

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Mon., June 29, approx. midnight Leave for Convention

Sun., July 5, early afternoon Return from Convention

Wed., July 8, 6:30–10:00 pm Scrapbooking

Sun., July 12, 1:00 pm Golf at Pine Edge

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

Hospital: Malinda Schmidt in Newton Medical Center; Perry Klassen was admitted to and dismissed from Newton Medical Center; Melvin Hiebert will be admitted to Newton Medical Center on Tuesday, June 30

Our Youth and Adult Delegates to Convention 2009 as they travel to Columbus, OH. Our adult delegates are: Pastor Linda Ewert, Carol Duerksen, Leona Schroeder, and Renae Peters. Youth and Sponsors: Pastor Mike Brouillette, Pat Flaming, Allison Banman, Tim Goertzen, Karl Brubaker, and 28 youth; plus 16 youth and 4 adults from our sister church, Luz del Evangelio. Pray that our youth and the youth from Luz del Evangelio will have an awesome experience and establish lasting friendships.

Western Dist. Conference: Thank God for the ministry of Lee Suderman, lead pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, as he retires.

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

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Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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so that:

God is praised!

Offering God's Love, Healing & Hope
to All

Farewell for
Lee & Di Suderman

ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE CHURCH

JUNE 28, 2009

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude *"Now Thank We All Our God"* ~arr. Behnke Mary Schmidt, organ
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)

Welcome Pastor Linda Ewert

Opportunities for Service and Celebration

Invocation

***Songs of Praise** *"All in All"* SWJ #73
"Shine, Jesus, Shine" SWJ #81

Children's Story Aileen Esau

(Children, ages 3 thru Kindergarten, are dismissed for Children's Church.)

Special Music Lee and Di Suderman; Elsie Unruh, accompanist
"Canticle of Hope" ~Joseph M. Martin

Morning Prayer Pastor Linda

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* ~arr. Bettcher

***Song of Dedication** *"Praise God from whom"* HWB #119

Special Music Lee and Di Suderman; Elsie Unruh, accompanist
"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" ~Ira Stanphill

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 19:1-15a NRSV Pastor Mike Brouillette
Message Rev. Dorothy Nickel Friesen

"God's Questions and Our Answers"

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

Highlights of Pastor Lee's Ministry PowerPoint Presentation

Hymn *"God of our life"* HWB #486

Presentation of Gifts From the Congregation

Delbert Peters, Board of Deacons Chair

Myron Schmidt, Congregational Chair

Steve Unruh, Board of Trustees Chair

Litany of Thanksgiving and Release Printed in Bulletin

***Sending Hymn** Printed in Bulletin

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" (vs. 1,2)

***Benediction and Meal Blessing** 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: Renae Peters

Worship Team: Mandi Brouillette, Evan Fast, Isaac Fast, Matt Flaming, Pat Flaming, Jason Peters, Gayle Voth

Everyone is invited downstairs for a fellowship meal followed by informal sharing of stories of our ministry together with Lee.

BLESSING AND RELEASE FOR LEE SUDERMAN

Conference Minister: As brothers and sisters in a covenanted faith community we give thanks today for the ministry of Lee Suderman and celebrate his new vocation in retirement.

Congregation: Praise be to God, who calls us to many forms of ministry within the body of Christ and equips the church with gifts through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Conference Minister: Lee has shared his gifts in leadership, administration, preaching, and teaching, giving faithful service to this congregation as lead pastor for the past five years.

Lee: We have shared worship and work, happy and sad occasions, and committee and congregational meetings. We had Wednesday night suppers together and enjoyed potluck meals on Sunday noon. We met in funeral homes, at the hospital, and in homes. I retire as your lead pastor with cherished memories of our times together.

Congregation: God has blessed us richly through your ministry. We now bless you as you begin a new chapter in your life journey.

Conference Minister: As you, the people of Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, bless Lee in his retirement, do you now release him from his pastoral responsibilities and relationships?

Congregation: With the help of God, we do. We give thanks for Lee's faithfulness and acknowledge this transition in the life of our congregation. We will pray for God's continued guidance in Lee's life.

Conference Minister: Lee, do you release the congregation from its loyalty to you as a pastor? Do you release the members from turning to you and depending on you to provide the pastoral ministries they seek?

Lee: With the help of God, I do. When we meet in the future, I will be your friend but not your pastor. I will no longer perform pastoral duties among you. I will keep the congregation, pastors, and staff in my prayers.

Conference Minister: May God bless and guide you, Lee, and this congregation, in the new relationship that you now will share. *(Prayer)*

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship and fellowship with us this day. We gather to celebrate and praise God as we

TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during Worship. Attendants are Pat & Amy Flaming and Nicole Goertzen.

Children's Church available for 3 year olds thru Kindergarten. Teachers are Shari & James Wiens; helper is Kara Schmucker.

Junior High Youth Meet at church at 6:30 pm to carpool to *The Upside Down King*. Bring money for ice cream afterwards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Call for Prodigal Books. If by any chance you have any books that belong to Pastor Suderman—the owner is calling for them to come home as soon as possible. He'll be happy to welcome them to the pew outside his office door without any questions asked. Thank you.

Caring for the church while the pastors are away. Pastor Lee's term ends June 30. Pastor Linda and Pastor Mike will be at the Mennonite Convention in Columbus Ohio, June 29–July 5. If you have a care need or crisis during this time, the deacons will be available. Call the church office and a deacon will be contacted. After hours, call Delbert Peters.

