

## ORDINATION GIFTS

The ordination service for Pastor Linda Ewert on Sunday, April 27, included a time of giving and receiving gifts. Steve Unruh presented a gift to Pastor Linda from the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church: an oil lamp with an inscription including Pastor Linda's name, Alexanderwohl's name, and the date of the ordination. The lamp was made by Paul Friesen. Pastor Linda and Morris presented a gift to the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church as a token of their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the love, affirmation, and support of this congregation. The gift was a pitcher and bowl, chalice and plate, and anointing dish made by Ruth Breeze Peer, owner of Clayworks Gallery in Newton. These gifts are displayed on our worship center this morning. Praise be to God!

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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**  
**MAY 4, 2008**

# Alpha and Omega—The

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

**Focus Statement:** *The messages of Jesus to the churches of Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea are amazingly relevant for us today. Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear what the Spirit says...How will we respond?*

## Beginning and The End

**Gathering Music** Worship Team  
**Welcome and Invocation** Pastor Linda Ewert  
**Opportunities for Service and Celebration**  
**Prelude** Karen Unruh, organ

*"This Is My Father's World" ~Hobby*

(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

**\*Hymns of Praise** *"Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah"* HWB #50  
*"O come, loud anthems let us sing"* HWB #68

**Children's Story** Aileen Esau  
**Anthem** *"Down to the River to Pray" ~arr. Page* Handbell Choir  
Flute: Megan Duerksen

**Morning Prayer** Pastor Lee Suderman

**Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving  
**Offertory** *"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" ~arr. Behnke*  
**\*Song of Dedication** *"Living for Jesus" (vs. 1)* SWJ #60

**Message** *"What Would Jesus Say...Part 2"* Pastor Linda  
Revelation 3

**\*Hymn of Response** *"How clear is our vocation, Lord"* HWB #541

**\*Benediction** Pastor Linda

**\*Postlude** *"Postlude on 'Old Hundredth'" ~Bock*

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

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**Song Leader and Handbell Choir Director:** Nancy Becker

**Handbell Choir:** Aileen Esau, Jenny Fast, Marilyn Flaming, Janine Peters, Jason Peters, Rosi Reimer, Jim and Mary Schmidt, Nancy Stucky, Carmen Tang, ElRoy and Loretta Wiens

## WELCOME

Welcome, people of God! How good it is to be in the presence of our Lord and the fellowship of one another! Inspired by the Holy Spirit, may our worship bless the Lord and touch our lives with strength, hope, and renewal for the journey.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

**Pray for:**

—**Birth:** Collin Nathaniel was born on April 15 and adopted by Kim and Shannon Casebeer of Lenexa. Grandparents are Lloyd and Marlene Voth.

—**Death:** Vera Harder, aunt of Pastor Lee Suderman, died Thursday, May 1, and her service will be held Monday, May 5, with the burial at 10:00 a.m. and the Memorial Service at 11:00 at Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church. Pastor Lee will be helping with the Memorial Service.

Duane Cool, brother of Paula Flaming, was killed in a motorcycle accident on Wednesday, April 30, about 10:00 p.m. near Eldorado. His Rosary will be Monday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. and his funeral will be Tuesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. Both of these will be at the Church of the Resurrection, 4910 N. Woodlawn, Bel Aire.

Please remember these families as they grieve the loss of loved ones.

—**Mennonite Education Agency (MEA):** the students who have finished their course of study in nursing, pastoral ministries, and disaster management at Hesston College and for all graduates during commencement this morning. Thank God for the academic, spiritual, and social growth each graduate has experienced. And thank God for the committed efforts of faculty and staff during this school year.

—**Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):** Mennonite Mission Network workers Bruce Yoder and Nancy Frey request prayer for the staff of Benin Bible Institute as it meets this month to discern a new format for the full-time program. Pray for faithfulness to the Holy Spirit's vision on how best to meet the needs of church leaders already engaged in ministry.

—**Western District Conference (WDC):** the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it finalizes the nominations for the leadership ballot that delegates will affirm during the annual conference.

## TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during the Worship Service. Nursery attendants are Eric and Gretchen Schrag.

**Following the Worship Service** – Faith Ex students and parents please meet with Pastor Linda in the conference room for a brief meeting to talk about dates for baptisms.

