

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome** to worship here at Alexanderwohl! Most of us found our faith in Jesus because of the example of parents, mentors, or others who came before us. How are we doing with modeling faith for the next generation among us?

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music** Braden Unruh and Jill Siebert

**Welcome** Patrick Flaming

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**Recognition of College Graduate** - Ashley Hiebert

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

### Call to Worship and Invocation

**Instrumental Call to Worship** Marcia Brubaker

*Sing Praise to God* ~Helman

**\*Hymn of Praise** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* HWB 156

**Scripture Reading** Deuteronomy 11:18-21 Denise Duerksen

**Morning Prayer** Pastor Linda Ewert

**Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving

**Offertory** *Borning Cry* ~Hobby

**\*Song of Dedication** *For the Beauty of the Earth* HWB 89

**Dedication of Children and Parents** Pastors Caleb and Linda

Lillian Mae, daughter of Kyle and Justine Unruh

Brantley Gage, son of Brandon and Stephanie Moore

Emily Josephine, daughter of Brandon and Stephanie Moore

Caleb Tyler, son of Brandon and Stephanie Moore

Aidan Cole, son of Brandon and Stephanie Moore

Miranda Kaitlyn, daughter of Brandon and Stephanie Moore

Brandon Wayne, son of Brandon and Stephanie Moore

**Hymn of Blessing** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* HWB 620

**Special Music** Braden Unruh and Jill Siebert

*Forever Young* ~Bob Dylan

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>Children's Story</b>	(for children through grade 3)	Aileen Esau
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Denise Duerksen
<b>Message</b>	"Modeling Faith in our Families"	Pastor Caleb Yoder

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

<b>*Sending Song</b>	<i>Go, My Children</i>	HWB 433
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Caleb
<b>*Postlude</b>		

\*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 Ann Hiebert and Liz Schmucker.

**Song Leader:** Renae Peters

**Visual Arts:** Anita Boese

## PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ For Les Flaming as he continues to recover at home from his surgery.
- ❖ For mothers and their families celebrating Mother's Day.
- ❖ For those who have wished to become mothers, have had miscarriages, or have lost a child.
- ❖ For all involved in preparations for VBS. May the Spirit of Christ work through the preparations.
- ❖ For the achievements of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the promotion event and celebrations that will be occurring this week. May the Lord bless all the festivities.
- ❖ For end-of the year activities for all students, teachers and staff and bringing things to a close for another school year. May the blessings of God's love and joy be present among everyone.
- ❖ For Ashley Hiebert who is graduating with an Associate of Arts degree from Hutchinson Community College. Ashley has applied to a Licensed Practical Nursing program beginning next year. Congratulations!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, May 14

9:00 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, May 16

6:30 pm Board of Deacons

Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton

### Thursday, May 17

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton

### Friday, May 18

9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation

Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton

**Sunday, May 20** - Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship - Graduate Recognition

Message: Pastor Caleb Yoder

Nursery: LaNae Unruh and Brooke Nafziger

**COMING EVENTS**

- May 23** VBS Teacher Meeting and Work Night  
**May 28** Memorial Day Service, 11:00 am - Alexanderwohl Cemetery  
**June 3** Baptism Sunday  
**June 4-8** Vacation Bible School  
**June 10** VBS Program and Children's Day  
**July 27-28** WDC Annual Assembly at Tabor Mennonite and Eden Mennonite  
**July 29** Joint Worship with Tabor Mennonite and WDC Assembly Delegates

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please check your calendar and make plans to volunteer at New Hope Shelter on May 16–18.** Sign-up sheets are in the south lobby. If you are not able to volunteer, please consider donating grocery items for the shelter to fill their pantry. These items will help residents set up their own housing when they move out on their own. This wish list was emailed to you and is posted in the lobbies. Bring your items and place them in the designated box in the south lobby. Thank you!

**All older adults are invited to Senior Coffee and Conversation on Friday, May 18, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Our guest speaker will be Yvonne Fast, Bluestem Transition Support Nurse and Senior Living Adviser. She will talk to us about "Mental Health in Later Life." We will learn about factors contributing to mental health and wellness, symptoms of later life anxiety and depression, and resources to promote mental health and wellness. Come join us for this time of fellowship and learning. Friends are welcome! Please sign up in one of the lobbies by Monday, May 14.

**Volunteers needed:** Les Flaming is away from his custodial job on medical leave. While he is away, we are asking for volunteers to help clean the church. There is a signup sheet in the south lobby if you are interested in helping. Extra attention is needed from June 4-8 during Vacation Bible School. Please check the box if you can help during this busy week. Contact Marlin Janzen or Steve Unruh for more information. Your help would be greatly appreciated. ~Board of Trustees

**VBS registrations needed -- children ages 4-6th grade!** Go to our church website: [alexanderwohl.org](http://alexanderwohl.org) and click the "Register for VBS" button. Paper copies are available at the church or at the elementary school. We are looking forward to another fun week June 4-8! Contact Amy Flaming or Megan Duerksen with questions.

**The VBS Committee is looking for donations of supplies.** Check the list on either bulletin board for items needed.

**Preschoolers will be Shipwrecked on the beach and need some VBS supplies!** They'll need brown grocery bags, silk greenery, ivy, ferns, and tropical flowers, and would like to borrow life preservers, life jackets (kid-size or adult), wooden crates, palm trees. To donate, place items in Sunday School Classroom #17. Talk to Susan Nafziger (nafziger@mtelco.net) with any questions.

**You are invited to attend the MCC Sale Annual Meeting** scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 6:30, at Tabor Mennonite Church. The cost for the meal is \$15/person and you pay at the door. Please RSVP to our MCC Liaisons, Jim & Mary Schmidt, by May 23.

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank the ministers and friends that came to visit Dennis while he was in the hospital and Schowalter Villa. Also for the many prayers and thoughts during his surgery and recovery. Dennis is back home recovering. Thank you again. ~Dennis and Lavina Schroeder

## Our Purpose Statement for 2018

This year we will...

- ❖ Be present with one another across ages
- ❖ Be present in our community, sharing life with neighbors
- ❖ Be in prayer for our community and our church
- ❖ Be authentic in worship and witness

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### Last Sunday, May 6

Attendance:	Sunday School	134
	Worship	165
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$99.47
	First Fruits Giving	\$4,585.17

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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.

# **PARENT/CHILD CONGREGATION COVENANT**

**Pastor:**

**As you bring your children for blessing by God in this congregation, do you consecrate yourselves as parents to bring up your children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord?**

**Parents:**

**We do.**

**Pastor:**

**Is it your purpose to seek to shape your family life by caring for one another, sharing in God's Word, in prayer and Christian fellowship that your children will be helped to know and love Christ as Lord and Savior?**

**Parents:**

**Yes, it is. As Christian parents we are thankful for the privilege of parenthood. We recognize that we have a very special role in the life of our child/children, helping her/them to know and to love God. We pledge ourselves to the task of parenthood with love, patience, with firmness and with faith; trusting God to guide and strengthen us. We ask for the support of you, the congregation, in active partnership in our task of parenting. We need your encouragement. We entrust our child/children to your loving care in this community of faith.**

## **Dedication of Children**

**Congregation:**

**You have offered your children to the strong and tender providence of God. We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your children. We promise, with humility and seriousness, to share in your children's nurture and well being. We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful.**