

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to our worship service at Alexanderwohl. The good news that Jesus proclaimed is ever relevant for us and our world. The Gospel makes us whole and makes all things new.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

DJ Freeman

Welcome

Pastor Linda Ewert

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers.)

Call to Worship

Pastor Linda

Leader: A new year has begun.
God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

People: Praise God for today!

Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.

Leader: Be still and know that God is here.
Let the Spirit in.

People: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship.

Leader: Speak. Speak to us the Word we need.

People: And let that Word change us and empower us to share your Good News!

All: Praise the Lord!

Invocation

Instrumental Call to Worship

Marcia Brubaker

Come, thou Almighty King ~Weber

***Gathering Hymn**

Blessed Assurance

HWB 332

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

Denise Voth

***Song of Faith**

My Soul Cries Out

SWJ 85

Morning Prayer

Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Worship Music

O Have You Not Heard ~Hull, arr. Moyer

Chancel Choir

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

Brightest and Best ~Hobby

Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Caleb Yoder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story	(for children through grade 3)	Aileen Esau
Scripture Reading	1 John 1:1-4	Denise Voth
Message	"Good News"	Pastor Caleb

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Song of Response *Here, O my Lord, I See Thee* HWB 465

Communion

We practice an open communion. All who have decided to follow Jesus, regardless of denomination, are welcome to participate.

***Song of Sending** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* HWB 427

***Benediction** Pastor Caleb

***Postlude** Marcia Brubaker

*All who are able are invited to stand.

HWB - *Hymnal A Worship Book* (Blue) **SWJ** - *Sing With Joy* (Red)

TODAY

A Supervised Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under during worship. Attendants are Cindy Hastings and Kara Burkholder.

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: Marj Shoemaker

Noon - Congregation meets for lunch and pastor review

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ Gary Lyndaker's (Darla Banman) mother, Pauline Lehman Lyndaker, passed away on December 31, 2017. She was 91 years old, living in Turon, New York. There was a memorial service on January 2, 2018 at the Christian Community Center, Turon, N.Y. This is Bonnie (Kevin) Gaeddert's grandmother. May God bless this family with comfort and peace as they grieve and remember their loved one.
- ❖ For Irvin Goertzen as he receives out-patient surgery on Wednesday to remove a cancerous mass on his neck. May God work through the doctor and grant Irvin a sense of peace.
- ❖ For those shouldering the pain of broken relationships. May God grant wisdom for authentic communication, setting healthy boundaries, and releasing pain to God.
- ❖ For families in our community with major health concerns. May God be present through the generosity and expression of solidarity of community members. We also want to remember community members struggling to meet basic needs of food, transportation, and housing.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 15

9:00 am Staff Meeting

5:45 pm Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm Church Council

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 pm Children's Ministry Team

Wednesday, January 17

5:45 pm Fellowship Meal Served

Menu: Chicken sandwiches, rosie applesauce, chips, and sheet cake

Midweek Activities

Thursday, January 18

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

Friday, January 19

9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation

7:00 pm Year of Evangelism Kick-Off at AMC

Saturday, January 20

9:00 am Year of Evangelism Kick-Off at AMC

Sunday, January 21

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Message: Joe Sawatzky, Mennonite Mission Network

Nursery: Janine Peters and Rosi Reimer

2:30 pm Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum Annual Meeting at Goessel Church

COMING EVENTS

- Jan 28** High School Chili Fundraiser and Annual Meeting
- Feb 10** Church Leadership Retreat
- Feb 14** Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb 18** First Sunday of Lent
- Feb 25** Youth Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today -- Pastor Review – The congregation is invited to participate in giving feedback to the ministry of Pastor Linda. All members and attenders of Alexanderwohl Church, including high school youth, are invited to participate in this process. Join us for lunch and round-table discussions following the meal. Child care is provided for infants through grade 2.

If you would like a paper copy of the 2017 annual reports, sign up in either lobby TODAY (Sunday, January 14). Reports will be in your church mailbox next Sunday, January 21, in preparation for our annual meeting on January 28. Annual reports will be emailed to all those who regularly receive bulletins & announcements via email.

All older adults are invited to join us for Senior Coffee and Conversation on Friday, January 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Arlin Buller and Judy Unruh will be sharing about how selective service conscription has changed in the last 100 years. Sign up in one of the lobbies by **Monday, January 15.**

Adult Midweek Bible Study continues on Wednesday nights with the book *God's Country: Faith, Hope and the Future of the Rural Church*, by Brad

Roth, pastor at West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS. Come join us at 5:00 or 7:45 on midweek nights!

Changes for the 2018 Yearbook (addresses/phone numbers/email addresses, etc.) should be turned into the church office by **January 29**. This includes new board positions for the coming year.

Save the Date: The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum annual meeting with Rachel Waltner Goossen featured speaker. Her topic is "Rural Healthcare on the Great Plains: Nurses' Training and the Mennonite Deaconess Movement". January 21, 2018, starting 2:30 p.m. at the Goessel Mennonite Church. Free and open to anyone interested. Faspas to follow.

Our Purpose Statement for 2017

This year we will...

- ❖ Be rooted in Jesus' way
- ❖ Renew relationships with each other
- ❖ Listen with respect to one another
- ❖ Relate to our community in loving ways
- ❖ Reclaim our Gospel hope over fear

**We will discern our Purpose Statement for 2018
at our Leadership Retreat on February 10.**

Last Sunday, January 7

Attendance:	Sunday School	171
	Worship	206
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$47.43
	First Fruits Giving	\$7,701.31

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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If you would like a visit or a phone call from one of the pastors or deacons,
please feel free to contact us.

THANK YOU

The family of Milton Goertzen wishes to thank you for the many acts of kindness and concern for us – food, cards, flowers, words of sympathy, memorial gifts, prayers and hugs. We appreciate each one. ~Lynette & Stuart Penner, Myron & Ruth Goertzen, Steve Goertzen & Rosemary Reimer, Tim & Judy Goertzen, Mark Goertzen & Suzanne Ehst and our families

Remembering 50 Years of the Relief Sale in Kansas

2018 marks the 50th year for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. From now through April 8, we will be sharing announcements highlighting something important related to the sale and/or the way the sale has grown and changed. The first two have to do with the idea to have the sale, where it was held and why it has moved a couple of times, and the process of incorporation and dealing with legal issues such as sales tax etc. The rest of them are “snapshots” of some of the sales. Watch the **Announcement Sheet** for these weekly announcements.