifts Class – If you participated in the first session of the Spiritual Gifts, please remember to turn in your “Servant Profile” to Pastor Linda. Put it in her church mail box. Thank

River Valley Landscape Park and **Henryk Zamojski**, Director of Opole State Agricultural Advisory Center, Losiow, Poland, will present “Mennonite Settlers on the Lower Vistula River Valley in the 17th and 18th Centuries” at the Mennonite Heritage Museum’s Preparatory School.

5:00 p.m. Seekers & Sojourners SS Class get-together in the Shelter House

7:00 p.m. KMMC Concert at Presser Hall on the Bethany College campus, Lindsborg

Last Sunday, April 6

Attendance: Sunday School 169
Worship Service 265

Offering: Sunday School \$143.21
First Fruits \$8,250.91
MCC Penny Offering \$75.51

COMING EVENTS

April 27 *Congregational meeting to affirm Lead Pastor Search Committee – Time to be determined; check next Sunday’s bulletin*

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*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wed., Apr. 16 Meet in the Youth House. We begin our teaching series on “The Cult of Self-Esteem – Comparisons”

Sat., Apr. 19, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Service project at Tim Voth’s farm

Week of June 9 – Service trip

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To recognize the hard work and dedication of the teachers of Christian education, we will have a **Teacher Appreciation meal at noon on April 20** in the Fellowship Hall. All teachers and their families are invited to attend. Please sign up in the south lobby by today, April 13, or call Tammy Flaming (367-8177) by Tuesday, April 15.

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you!

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

the May *NewsLine* is Monday, April 21. Items received after that date may not be included or may be held for the June issue.

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.

MomTime will be Monday, April 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Moms meet in Fellowship Hall; Kids in 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.

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

What is your "enough" when it comes to planning for retirement? A booklet from MMA, provided at no cost, can help you determine what is enough for your retirement years. Visit www.YourEnough.com to order. While there, view two new videos of Anabaptists facing retirement.

THANK YOU

A simple "Thank You" seems inadequate to express my gratefulness to all who prayed, visited, sent cards, and brought food and flowers during my time of surgery and convalescing. May God bless you for all your acts of kindness.
~Linda Goertzen

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

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 Today, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church to celebrate this new church. The public is invited.

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TAKE NOTE: The Red Cross Bloodmobile scheduled to come to Goessel on April 21 has been cancelled by the Red Cross.

Events at Kauffman Museum, North Newton:

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

Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, Today, April 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m., "Plums, Peat Bogs, and Bicycle Paths: The Lower Vistula River Valley Landscape Park." Dr. Jarek Pajkowski will present a multi-media program on activities that preserve the natural and historic features of an area of Poland where Mennonites lived in the 18th and 19th centuries. Free and open to the public. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

Kauffman Museum's Earth Day Adventure, Sunday, April 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Celebrate God's creation with outdoor planting activities. Meet at Memorial Grove (Sand Creek trailhead) on the Bethel College campus (turn east on 29th Street and park east of the tennis courts or at Memorial Grove). Dress for the weather. Free for all ages. Families encouraged to attend. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

The Friends of the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College present **Jarek Pajkowski**, director of the Lower Vistula River Valley Landscape Park in Poland, who will speak on "Mennonite settlers on the Lower Vistula River Valley in the 17th and 18th centuries" on **Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building chapel on the Bethel campus. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The —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. —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 —2 receive no other visits than those of their —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.

Come celebrate with Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS, as they confirm the call of God on Derek Yoder's life to be ordained for ministry. Please put April 20, at 2:01 p.m. on your calendars. A pie reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

C. Howard and Esther Unruh will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, April 20, from 2:00–4:30 pm at the Agape Senior Center in Goessel. The couple requests no gifts.

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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 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 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.

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*

Your Life is a Story—Begin or continue writing your life story with Ann Showalter on Friday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. "Everyone is writing a life story, not with ink and paper, but with our daily life." Join Ann to put pen to paper and write a story about your life and to have others hear what you have written. Bring a sack lunch; drinks will be furnished. Remember to bring writing materials. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Call Peace Connections at 316-284-0000 to reserve your place as space is limited to 10. If you have questions, contact Ann at 316-284-2960 or asho@cox.net.

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The theme for **the annual WDC/SCC delegate session, set for June 27–28** at Hesston College and Hesston Mennonite Church is: "Bold Witness: Pray with Courage, Share as One," based upon Acts 4:31–34. Through worship services, music, workshops and table discussion groups,

40th Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Coming Events

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,

there will be opportunity to understand what it means to be both hearers and doers of the word as participants in Christ's body, the church.

CAMP MENNOSCAH NOTES

Camp Mennoscah Retirees' Relaxation Retreat—It's your last chance to join us for the Retirees' Relaxation Retreat, April 14–16. Retirees of all ages are invited to attend our retreat on the theme of Caretakers of Creation. Call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for last-minute registrations or more information.

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 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 or call 316-284-2657 and ask for Brent.

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 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 or 620-297-3290.

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.

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or Laura Flaming by Sunday, May 4.

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. The pre-registration deadline is May 6, 2008.

Our goal is to have 18–24 teams again this year.