

## June 2008

### “A Rushing Wind”

*“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” -Romans 5:5*

The winds of Kansas have been blowing with force these past few days. Sometimes they are unpredictable and unexpected. I watch the trees bend and sway. The tall phlox lay over in surrender hopefully to rise again when the wind passes.

The winds of the Spirit are also blowing in our lives. They are usually small gusts as opposed to powerful gales that seemed to be the experience of the disciples at Pentecost. Still, we should not take the smaller breezes for granted. How does the rushing wind move in our lives? For me, it is a song that moves me to tears. Maybe it’s enjoying the cardinal and blue jay that sat by my window as I serenaded them on the piano. Sometimes it’s the kindness of another person that reminds me of the Spirit’s movement. At Tabor, we have heard numerous testimonies of how the winds of the Spirit have moved in people’s lives when difficulties come.

Recently, I heard about a woman who read a verse in her church bulletin that became a rushing wind for her. The verse was: “The light shall never be overcome by darkness.” She felt drawn to the verse and placed it on her refrigerator. The next day she went to the doctor and found out that a tumor existed in her breast. She said the quote gave her strength she would never have had as she went through surgery. She found courage to face a great difficulty. (as told by Joyce Rupp in *may I have this dance*)

In Romans 5:5, we have a marvelous promise of God’s love poured into our hearts. God’s love doesn’t just trickle or come drop by drop. It is poured out generously. There is an abundance and vibrancy like the rushing wind. This pouring is meant to give us spiritual vitality. The winds of the Spirit motivate us with enthusiasm and hope. As you welcome the Spirit of God in your lives, may you experience a surge of courageous energy that you have never known and an abundance of God’s love like a rushing wind .- Pastor Karen

### Vacation Bible School

*June 2 - 6, 8:30 - 11:45*  
Tabor Mennonite Church

*Come learn about  
God's messages to  
prophets long ago  
and to us today!*

## Worship Themes

**June 1** - *“The Greater Communion of Saints”*

### Communion

Genesis 5:9-22, 7:24, 8:14-19,  
Matthew 7:21-29 David & Linda Wolfe preaching

**June 8** - *“Bible School Sunday”*

10:00 a.m. worship  
Noon picnic in church park

**June 15** - *“The Harvest is Plentiful...but”*

Exodus 19, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8  
Corey preaching

**June 22** - *“Harvest Mission Sunday”*

Isaiah 49:8-16, Psalm 131 Corinthians 4:1-5,  
Matthew 6:24-34 Joe & Anna Sawatsky preaching

**June 29** - *“Bold Witness!”*

Acts 4:31-34 Corey preaching

## Celebrating the Past Embracing the Future

October 10-12, 2008

A church that is 100 years old often reflects back on its past and remembers where it came from. It also thinks ahead and ponders its future. The quarterly fellowship committee is planning events that aim to do both! On **Saturday, October 11th**, in the afternoon, activities are being planned for our children. These activities will likely be under a tent located somewhere on our grounds and they will remind our children of the “good old days.” There will also be special music offered that afternoon under the tent for people of all ages. The local band **The Greenhorns** will be playing and helping us celebrate. We are excited for all the events planned for this weekend.

*“It is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt . . . He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed . . . Therefore, we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”- Joshua 24:17ff.*

## Men’s Morning Manna

June 4th - at noon at Whistlestop

The Men’s Morning Manna is for men of all ages to come together to visit, share, lament and listen to one another. We normally would meet in the morning on the **first Wednesday of the month**, but because of Bible school, we will move our meeting to lunch at the Whistlestop Cafe in Walton. Come and see what this is all about.

## Caring Group Ministry

Caring groups have been encouraged to be involved in something called *adopt-a-project*. One group shares how they have helped someone in the community with a much needed project. Ministry can happen in our local community. Thank you, caring group, for sharing God's love in this way.

*In May, our small group was privileged to complete a service project close to home. For several months, we have been working to coordinate building or stabilizing a structure for a woman and her family at their house in Goessel. We were finally able to get the design, labor and materials coordinated and spent two afternoons building a sturdy yet attractive deck and steps so that the family doesn't have to worry about the steps collapsing. We had fun working together and learning just what exactly a stringer is from Russ.*

Group Members: Brent, Pam & Samuel Abrahams; Corey, Nancy, Hannah & Rachel Miller; Rusten Schroeder & Susan Merrifield; Justin & Carrie Sommerfeld

## TMYF Report

May was the last month of meetings for the youth group. We started out by doing our monthly service work. While some of our youth were meeting with the deacons for their baptism, the others helped out the trustees by painting the two Sunday School rooms above the sanctuary. The following Wednesday we had our last lesson and we talked more about plans for our service trip. For our Send-Off party for the seniors and exchange students, we had a hot dog roast at Brent and Pam's house. It was a lot of fun, we will all miss the seniors and the exchange students and we wish them the best of luck in the future! We continue to ask for your thoughts and prayers for our service trip this summer to the Cheyenne Reservation in Montana.

