

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to this service of worship at Alexanderwohl! On this Mother's Day we celebrate two "rites of passage" with child and parent dedications and baptisms of young people who have chosen to follow Christ. Thanks be to God for all who nurture our faith along life's way!



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Travis Duerksen and Ryan Goertzen-Regier

Welcome

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 71:17-19

Leader: O God, from my youth you have taught me,

People: and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

Leader: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

People: until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.

All: Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens.

Invocation

Instrumental Call to Worship

Mary Schmidt

Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb! ~arr. Martin

***Hymns of Gathering and Faith**

Here in this Place

HWB 6

From Time Beyond my Memory

HWB 484

(omit verse 2)

Graduation Recognition

Erin Brubaker, Eastern Mennonite University

Heath Goertzen, Bethel College

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *When He Cometh* ~arr. Shackley

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Caleb

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

Justine Unruh

Reflections on Child and Parent Dedication Pastor Lois

Worship Music Kyle Unruh

Child/Parent Dedication Pastors Caleb and Lois
Emmett Andrew, son of Chrystiana and Bryant Miller

***Congregational Covenant** HWB 791

***Hymn of Response** *I was There to Hear your Morning Cry* Insert

Reflections on Baptism Pastor Caleb

Celebration of Baptism

Dylan Lindeman – *“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” I Timothy 4:8 and 12 NIV*

Mentor: Pat Flaming

Alyssa Burkholder – *“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*

Colossians 3:16-17 NIV

Mentor: Tammy Flaming

Jerah Schmidt – *“For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Matthew 23:12 NIV*

Mentor: Garrett Hiebert

Emmalyn Gaeddert – *“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 NRSV*

Mentor: Karen Unruh

Brody Schroeder – *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV*

Mentor: Jim Schmidt

Brooke Nafziger – *“She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.” Proverbs 31:25 NLT*

Mentor: LaNae Unruh

Bane Spurlin – *“There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.” I Corinthians 12:5-6 CEV*

Mentor: James Voth

***Congregational Covenant** HWB 777

***Hymn of Response** *Zephaniah 3:17* SWJ 28

SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

***Sending Song** *O God, Your Constant Care* HWB 481

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

*You are invited to greet the youth receiving baptism
in the back of the sanctuary.*

*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 Janine and Myra Peters.

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Greeters: North - Dallas & Deena Boese; South - John & Jenny Fast

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ We are grateful for the graduation celebration for Erin and Heath. May they sense God’s presence with them in this accomplishment.
- ❖ We thank God for Bryant and Chrystiana who have dedicated themselves and Emmett this morning, to God and to the church. May they receive God’s blessing and inspiration.
- ❖ We pray, with thanksgiving, for our mothers, for all mothers, and for all who have nurtured us.
- ❖ We offer joyful prayers of gratitude for Dylan, Alyssa, Jerah, Emmalyn, Brody, Brooke and Bane as they receive baptism this morning. May they feel God’s Holy Spirit blessing them as they take this step on their faith journey and become members of this congregation.
- ❖ We pray for Maryanne and Evan Esau in the struggle for Maryanne’s mother’s health. May they be given strength and mercy and may Maryanne’s mother receive healing and wholeness.
- ❖ We pray for Radene Unruh who will have surgery on Friday, May 17 to remove a malignant tumor.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, May 13

- 2:00 pm Prayer Team
- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:45 pm Board of Mission and Service
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, May 15

- 6:30 pm Daughters of Grace Exec

Thursday, May 16

- Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

Friday, May 17

- 9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, May 19

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- Message: Chuck Neufeld
- Nursery: Evan and Maryanne Esau
- Greeters: North - Myron & Pat Schmidt; South - Pete & Marilyn Flaming

6:30 pm Guess Who's Coming to Dessert

COMING EVENTS

- May 19** Morning Message by Chuck Neufeld
May 19 Guess Who's Coming to Dessert
May 22 VBS Staff Orientation Meeting
June 3-7 Vacation Bible School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for **Senior Coffee and Conversation on Friday, May 17, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.** Tristen Cope, Marion Co. Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science & 4-H will be our guest, talking about exercise and nutrition ideas for us as we age. Sign up in either lobby by Monday, May 13 to attend -- invite your friends but sign them up too!

Guess Who's Coming to Dessert - May 19 at 6:30 pm. Sign up TODAY to participate.

Our Purpose Statement

- ❖ 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

Sunday, May 5

Attendance:	Sunday School	127
	Worship	217
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$30.45
	First Fruits	\$6,055.49

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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Jim Schmidt
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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.

As Pastor Caleb nears the completion of his three-year term in January 2020, our church is inviting all attenders to participate in discerning our congregation's health and in offering an assessment of Pastor Caleb's pastoral ministry. The purpose of this Congregational/Pastor review is to affirm and strengthen the pastor and the congregation in our relationship and ministry at Alexanderwohl. Members of the review committee are Jim Schmidt (facilitator), Tim Goertzen, Chad Lindeman, Renae Peters, and Laura Unrau with assistance from Western District Conference consultant, Chuck Neufeld.

- May 19, 2019 - Chuck Neufeld will be giving the sermon, and review material will be distributed
- June 2, 2019 - All reviews returned to boxes in church lobby
- June 23, 2019 - Lunch following Worship Service, with report from Chuck Neufeld following

If you are interested in providing worship music during the summer months or you have someone to suggest, please contact a member of the Music Committee (Renae Peters, Laura Unrau, or Karen Unruh). Thank you!

Preschoolers will be trekking through the wilds of the African savanna and need some VBS supplies! We would like to borrow safari-themed stuffed or plastic animals (lions, tigers, giraffes, hippos and zebras), African-print fabric, African musical instruments/drums and bamboo placemats. Please place these items in Sunday School classroom #19 by Sunday, May 19. Contact Susan Nafziger for questions. Thank you!

VBS will be **ROARING** in June 3-7, 2019, and registration is now open for the "**MANE**" event of the summer! Families, please register online at alexanderwohl.org, or pick up a paper copy at the Goessel Elementary School or here at the church. Paper forms may be returned to the school or to the church office. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for an adventurous week as we learn together that *God is Good!*

Camp Washunga is getting closer! Junior Highers love to eat and we are looking for snack donations. Examples could include, but are not limited to: fresh fruit (bananas, cuties, apples), crackers, snack mixes, cookies. If you would be interested in donating snacks for the junior highers while we are at camp, please contact Michelle Unruh (michellerunruh@gmail.com) or Laura Unrau (lauraelaine25@gmail.com).

Memorial Services:

- Sunday, May 26, 7:30 pm, Goessel Mennonite Cemetery
- Monday, May 27, 10:00 am, Tabor Mennonite Cemetery
- Monday, May 27, 11:00 am Alexanderwohl Mennonite Cemetery

THANK YOU

Hesston College would like to thank Alexanderwohl for hosting the Bel Canto Singers and President Joe Manickam this past Sunday. The warm welcome during the service, as well as the excellent potluck meal along with good fellowship was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all!