July 5 will be CROP Sunday. Flyers will be in your mailboxes on that Sunday and members of the Relief Committee will be in the Chapel during the month of July to receive your contributions. **A change this year – please make checks payable to MCC rather than CROP as in the past.**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, June 29

NO Staff Meeting
3:30 pm Prayer Team – Chapel

Tuesday, June 30 through Sunday, July 5

Mennonite Church USA Convention in Columbus, OH

Sunday, July 5

give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Lee Suderman and his wife, Di, and say, “farewell” today. We are grateful for the presence of our Conference Minister, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, and her husband, Richard, and other guests who have joined us for this special occasion.

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Speaker: ElRoy Wiens

“Transfiguration” Mark 9:2–8; Matthew 17:1–8; Luke 9:28–36

Offering: First Fruits Giving

Nursery Attendants: Tammy Flaming / Kara Schmucker

Children's Church Teachers / Helpers: Rosi Reimer & Kris Schmucker / Heath Goertzen

4:00 pm Bethesda Chapel

Last Sunday, June 21

Attendance: Sunday School 143
Worship Service 217

Offerings: Sunday School \$133.99
First Fruits Giving \$5,473.25

COMING EVENTS

July 19, 5:30 – 9:30 pm 1st Family Event for people of all ages – Picnic and Swimming at Newton Park

COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

Last chance **TODAY** to attend the musical **THE UPSIDE DOWN KING** on the Bethel College campus in Krehbiel Auditorium: **2:00 p.m and 7:30 p.m.** (No reserved seats; first come, first served.) Larger cast, same band—with a message straight from the Bible. Donations will cover expenses of cast/band travel to MC USA convention in Columbus this next week. Don't miss this chance to bring your friends and neighbors!

Seeking Daytime or Evening Work Groups – Newton Et Cetera Shop has work group openings during the months of July, August, September, and November. Interested groups should contact Leia Lawrence, General Manager, during daytime business hours (316.283.9461).

Advanced Spiritual Guidance training will be offered by Associated Menn. Biblical Sem. through the 2009–2010 school year. This seminar fosters competence and maturity in spiritual direction for people who have had at least two years of experience offering direction. Sessions are on seven dates beginning Sept. 14, 2009, and ending April 12, 2010, on the AMBS campus in Elkhart, Ind. Marlene Kropf, D.Min., assoc. professor in spiritual formation and worship, is the facilitator. Limited to 10 people, a

nonrefundable deposit is due by July 15. More info at www.ambs.edu/asgs.

Persons attending the **WDC annual conference August 7–8** on the Bethel College campus in North Newton, will experience a new format. Instead of the typical workshops, there will be 14 "Learning Communities" of about two hours duration on a variety of topics, including "Teaching the Bible in the Congregation", "Immigration", "Creation Care", "Missional Leadership". These will include Bible study, leader input, group discussion,

If your **junior high youth group** is looking for a summer event, don't overlook the weekend of August 7-8 when the WDC annual conference will be held at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church. WDC Youth Minister Doug Krehbiel and friends will be providing a time of worship, fellowship, recreation, and sharing. Housing in a college dormitory is a possibility. Register now – see www.mennowdc.org.

First Mennonite Church of Pretty Prairie will celebrate her 125th Anniversary on Aug. 8 & 9. See schedule of events and registration form for meals on the church web site: www.fmcprettyprairie.org. The Sunday afternoon service will include a variety of music groups including a men's choir, directed by Norman Regier, and a Mass Choir. We invite former choir members and others interested in singing to participate in the program.

MDS Caretakers are volunteers who stay at the project to answer the phones, clean the MDS facilities, do small repair, organize tools, and provide general maintenance so the projects will be ready when the volunteer groups come. Caretakers are needed in:

- Diamond, LA – July 25–Oct. 3
- Pass Christian, MS – August 8–Oct. 3
- New Orleans, LA – Now through Oct. 3

If you are available to help out during any of these time periods contact MDS (717-859-2210) or talk with Steve and Rosi.

Learn the basics of the Bible with the course "Reading the Bible," an introduction to the Old and New Testaments. **Understand and share your faith** in the class "Confessing the Faith," an engaging approach to systematic theology. **Participate in dialogue with people of other faiths** in "Christian Encounter with World Faiths." Check out these and other courses at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary–Great Plains Extension at www.ambs.edu/GreatPlains. Weekend and evening classes in North Newton and Wichita. **Register for fall classes by August 11.** For information, contact Lois Barrett, Director, AMBS–Great Plains, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117; 316-283-7098; lbarrett@ambs.edu.

Camp Mennoch News

- **We are having the best time ever!** It may be hot, but fun is plentiful and you wouldn't believe what all we're learning. Just talk to everyone who has already been to camp this summer! There's still time to join us—contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org for more

and sharing. Each attendee can select two. A concluding attraction on Saturday evening will be a 2-hour Musical Festival, featuring a variety of performing groups and individuals from which persons can select their favorites. See www.mennowdc.org/AnnualConference.html for information and registration brochure, or call 316-283-6300. **Register by July 24 for lowest prices. Brochure is also available in the church office.**

information. P.S.—The summer staff fridge is on the fritz and cold drinks and frozen treats sure help combat the warmish nature of the work they do. If you have an extra fridge with a working freezer (or a spare air hose reel), we'd love to hear from you.