

## News from our Sister Church, Luz del Evangelio

Pastor Linda had a phone conversation with Ezequiel (Sergio) Cortez recently. Ezequiel is a leader in our sister church and the building contractor for their new church building. The foundation for their new church building is done. They are beginning the work on the outside walls, which will be part stone and part stucco. They hope to complete this work in early March. Then work will begin on the inside with framing interior walls, hanging insulation and sheetrock. Ezequiel would welcome help with the work inside the building.

Soon you will be hearing about ways to indicate your desire to visit our sister church and/or to help with construction. We will coordinate these visits with Ezequiel. Keep our sister church in your prayers.

## Western District Conference VISION 2012

**VISION 2012**, the Western District Conference prayer and funding campaign, is ready to receive your gifts to achieve the goal of \$1.5 million. So far, 733 people/units have given slightly over \$1000 per intent—and we are thankful. The goal is 1000 people giving \$1000 (over a three-year period). Prayerfully consider how you can assist church planting, Camp Mennoscah, the Resource Library and ministerial services with your gift. Contact WDC, at Box 306, North Newton; 316-283-6300 or click on “Vision 2012” at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org), print the intent form and send it in.

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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**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2010**

## WORSHIP SERVICE

**Focus Statement:** Rarely do thoughts of Valentine's Day center on the brutality at which Christ suffered on our behalf and His plea to sacrificially follow. Such an image is quite the contrast of flowers and chocolate, cards and candy. Today, we will journey through John Ch. 15 and see what's expected from us as ambassadors of Christ's love.

**Gathering Music** Austin Unruh, piano  
**Welcome** Eric Schrag  
**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**  
**Invocation** Pat Flaming  
**Instrumental Call to Worship** Marcia Brubaker, organ  
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" ~Hobby  
(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers)  
**Introit** "Come, Come Ye Saints" ~arr. Voth Open Road  
**Songs of Praise and Adoration**  
"Thou True Vine" In the blue Hymnal (HWB) (Remain Seated) #373  
"Jesus, Be the Center" In the back pocket of the Hymnal  
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Please Stand) HWB #285  
**Morning Prayer** Ben Schrag  
**Children's Story** Amy Flaming  
(Following the story, children, ages 3 thru Kindergarten, are dismissed for Children's Church.)  
**Special Music** "Prayer of the Children" ~arr. Klouse Open Road  
"Here By the Water" ~arr. Linscheid  
"Denn er hat seinen Engeln befohlen über dir" ~Mendelssohn  
**Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving  
**Offertory** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ~Behnke  
**\*Song of Dedication** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (vs. 3) HWB #98  
**Scripture Reading** John 15:1-11 NLT  
**Message** "The Vine and Branches" Pastor Mike Brouillette  
Part 4 in a series of "Who Is Jesus?"  
**\*Closing Song** "Jesus, Thou Mighty Lord" HWB #115  
**Benediction Song** Open Road  
"We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace" ~arr. Appling  
**\*Benediction**  
**Postlude** "Old Hundredth" ~Jordan

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

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**Song Leader:** Kyle Unruh

**Open Road:** Alex Boldt, Evan Conrad, Austin McCabe-Juhnke, Josh Powell, Caleb Stephens, Greg Shelly, Kyle Unruh, Cameron Voth, Nathaniel Yoder

## WELCOME

We're delighted to welcome all who have come to worship the Lord on this Lord's day. It is our hope that no one feels like a stranger in this house of worship. May each of us be open to friendship and acceptance as God's children.

A special welcome is given to Open Road, a men's a capella group from Bethel College, as they share their gift of music with us.

## TODAY

A **Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during Worship. Attendants are Denise Duerksen and Kim Voth.

**Children's Church** available for 3 year olds thru Kindergarten. Teachers are Rosi Reimer, Kris Schmucker; helper is Heath Goertzen.

**Not by Bread Alone**, Daily Reflections for Lent (which begins this Wednesday) by Jay Cormier, are available on a table at the back of the sanctuary. A donation of \$1.00 is suggested.

**Pictorial Directories** are here and may be picked up after worship in the south lobby.

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** is responding to the devastation of the earthquake in Haiti Jan. 12 by sending 20,000 relief kits, 25,000 heavy comforters and 10,000 flat sheets. A list of supplies and details regarding the comforter/sheet dimensions were in the *Alexanderwohl NewsLine*.

