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Randy's Ramblings

As an opening devotional for a worship commission meeting, Lori Miller shared a poem from *Preparing Sunday Dinner* by June Aliman Yoder, Marlene Kropf, and Rebecca Slough (Herald Press, 2005), p 261. When I heard it, I knew I needed to share it:

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35)

Flat breads – tortillas, pitas, injeras, chapatis and arepas
yeast breads – Jewish challah, Swedish tea ring,
Ukrainian paska
wheat bread, corn bread, rye bread, barley loaves
breads with dark brown crusts, hard crusts, no crusts
biscuits, muffins, crumpets, scones, hot cross buns
tea breads, spiced bread, fruit bread, nut bread
daily bread

Kneaded by hand and allowed to rest and rise
rolled into balls, shaped into crescents, cut into rounds
poured like batter into pans

Fried or baked
in pans
in ovens
on stones
over open fires

Main dish of a meal
a bowl for soup or stew
a utensil for scooping up the rest of the meal
an accompaniment for other foods

Eaten in solitude
shared in company
every morning toast
lunchtime sandwich
dinner rolls
midnight snack with peanut butter and jelly

For Russians, bread on a journey is no burden
for the Danish, even crumbs are bread
for Spaniards, bread is relief for all kinds of grief
for Arabic Bedouins, the one who shares bread and salt
is not an enemy
matchless gift of the Creator
nourishment for every place and time
broken and blessed.

I share it, knowing we intend to celebrate communion several times during Lent, each time enriching our understanding of the many facets of this meal Jesus left us. May you be nourished by the bread, by the cup, and by our weekly sharing.



The Wesley-Simons Volunteer Award will travel to the congregation (Hope Mennonite or Aldersgate United Methodist) who has the most volunteers during a rotation week. The official rules of this friendly competition have been posted on the Family Promise bulletin board.

Worship events in March

March 10 – Drama group from Northwestern College,
Orange City, IA – during Sunday school
March 24 – Palm Sunday
March 28 – Maundy Thursday
March 31 – Easter Sunday



Spring Cleaning at Camp

Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) will be held on Saturday, **March 23** from 10 am – 4 p.m. Come for part or all of the time. Women, men, kids, youth groups, Sunday school groups are all invited. If children younger than high school attend, they need to be supervised by their parents (no child care or children's activities will be provided). Dress warm, bring a full water bottle, \$5 to cover the cost of lunch, and the following cleaning supplies if you have them: rakes, long handled brooms for cobweb reaching. Other cleaning supplies will be provided. Space is capped at this event to manage the jobs, so don't delay in registering by **March 18**-westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com
Thanks!



Deacon Ministries

The deacons work under the direct supervision of the pastor, under the auspices of the Care and Nurture Commission, walking beside people during joys and sorrows. Much of their work is done confidentially and "behind the scenes." A primary role of the Deacon is to uphold the pastor, congregation, and each member in prayer. You are invited to contact either the pastor or your deacon with pastoral concerns. The deacon groups are listed below. You will also find the information on the bulletin board.

Dianne Birkey

Byron & Leona Adrian
Chris & Amy Bellar; Luke
Donna Bradbury
Clinton & Katie Chlumsky; Ellie, Owen
Ruthie Goering
Jason Jantz; Isabelle, Daniel
Heidi Johnson
Karin Koch
Aurora Mendia
Dave & Lori Miller; Katrina, Elisha
Steve & Sharon Pankratz
Jordon & Emily Regehr; Hudson, Haydon, Holden
Justin & Tiffany Regehr; Logan, Landon, Leyton
Carole Stevens
Bob & Delaine Stolzle
Jim & Barb Voth
Kim & Mike Voth
Margaret Wiebe
Jan Worley

Jim & Barb Voth

Lowell & Dianne Birkey
Eldon & Annette Chlumsky
Mary Ford
Russ Gooden
Randy & Shirlyn Graber
Leon & Treva Greaser
Ron & Linda Headings
Rod & Charla Kremer; Lauren
Cecil & Brenda Lilliston
Scott & Connie Luty

Donovan & Laurie Regehr
Dave Schmidt
Marvin & Lee Schmucker
Shenise & Cris Weimer; Hadley, Emlyn
Wendy Wiens
Karen Zehr

Steve & Sharon Pankratz

Jim & Twila Blakely
Greg & Dawn Epp; Alex, Isaac
Galen & Cindy Fat
Bethany Gipson
Marlo Goering
Tammy Goering
Renetta Gooden; Josh, Kendra
Natalie Hand
Scott & Stephanie Harder; Sam, Lily
Leslie James
Carol Preheim
Marcus & Cynthia Loganbill
Randy & Ronda Quinn
Jared Regehr & Natalie Graber
Myron & Lori Regier
David Schmidt
Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh
Gordon & Sherry Tolle

Leona Adrian

Grant Bellar
Alison Boese; Hailey, Kloie
Travis Cox & Charity Kennedy
Jerald & Donna Heide
Steve & Vicki Howard
Arlene Jantz
Michelle Jantz
Heidi Johnson-Laws
Tyler & Shelby Kaufman
Mick & Kathleen Lehman
Carol Matulka
Mike & Val Mayta
Ben & Grace Parker Sutter; Simeon, Miles
Randy & Joanna Pinkerton
Laura Quezada
Russ & Berni Ronnebaum
Kevin & Taylor Sechrist; Hudson, Riley
Chris Teufel
Audrey Unruh
Kendal & Marjie Warkentine

DO I KNOW YOU?