-Laura Unruh, reporting

## Mennonite Heritage Museum

When the first car rolled into Goessel in 1903, people were amazed and horses were frightened. The horses are gone now, but people are still "driving through time" in their automobiles. "Driving through Time," a new temporary exhibit at Mennonite Heritage Museum, will open on Sunday, June 22, in celebration of cars and other motorized transportation in Goessel during the past 105 years.

Opening day will feature a non-competitive car show with more than 30 antique and classic automobiles on display in the museum's parking lot. The exhibit in the Immigrant House, developed by museum volunteer Mayleen Vinson, includes many photos from the

museum collection and from private collections.

The museum will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on June 22. Food will be available. Admission will be the price of one gallon of regular unleaded gasoline at Main Street Station on that day.

Also in conjunction with the exhibit opening, the museum will hold a silent auction on Marie and Martha Voth's wheat marquetry depiction of Lee's Hi-Way Service.

If you have a vehicle you'd like to display at the car show, please contact Donavon Schmidt (367-2391). There are no entry or registration fees.

## Immigrant Garden Story

Kauffman Museum: Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum, June 8, 2008, 3:30-4:30 pm, "Petals of the Sunflower: The Garden of Bernhard and Justine Harder, Immigrants from West Prussia." Freelance writer Melvin D. Epp will tell the story of the European-style garden recreated by a Mennonite family on the Kansas prairie. Free and open to the public. Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is located at 27th and North Main in North Newton. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

## Offender / Victim Ministries

The M-2 (Match Two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries is holding an orientation for new volunteers June 12, 6:00 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can be the catalyst for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. More than 50 men are waiting to be matched. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information no later than June 9 so that clearances may be obtained for admission. You may also email [ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net).

## Joyful Noise Child Care Benefit

SONG ON THE LAWN is the second annual mini-music festival and meal on the farm of Maynard Knepp/Carol Duerksen, June 1, 5-8 p.m. Featured musicians will be Jake Schmidt, The Book of JEBB, Generation Gap, Lighthouse Quartet, The Country Cat Tails (Hannah and Rachel Miller and friends), Doug and Jude Krehbiel and friends featuring Rollin Schmidt, Bill Froese with Brian Voth. The entertainment and meal is by donation—this is a fundraiser for Joyful Noise Community Child Care Center in Goessel.

## Summer Sunday School Schedule

**June 1** - Regular classes meet to conclude  
Spring quarter

**June 8** - Bible School Program

**June 15** - Spirituality in Wood John  
Gaeddert

**June 22** - Mission Festival  
Joe and Anna Sawatzky

**June 29** - Church History Jeopardy Game

**July 6** - Western Dist. Conf. Reporting

**July 13** - Trip to Russia  
Jerry and Leann Toews

**July 20** - Taste of Tabor

**July 27** - Name That Tune

**August 3** - Fellowship Time

**August 10** - Peace & Justice Susan  
Mark Landis

**August 17** - The James Waltner Years Rachel  
Waltner Goossen

**August 24** - Mennonite Clothing Fashion  
Review Marge Shoemaker,  
Mennonite Heritage Museum

**August 31** - Fellowship Fair  
Education Sunday

Children's Sunday School will follow the same themes as the adults with special activities created just for them. Learn how to play games your grandparents or even great-grandparents might have played. Find out what the King of Prussia had in common with a peanut butter sandwich. You might even learn how to speak some German!

There will also be a Summer Sunday School Reading Challenge. The church library is a resource that is commonly forgotten. As we embark on the centennial celebration of Tabor Church, we want to help the children become more comfortable and reliant on the church as they grow and encounter the world. We also understand that the summer is a time of relaxation and vacations for families. Therefore, we created this reading challenge for the children to keep them in touch with the church, even when they are unable to participate on a certain Sunday.

**Everyone!! This Summer:  
Plan to participate in the activities following our time  
of worship!!**

## WDC News

### Annual Conference

Plan to attend the WDC annual conference **June 27-28** at Hesston Mennonite Church/Hesston College. The opening session on Friday evening begins at 7 p.m. and will feature singing, preaching and prayer. Come prepared for a joyful time of reunion and of establishing new relationships. On Saturday morning, delegate session agenda includes - what happened in 2007; election of new leaders; state of conference address; celebration of Vision 2012 reaching \$1 million; updates on new churches and partnerships, Camp Mennoscah, Resource Library, youth ministry; budget and Vision 2012 campaign.

On Saturday afternoon, a variety of workshops will be offered - there will be something to appeal to every interest! The conference will end on Saturday evening with a worship service, including communion. **Please register by June 13.** Brochures with registration forms are available in your churches. *See you at annual conference!*

### Camp Mennoscah

Camp Mennoscah is really cookin' now! **Thanks** to all our wonderful and talented volunteers, work on the new director's residence at Camp Mennoscah is progressing quickly. The exterior of the residence has been painted and the deck is nearly finished. An open house and dedication is planned for later this summer. On top of exciting house developments, our summer camps also started on June 1, and we're having a great time learning about God and experiencing God's creation at Camp Mennoscah.