**Today is the last day to bring your donations.** Thank you for taking part in this effort.  
~Board of Mission and Service

**Noon** College Age/Young Adult Pizza Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

**Noon to 1:30 pm** Faith Ex in the Youth House

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

**Hospital:** Les Flaming was admitted and dismissed at Newton Medical Center; Sheri Janzen was admitted and dismissed at NMC.

**Marriage:** Tyler Schroeder and Amber Goosen were married Saturday, Feb. 13, in First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE.

**Western Dist. Conference:** Pray for new educational programs to train, equip and strengthen our pastors—through college, seminary, conferences,

and congregations. (Treat your pastor with a gift certificate for a new book this week!)

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, February 15

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
Noon-1:30 pm Faith Ex – Fellowship Hall  
1:30 pm Prayer Team  
7:00 pm Board of Education  
7:00 pm Board of Worship

### Tuesday, February 16

### Wednesday, February 17

Midweek Activities (See Insert for Details)

### Thursday, February 18

7:00 pm Overall Overhaul fitness class in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, February 19

### Saturday, February 20

3:00-9:30 pm Faith Ex Retreat

### Sunday, February 21

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

**Preaching:** Pastor Steve Schmidt

“Everlasting Covenant, Everlasting Love”

Part 1 in a series

**Scripture:** Genesis 9:8-17; 17:1-7, 15-16

**Special Music:** Rejoice Choir

**Offering:** First Fruits Giving

**Nursery Attendants:** Rick and DJ Freeman

**Children’s Church Teachers / Helpers:** Jessica Boese / Denise Voth

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### Last Sunday, February 7

**Attendance:** Sunday School 189  
Worship Service 219

**Offerings:** Sunday School \$189.33  
First Fruits Giving \$5,405.78

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## COMING EVENTS

**Friday, March 26 Daughters of Grace MCC Craftin’ Event**

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:00 pm** – Midweek in the Youth House

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A unique service opportunity happens tomorrow, Feb. 15:** helping pack 250,000 meals for Haiti! If you want to carpool, meet here at Alexanderwohl Church at 8:45 am. Otherwise, just show up at this “come and go” event between 10 am and 8 pm in the Remington High School gym, 8850 NW Meadowlark Rd, Whitewater. For more information, please contact Kris Schmucker, Board of Mission and Service member (367-2575).

**Church Priorities for 2010.** Thanks, again, for all your prayers for the Leadership Retreat and for the Church Council as priorities were discerned. Watch the *NewsLine* for an article. Copies are available in the Church Office to already start implementing them.

**We will receive Marjorie Shoemaker into membership** here at Alexanderwohl on Sun., Feb. 21, during the worship service. Pastors and deacons enjoyed a time of sharing and refreshments with Marj a few weeks ago. We are so grateful for times such as this to learn to know one another better and connect our stories of faith with one another. We look forward to next Sunday as we joyously welcome Marj into our community of faith.

**The February MomTime** will be Monday, Feb. 22, 11:45-1:30. Moms will meet in the Fellowship Hall and kids in the Nursery. RSVP to Megan.

**We will have a congregational meeting** on Sunday, Feb. 28, 6:30 pm. The two items of business are: voting to approve a new term of service for Pastor Linda, and discerning direction for Youth Leadership as Pastor Mike’s term comes to an end. Childcare will be provided if you let the church office know in advance that you wish to have childcare.

**Serving at the Homeless Shelter March 17, 18, & 19** – Information and Sign Up Sheets are on the bulletin board in the south lobby.

**Book Sale** – Books that have not been checked out for about 10 years are on tables in the fellowship hall. There is a jar for donations.

**Save the date! Please mark Sunday, March 7,** on your calendar for a noon fundraising meal in the fellowship hall to support the students from our church attending Mennonite colleges. The meal will be delicious, and our college students very much appreciate your support.

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**MMA College Scholarship.** Each year, MMA offers college scholarships from \$500 to \$2500. These scholarships are available for High School Seniors and also current College Students that are planning on attending college in the fall. For information and an application contact Brian

Burkholder 620-367-8172. Application deadline is Feb. 28, 2010.

