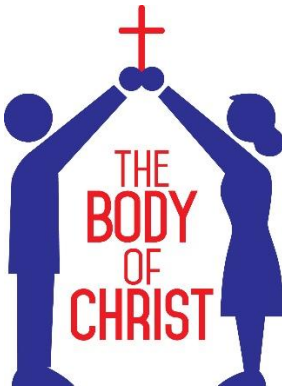


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Welcome to worship at Alexanderwohl! On this final Sunday in January we'll do worshipful work as we continue to focus on "How shall we be church?" Let us worship together as we also tend to the business of the church through our annual meeting.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Foundation* ~arr. Wilbur Held Jared Janzen
Sortie ~Douglas Wagner

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (VT 380)

Leader: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

People: There are different ways to serve the same God, and we can each do different things.

Leader: Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

People: The revelation of the Spirit is given to each for the common good.

Invocation+ (VT 953)

***Gathering Hymns** *Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57
We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer VT 34

Worship Music / Children's Time Celia, Myra & Renae Peters
We Are the Church ~Avery and Marsh SWJ 63

Morning Prayer Pastor Caleb Yoder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *Dearest Jesus, At Your Word* ~arr. Wayne Kerr

***Prayer of Dedication**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Romans 12:3-5; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 Tammy Flaming
Ephesians 4:1-6; Philippians 4:4-7

Reflection "How shall we be church? – Part II" Pastor Lois

***Song of Response**

Together

VT 389

TENDING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Calling Us to Order

John Fast

Approval of Minutes

Nancy Stucky

Pastor's Reflections

Board and Ministry Reports – Approval

Affirmation Vote

***Song of Praise**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VT 88

(v. 1 in German, v. 2 & 4 in English, omit v. 3)

Congregational Spending Plan and Church Finances Dwight M. Flaming

2021 Report

2022 Motion and Vote

Update on South Entrance Project

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Song of Sending

Use Us, God

VT 811

***Benediction**

VT 824

***Postlude**

To God Be The Glory

Jared Janzen

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Greeters: North – Duane and Agatha Duerksen

South – Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Kim Voth

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth, Steve Unruh

January 23 Attendance: 45 In Person; 51 Zoom households

Questions for Reflection –

1. What new or different thoughts or ideas have come to you about being the church over the past month?
2. What do you see as Alexanderwohl's unique, God-given gifts in this time and place?
3. What are your greatest fears or griefs for our congregation? What gives you energy and hope as we move forward?

Our theme for the month of February is Wholehearted Love. Next Sunday's scripture is Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (Loving God with our whole selves).

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We continue to pray for Leona and Norman Schroeder as she returned to NMC early Wednesday morning.
- ❖ We pray for Radene Unruh whose first cousin, Jon Duerksen, died suddenly last Thursday, January 20.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Steve Janzen, Rachael Burkholder's dad, as he recovers from appendicitis.
- ❖ We pray for your wisdom, guidance and grace, God, as we participate together in the annual congregational meeting today.
- ❖ We pray for those along the east coast and others who are suffering due to weather-related crises.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 31

4:30 pm Covid Task Force

7:30 pm Board of Deacons

Tuesday, February 1

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 2

6:30 pm Midweek Activities

Sunday, February 6

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

COMING EVENTS

Feb 7 Prayer Team

Feb 8 Library Committee Meeting

Feb 14 Church Council

Feb 18 Senior Coffee

Annual Meeting Today (Sunday, January 30) -- The regular worship hour will be modified to allow the Annual Meeting to be incorporated into our worship time (10:30-12:00). The same zoom link covering the worship hour will also cover the Annual Meeting. **Please note that this is a special link for this Sunday only.** Voting on the spending plan will be done in person by those present this morning. Those joining by Zoom may send in their ballot provided it is postmarked by Monday, the 31st or returned in person. Results will be shared in next Sunday's bulletin. We appreciate your patience and flexibility to make these accommodations work. John Fast, Chair

Last call to view books culled from the library. Don't miss out on this chance to have these in your personal collection. The culled books are in the Fellowship Hall through January 31. If you'd like to make a donation for any books you take, those funds will go towards purchasing the *Believer's Church Bible Commentary* series for our Library.

Today -- Goessel Community Junior High event! Sunday, January 30 from 4:30-7:30 all 6th-8th graders are invited to Goessel Church for a pizza

and game night. We'll be making individual pizzas and will have a variety of games ready to play!). Just a reminder that if you feel any symptoms of sickness, we encourage you to be cautious and stay home. Due to a rise in cases in our community, masks are encouraged.

All changes for the 2022 Yearbook are due this week! This includes names, addresses, phone numbers, and board positions.

The AMC Board of Mission and Service invites you to participate! The WDC Immigration Task Force encourages congregations to offer a "love gift" of cleaning supplies between now and February 14 for arriving families. International Rescue Committee in Wichita resettled 350 families last month alone! They come with so little. You may drop off donations of supplies here at Alexanderwohl in either the east or west entry. A list of needed supplies is on lobby bulletin boards.

Braxton Church, 5-year-old-son of Kelcey and Amanda Church, will travel to Boston Children's Hospital from Feb. 11-16 for multiple, highly-specialized surgeries that will take place on Feb. 14th. These surgeries are for ongoing GI and airway medical conditions that were postponed in November due to Covid. Braxton, Amanda, and Amanda's cousin will be flying to Boston. Please be in prayer for Braxton, his family, and his team of medical providers and surgeons as they continue to care for him, as well as for Kelcey and Natalie who will remain at home. If you would like to follow Braxton's medical journey, check out his Facebook page at fb.me/BraxtonMChurch.

Adult Bible Study – Pastor Caleb will begin a Bible study from 7:30-8:15 in the foundation room (weather permitting). You may also join on Zoom (link will be emailed). We will look at "hard" biblical passages -- passages that for one reason or another are challenging to make sense of and may discourage some Christians from engaging the Bible and being shaped by the biblical story. We will aim to have conversation without presenting one right answer, with the goal of approaching the Bible with more confidence.

From humorous to serious, the encouragement notes you wrote for Bethesda staff were most heartfelt and surely will be appreciated. The money contributed for a free drink exceeded expectations. A huge Thank You to everyone who gave to make this project a success!

~Nancy Stucky and Sharon Boese

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