

**June 24, 2007**  
**30 Days of Generosity**  
***“It’s about Provision”***

*“ . . . On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” -Genesis 22:14b*

**Praising Our Generous God**

PRELUDE Leann Toews

WELCOME AND PRAYER Worship Leader, Fred Schmidt

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“What is this place”* No. 1  
*“Fairest Lord Jesus”* No. 117

\*GREETING EACH OTHER, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING *Please pass the welcome pads*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN’S STORY Diane Unruh

**Proclaiming God’s Generous Word**

\*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Luke 10:1-9* Doug Krehbiel

SPECIAL MUSIC *“I Hear the Saviour Say”*  
Elaine and Laura Unruh, Lynette Duerksen

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY *Genesis 22*

SERMON *“God Provides”* Corey Miller

**Responding With Generosity**

RESPONSE SONG *“My Shepherd will supply my need”* No. 589

CHORAL READING

Leader: The world says: “Be sure you get what’s coming to you.”

**People: God’s Word says: “Life doesn’t consist of what you possess.”**

Leader: The world says: “Spend and accumulate goods.”

**People: God’s Word says: “Give and you will develop character”**

Leader: The world says: “Wealth is a person’s security.”

**People: God’s Word says: “Refuge in God is our security.”**

Leader: The world says: “You deserve the best.”

**People: God’s Word says: “God deserves the best.”**

Leader: The world says: “Give so that you may obtain favor from others.”

**People: God’s Word says: “Give because you have received favor from God.”**

Leader: The world says: “Seek your own gratification.”

**People: God’s Word says: “Offer to God your gratitude.”**

SCRIPTURE PRAYER *Philippians 4:10-20*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Today

God provides for us. Time after time, God surprises us, astonishes us and sometimes shocks us with His provision for us. Today is a day to reflect on the many ways that God has provided for us. Let our worship be a chorus of heartfelt thanksgiving as we rejoice in God's goodness to us.

We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us!

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Gary, Angie, Olivia & Zach Duerksen and Loren & Leona Brandt. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today. *Please remember to save the back three pews for those with infants or small children.*

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone.

Adults and youth will join together in the fellowship hall after worship this morning to continue our study and discussion on 30 Days of Generosity.

Children meet in the South Sunday school rooms in the basement.

On the table in the foyer are **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

**Noon—GROCERY SHOWER:** Please join us for a potluck meal following the SS hour, where we will eat together and shower our newest married couples with groceries and blessings. Come and celebrate with our newly weds!

**RESPONDING TO GREENSBURG:** Today is the last day that we will collect coins for the Greensburg Mennonite Church. Other contributions can be sent to Mennonite Church USA, Box 347, Newton, Kansas 67114. Earmark the check for Greensburg Mennonite Church.

## This Week

### Tuesday, June 26

**7:00 p.m.**—Worship/Fellowship committee meets.

### Wednesday, June 27

**7:00 p.m.**— OneWayUp, praise & worship team will present some of their San Jose Convention Worship Music at Goessel Mennonite Church.

## Next Sunday, July 1

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday we will conclude our 30 Days of Generosity. The theme is "*It's About Us*" and the texts are Luke 12:13-21 and Corey will be preaching. We expect our offering next Sunday to reflect the generosity we have been thinking, praying, preaching, teaching about over this last month.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone.

**30 DAYS OF GENEROSITY:** Next Sunday will be the last of our month long focus on God's Generosity. We wonder how this curriculum has affected you? Are there any stories that have happened? If anyone has a short written "testimony" about how God has used these days to transform your life in Christ, we'd love to hear about it. Please submit anything to Kim and we'll try to incorporate them into the July newsletter.

## Announcements

### **PLEASE SIGN UP NOW TO TEACH A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEXT YEAR!!**

We need teachers for children's' and adult classes. Even if you've never taught before, sign up if you're interested. Sign-up poster is located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thanks!

**BE GENEROUS-SHARE YOUR GARDEN PRODUCE AT CHURCH!!** It's that time of the year again to harvest the gifts of fresh fruits and vegetables from our gardens. **Anyone** may bring fresh produce to share with others. We will again have a table set up in the food pantry room to put the produce on. Just bring it to church any Sunday morning throughout the growing season. **Anyone**, may take home the produce from the table. If you take some, we ask that you share a small money donation to help support our **Tabor Church Food Pantry Ministry**.

*Questions: ask Nancy Miller, Phyllis Goertzen or Eleanora Goertzen.*

**CAMP MENNOSCAH** needs volunteers ASAP to help insulate and sheetrock the new staff apartment. If available, contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-284-0450 or [kneufeld@iwichita.com](mailto:kneufeld@iwichita.com)

### **WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE/SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE:**

>A new and second hymnal supplement for *Hymnal: A Worship Book*, entitled *Sing the Story* will be introduced at the Mennonite Church USA biennial assembly in San Jose, CA, July 2-6. It will also serve as the primary songbook for the WDC/SCC annual conference in Tulsa, July 27-29. Also, special drama monologues based on I Samuel written by Michele Hershberger will be a part of all three worship sessions.

#### **WDC continued**

>Participants in the annual WDC/SCC conference July 27-29 in Tulsa, will be able to select from a variety of workshops. Congregational delegates can spread themselves out among the options so that the reporting back can be as broad as possible. Registration material is available in the church office and due by July 13.

>Dorothy Nickel Friesen, upon the recommendation of the WDC Executive Committee and the approval of the WDC Executive Board, has accepted the invitation to serve a second five-year term as Conference Minister beginning January, 2008. In her next term, Dorothy is looking forward to calling out new leaders in the changing church, implementing the priorities of WDC-- including exercising spiritual gifts and planting new churches.

**FOUND:** one pair pink glasses, one pair sunglasses. Contact the church office if you are missing either of these.

### **ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

Letter from **Mission Partners Joe and Anna Sawatzky**.

Volunteer opportunities with **HospiceCare of Kansas**.

**Job Opening: MCC** Executive Director. Details are posted.

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church** 75th Anniversary Concert/ Lecture Series continues today at 3pm with a concert by Keith Plenert, violinist. Check bulletin board for complete details.

West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge **Concert Series**, today 7pm Ken Rodgers, Joey Menninga, Jon Schrag, Rosewood Winds. See details.

**Possum Boys concert** Aug. 12, 7pm Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Newsletter items are due in the secretary's office tomorrow.

### ***God's Peace: It can be lived out in your life.***

Jesus chose to be around small children a number of times in his ministry, often over the objections of his disciples. Sometimes he seems to have done this in order to hold children up as examples of the childlike qualities that enable God's Realm. But maybe, sometimes, he just wanted to hold them. - *Susan Ross*

**30 Days of Generosity** makes use of five core stewardship principles throughout the month-long study:

**Generosity is Christ-centered.** As followers of Jesus, we are accountable for how we handle what has been entrusted to us. Ultimately, everything we see, touch, and manage is God's.

**Generosity is trust-oriented.** God immediately demonstrated his trust in people by giving them tasks to do and asking them to manage what he created. As God's managers, we must decide in whom and in what we trust. Do we trust God for our future provisions, or do we hoard and control things we don't even own?

**Generosity is being thankful in spirit.** It is not how much we have, but what we do with it and in what spirit. Realizing God is the source of all things increases our gratitude for what God has provided and done on our behalf.

**Generosity is driven by love.** Jesus taught that the entire law of God is summarized in love for him and others. We manage God's resources from a desire to love God and other people.

**Generosity is an act of obedience.** There is an expectation that each follower of Christ will be faithful to honor God with the management of his or her God-given resources. The goal is to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Everyone is a steward. The question is: what kind?