### COMMUNITY AND CONFERENCE

#### The Kansas Senate will act on the death penalty in early February.

Now is the time for a witness. You can find the name and email address of your senator at [www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-senate/searchSenate.do](http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-senate/searchSenate.do). Send letters to your senator at the Capitol Building, Topeka KS 66612.

**Memorial Service for Peter J. Dyck** – Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge will host a memorial service for Peter J. Dyck—often referred to as “Mr. MCC”—at 3:30 pm TODAY, Feb. 14. Everyone is welcome.

**Agape Senior Center Potluck Meal** will be on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 6:00 pm. Gayla Ratzlaff from Hillsboro, the Coordinator for Dept. on Aging, who has just spent a week in January working with MDS in New Iberia, LA, will speak and show pictures of the work being done there after a hurricane.

**MCC is deeply grateful** for the overwhelming response to the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti. MCC is developing a multi-year response to utilize the over \$8 million that has been donated. Kurt Hildebrand, an MCC worker in Haiti, recently said, “Haitians...were accustomed to being considered by the outside world as a hopeless basket case that wasn’t worth the effort...I want us to all think and pray very hard about how we can sustain the interest.” MCC is committed to working in Haiti long after the media spotlight fades as it has in other places—New Orleans, Sudan, Indonesia, etc. However, due to a decrease in general giving over the past two years MCC has been forced to make cuts to vital programming around the world. Please consider giving a “where needed most” donation to support MCC’s work. Send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or at [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org).

#### On the bulletin boards:

- ▶ Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts performance, Feb. 18, 7:30 pm
- ▶ Organ recital, Chelsea Vaught, Bethel College Chapel, Feb. 21, 4 pm
- ▶ Biblical storytelling workshop & concert, Feb. 20
- ▶ Peace Connections Annual Mtg., Feb. 25, 6 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Ch., Newton
- ▶ Summer service opportunities with Youth Venture
- ▶ Artist Stan Herd presentation at Dyck Arboretum, Hesston, Feb. 23
- ▶ Lenten Retreat, Hesston Menn. Ch., Mar. 13, 9 am-2 pm
- ▶ Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, Apr. 23-25
- ▶ Other Camp Mennoscah retreats in March and April
- ▶ Save “Best Choice” labels for Camp Mennoscah

### MIDWEEK SCHEDULE – WINTER 2010

#### Schedule for February 17, 2010

5:30–6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Conference Room

#### Study of the Gospel of Mark

5:45–6:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal Served	Fellowship Hall
6:30–8:00 p.m. Children’s Activities	
SonShine Singers (ages 3–1st grade)	Education Wing Room 19
Rejoice Choir (grades 2–6)	Chapel
Joy Builders Class (ages 3–Kindergarten)	Education Wing
Disciple Makers Class (grades 1–4)	Education Wing
Faith Finders Class (grades 5–6)	East Chapel
7:00–8:00 p.m. Midweek Classes for Youth	
Jr. High Class	Shelter House
High School Youth	Youth House
7:00–8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir*	Choir Loft
7:00–8:00 p.m. Living as an Anabaptist Christian Today*	Conference Room
Conclusion of the movie “The Radicals” and discussion	
8:00–9:00 p.m. Handbell Choir	Chapel
8:00–9:00 p.m. Repeat Adult Bible Study	Pastor Steve’s Office

\* Childcare provided for children birth–age 2.

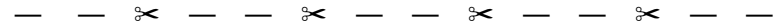
#### Invite your Friends, Neighbors, New Persons in the Community To Join Us!

Questions? Call 367-8192

#### MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP MEALS READY TO SERVE AT 5:45 P.M.

**Additions** will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.

**Cancellation** deadline is 9:00<sup>AM</sup> on Wednesday. Menu for February 17: Pizza, salad, bar cookies (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will also be available).



#### Wednesday Fellowship Meal Reservation for February 17

**Additions** will be accepted in the church office until Monday noon.

**Cancellation** deadline is 9:00 <sup>AM</sup> on Wednesday.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We plan to be a regular at every Wednesday night meal. I will notify the church office if I will not be able to come.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We plan to come this Wednesday.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_

(Place in Offering Plate or Turn in to Church Office)