**Noon – High School Parent Meeting** in the Shelter House

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

**4:00 p.m.** – **Bethesda Chapel** with Pastor Lee and Di Suderman

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, May 5

NO Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Board of Education

### Tuesday, May 6

### Wednesday, May 7

7:00 p.m. VBS Teacher Training – Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

### Thursday, May 8

Happy Home Workers outing to Topeka  
1:30 p.m. Willing Workers

### Friday, May 9

### Saturday, May 10

### Sunday, May 11      ***Pentecost/Mother's Day/Child Dedication***

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**  
**Speaker:** Lee Suderman  
    "A Preview Of Heaven"  
**Scripture:** Revelation 4 and 5  
**Special Music:** Living Prayer  
**Offering:** First Fruits Giving

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"In deep appreciation for the part you have played in the formation of

## Last Sunday, April 27

**Attendance:** Sunday School 163  
    Worship Service 229

**Offering:** Sunday School \$124.78  
    First Fruits \$7,371.89

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## COMING EVENTS

**May 18** Graduate Recognition Sunday

**May 26, 11:00 a.m.** Memorial Day Service at the Cemetery

## AREA JR HIGH

**No activity planned for today, May 4.** Mark your calendars for June 1, when we'll be going to All-Star Sports in Wichita. Volunteer drivers are needed! Call Janice Voth, 367-8152.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**Wed., May 7** No Midweek

**Wed., May 14** Dinner in Moundridge – Bring \$10. We'll be honoring our seniors as well as our foreign exchange students.

**Week of June 8** – Service trip

## COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULTS

**Today, May 4, noon** – Pizza Hut lunch in Newton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Learn to serve family, friends, neighbors, community, and Jesus,** all in God's Big Backyard. Teachers, helpers, and leaders for Alexanderwohl's 2008 Daily Vacation Bible School – make plans to attend our training seminar to get acquainted with the curriculum on Wednesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Watch your church mailbox for an RSVP note. Thanks.      ~VBS committee, Jennifer, Elaine, and Sarita

**Prayers are being answered!** Children's Church will begin May 18 for ages 3 through kindergarten. Children will meet their teacher or helper in the back of the sanctuary at the designated time in the worship service. Many thanks to everyone who has prayed for and is committed to helping get this ministry off the ground again! A special thank you to everyone that is willing to teach or help and to the Young Women Quilters for their financial contribution!

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my faith, I want to **invite you to celebrate with me as I graduate** with a

Master of Divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary on Saturday, May 24, 2:30 p.m.” ~Norma (Peters) Duerksen

Details are posted on the south bulletin board.

**Campers (and families)** – There were flyers in your mailboxes recently for you to fill out if you are attending Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain camps this summer. Please turn them in as soon as you have your confirmation from the camp so we can get you listed in the bulletin and have your scholarship check ready.

It's "**Movie Night for Seniors**" at Alexanderwohl on Sunday, June 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone, 65 years and over, is invited to join us. We will be watching the movie called "*Pearl Diver*." The April 21, 2008, edition of the Mennonite Weekly Review says this about the film, "Sidney King, a 2000 Goshen College graduate has written, directed, and produced a captivating and thought-provoking film centered in a Mennonite farming community in Goshen, Indiana. The story is rooted in a strong faith tradition, surrounded by beautiful farmland and founded on the love between two sisters. This beautifully filmed and powerfully acted movie is filled with unexpected tragedies and extravagant gifts."

Produced in 2004, *Pearl Diver*, has won at least five awards at competitions at various independent film festivals. Mark your calendars now for June 29 and come see this powerful story — with some popcorn and good fellowship to go with it!

## COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

**All ladies are invited** to the Annual Spring Tea at the AGAPE Senior Center May 6, 2:00 p.m. Karen Andres will be the speaker and Deloris Schmidt will provide music. No reservations needed. Bring a friend.

**Companions in Grief**, sponsored by Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, will meet May 8 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.

**The grass is growing at Joyful Noise.** We are in need of a volunteer mower or mowers. If this is something you can help with, please call Kelli at the daycare at 367-4620, or Brandy at 367-2912.

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Is your family, Sunday school class, small group, or Summer Bible school planning committee looking for an **opportunity to give financially**

**The annual WDC/SCC delegate session, June 27-28** in Hesston, Kansas, will offer several opportunities for good fellowship and inspiration.

**and receive in non-financial ways?** Global Family, Mennonite Central Committee's education sponsorship program, needs one-time gifts and long-term sponsors. Visit [www.mcc.org/globalfamily](http://www.mcc.org/globalfamily) to view recently-posted photo galleries and consider whether you can help put education within reach for children and young adults in one of the 43 countries in which Global Family works, or call 316-283-2720 to learn more.

**The Western District Conference Resource Library** will be open an extra hour on Thursday nights to accommodate those who can't come during our regular hours. **Beginning May 8, we will be open until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday nights.** The puffy red couch is waiting for you! If you haven't come in lately, come and enjoy our expanded space at 2517 N. Main St., North Newton.