On January 28, we received four people into membership at Hope. Here is a brief introduction to two of them.

David Schmidt has attended Hope for about 3 years. He is a teacher at Fort Hays State University, formerly Director of the Computing Center there. His wife is Rita Schmidt and their children are Michael & Andrea. Andrea has 5 children – Madelynn, Brayden, Isaiah, Aliyah & Noah. They moved from Great Bend to Wichita to help take care of Aliyah. Aliyah stays with David & Rita full time, so Rita is often housebound. Rita retired from a teaching position at Barton County Community College (Nursing) to come to Wichita. They both come from farming backgrounds.

David enjoys watching movies and sports with Rita. He also enjoys long walks, sometimes with the dog; plus read a variety of books.

Jim Voth was born in Newton, Kansas on March 24, 1949. He moved to Wichita, KS at age 9 and then to Whitewater, KS at age 18. He met Barb during his college years. They were married on March 8, 1973 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in Goessel.

Following college, he worked as a medical technologist at Axtell Clinic in Newton, KS. After two years they moved to Fresno, CA to attend Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary.

Jim began serving as a pastor in the General Conference Mennonite Church/MCUSA for 41 ½ years at three congregations: First Mennonite Church, Paso Robles, CA for 8 years Grace Hill Mennonite Church, rural Whitewater, KS for 23 ½ years and Bethesda Mennonite Church, Henderson, NE for 10 years. He retired on April 1, 2019, and they purchased a home in Bel Aire, KS

They have three grown children: Kristen Voth, Wichita, Ben and wife Anna Voth and children Amelia and Hollis, Wichita; and Rebekah Voth, Laguna Beach, CA

They have attended Hope for four years. Jim spends time reading a variety of books. Hobbies include bicycle riding, photography, and writing life memories; eating out with friends and doing some cooking/baking.; and spending time with our grandchildren He also continues to spend time reading his mother's writings as well as letters to and from his father during World War II.



Western District Conference

Listening Tour: On Sunday March 17th during Sunday School, three

representatives from Western District Conference, (Kathy Neufeld-Dunn WDC Associate Conference Minister, Mike Peters of Rainbow Mennonite, Kansas City, Wendy Funk Schrag of First Mennonite, Newton), will be visiting our congregation as part of WDC's conference-wide Listening Tour this year. The purpose of the Listening Tour is to empower the vitality of WDC congregations by hearing their stories, offering ongoing relationship, and supporting their witness and mission. All adults and youth are invited to participate in listening sessions during the Sunday School hour. This will include times of conversation in response to these questions from WDC about our ministries and hopes for the future:

1. Can you talk about a time when you've felt most alive and vibrant as a congregation, or as a participant of the congregation?
 2. What is foundational and reassuring about this congregation that has helped in difficult times?
 3. What activities or ministries are most important for your congregation now in fully carrying out God's work?
 4. What do you hope for the future for your church and what resources from WDC would be helpful for that?
- Responses from our discussion will be shared back with the congregation, and at the conclusion of the listening process a summary of themes will be compiled by WDC to share with WDC constituency and used to guide ongoing resourcing for congregations in WDC.



March Reminders...

Worship Service Participants

March 3

Worship-Lori M.
Scripture-Lee
Pianist-Vicki
Song-Trae
Tech-Scott
Host-Brenda

March 10

Worship-Linda
Scripture-Greg
Pianist-Amy
Song-Galen
Tech-Mike V.
Host-Lee

March 17

Worship-Jim V.
Scripture-Connie
Pianist-Ruthie
Song-Galen
Tech-Randy P.
Host-Kendal/Marjie

March 24

Worship-Jim V.
Scripture-Vicki
Pianist-Cynthia
Song-Galen
Tech-Michelle
Host-Barb

March 31-Easter

Worship-TBA
Scripture-Joanna
Pianist-Laurie
Song-Trae
Tech-Galen
Host-Renetta

Worship Prep

March 3-Ruthie
March 10-Joanna
March 17-Connie
March 24-Lori M.
March 31-Russ

Greeters

March 3-Chris & Amy
March 10-Justin & Tiffany family
March 17-Bob & Delaine
March 24-Jan & Wendy
March 31-Lori & Myron

Nursery

March 3-Donna H. & Lily
March 10-Kevin & Taylor
March 17-Tyler & Shelby

March 24-TBA

March 31-TBA

Coffee

March 3-Eldon & Annette
March 10-Greg & Dawn
March 17-Marcus & Cynthia
March 24-Randy & Joanna
March 31-Easter-NO coffee

Head Usher-Randy P.