**The Bethel College Alumni Association invites alumni and friends** to its annual banquet, 6:00 p.m., Saturday, May 24, in Memorial Hall. Program includes historic Bethel songs sung by an alumni ensemble and award presentations. Cost \$16 per person if paying by May 9, \$18 May 10-14. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center, (316) 284-5205. **Reservation deadline May 14.**

**Announcing GRAPEVINE: a network of Christian Educators.** The Grapevine Resource Group is a way for those concerned about congregational Christian education to share, network, and learn from each other. Anyone is welcome: Sunday school teachers, superintendents, parents, pastors, Christian education committees, and Wednesday night coordinators. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the WDC office. We will explore three different possibilities for Mid-week children's curriculum programming. Come to listen, learn, and share. Marlene Bogard is planner/facilitator; for information, contact her at: 316-283-6300; [mbogard@mennowdc.org](mailto:mbogard@mennowdc.org).

Beginning June 9—a four-session class, **SINGLE WITH CHILDREN: How to survive as a single parent family.** Parents will get tips on solo parenting, single living, and managing household finances. The children's group will learn leadership and relationship skills and have a great time with crafts and games. For more information contact McPherson Family Life Center, Inc. at 620-241-6603 or 800-536-6613.

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On Friday evening, come to hear Clarence Rempel, pastor of First Mennonite Church in Newton, who will give the sermon based on the Acts

4:31-35 text. Music, stories, and other sharing will provide a memorable worship experience, to be followed by a fellowship time. Music coordinators for the weekend are Tom & Lois Harder and Chris Shaw. Persons not serving as congregational delegates are also strongly encouraged to attend.

**Et Cetera Shop–Newton** is taking applications for the full-time position of General Manager of the store. Needed is an energetic person, with a heart for mission, capable of managing an assistant staff and many volunteers. This paid position is available until filled. For further info, contact Deb Goering or Sarah Fleming at the Et Cetera Shop located at 619 Main in Newton. Bring your resume to this location or e-mail to [newtonetc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:newtonetc@sbcglobal.net).

**Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton**, seeks an Administrative Assistant to work in the church office 16–20 hours per week. If interested in a job description, please contact Jeannie Zehr, church moderator, at 316-283-8308, or [mjzehr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjzehr@sbcglobal.net).

## CAMP MENNOSCAH NOTES

**Camp Mennoscah update:** work is continuing on the new director's residence. The siding is in the process of being painted and a deck is being built. The doors are all hung and some trim is on. We have immediate need for someone to stain and varnish the inside of windows and the doors. We still have a need for trim carpenters to finish trimming, work on stair rails, and install cabinets. We need someone to pour a concrete porch and sidewalk and AC pad. The attic needs insulation with blow-in cellulose, and a railing is needed on the deck. Call Galen Waltner, 620-386-0287, if you hear Gods call.

**Summer Camps**—The Early Registration Discount ends May 16th! You have plenty of time to register for an exciting week of camp, but only two weeks to get your discount. Our theme this summer is “The Bible: Digging for Treasure.” Come join us for a week of fun— canoes, river play, swimming, crafts, and friends galore. We especially want to invite 3rd and 4th graders (fall 2008) to our First Camp and 4th and 5th graders (fall 2008) to our Pre-Junior I Camp! We've got lots of room—bring all

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your friends! Confirmation cards should be arriving for those campers who have already registered. Please check the cards for any inaccurate information. Questions? Contact us at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290.

**Support Staff**—We're going to have a blast at Camp Mennoscah this

summer, and we want you to be there! Nurses are needed for the weeks of June 8-14, June 15-19, and June 22-28. Kitchen helpers are needed for the weeks of June 8-14, June 15-19, June 22-28, July 20-26, and July 27-August 1. Nurses are paid or receive a full discount for a camper. Kitchen helpers/parent volunteers receive a full discount for a camper. Contact Camp Mennoscah at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290 for more information.

**Extra volunteer opportunity**—Want to be an extra special volunteer? We have a group needing food service June 30–July 3, and we need kitchen staff—the parent volunteer discount (prorated) applies! Meal service begins with the evening meal on June 30 and ends after breakfast on July 3. Contact Camp Mennoscah at [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) or 620-297-3290 for more information.

**Need to escape or find a place for that summer family gathering?** Camp Mennoscah has a few weekends that are open, and we don't want our canoes and wildlife to get lonely! The Retreat Center is available for the following weekends: May 16-18, June 6-8, July 25-27, and August 29-31. Main Camp (cabins, 1 bunkhouse, and dining hall) is available June 28-29 and July 19-20. Both Main Camp and the Retreat Center are available July 3-6 and July 19-20. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for more information.

## 40<sup>th</sup> 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, or Laura Flaming by Sunday, May 4.

**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. **Please pre-register with Gregg Dick, Box 295, North Newton, KS 67117, 316-283-1366, or by e-mail at [greggd@bethelks.edu](mailto:greggd@bethelks.edu) by May 6.**

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