

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

Volume LXVIII

February 13, 2022

No. 7



I PRAY
THAT YOU
MAY... KNOW
THE LOVE
OF CHRIST
THAT
SURPASSES
KNOWLEDGE.
EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV

Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

For the month of February, we are focused on what it means to love and be loved in wholehearted ways. Receiving the love of Christ for us, and knowing ourselves to be worthy of love is essential to our transformation into a people of love.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Marcia Brubaker

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven! ~Behnke

Jesus Loves Me ~Kerr

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ~Behnke

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! ~Hobby

Welcome

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation

Based on 1 John 3:1, Rom 8:35, 38-39

Leader: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

People: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Leader: Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

North: neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,

South: neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

People: neither height nor depth,

Leader: nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us

All: from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Gathering Song

Mountain of God

VT 11

Children's Story

Delbert Peters

Worship Music

Be Thou My Vision (VT 549)

Mary Schmidt, violin
Karen Unruh, piano

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Congregational Hymn

I Know God Loves Me (Gott ist die Liebe)

VT 158

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *I Know God Loves Me / Gott ist die Liebe* ~Behnke

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-19

Beth Yoder

Message

“Knowing the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge”

Pastor Caleb

Song of Response

May You Be Rooted and Grounded

VT 396

Responding to the Gospel (Open sharing)

SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Sending Song

The Love of God

VT 162

***Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

***Postlude**

Marcia Brubaker

*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: Kyle Unruh

Greeters: North – Brian & Nancy Stucky; South – Arlie & Kay Schroeder

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Beth Yoder, Janice Voth, Kim Voth

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth, Steve Unruh

February 6 Attendance: 128 In person, 18 households on Zoom

Questions for Reflection – Ephesians 3

1. What experiences or practices have helped you become “rooted and established in love”?
2. What is the relationship between loving God and others and receiving love?
3. Is there such a thing as emphasizing God’s love too much?

Next Sunday we continue the month’s theme of Wholehearted Love. Our scripture will be 1 Corinthians 13, applying this first of all to our close relationships.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We are grateful, God, for Leona Schroeder’s release from the hospital, move to Bethesda and continued recuperation. We ask for ongoing healing and strength for Leona.

- ❖ We pray for Lois Janzen as she anticipates having a pacemaker put in on Wednesday, February 16.
- ❖ We pray for Braxton Church as he undergoes procedures at the Boston Children's Hospital this week.
- ❖ We pray for the Spirit to guide us all to steps to heal racial inequality, division, and violence in our land.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 14

- 9:30 am Vision Team
- 4:30 pm Covid Task Force
- 5:45 pm Board of Mission and Service
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Tuesday, February 15

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Children's Ministry Team

Wednesday, February 16

- 6:15-7:40 pm Child Care – Nursery
- 6:30-7:30 pm Children's Midweek – Foundation Room / Fellowship Hall
- 6:30-7:30 pm Junior High Midweek – Shelter House
- 6:45-8:00 pm High School Youth – Youth House
- 6:45-7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
- 7:30-8:15 pm Adult Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- 7:45-8:30 pm Handbell Choir – Chapel

Friday, February 18

- 2:00 pm Senior Coffee

Sunday, February 20

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service with Communion

COMING EVENTS

- Feb 23 Midweek Activities
- Feb 28 Prayer Team
- Mar 2 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins

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 for arriving families. International Rescue Committee in Wichita resettled 350 families last month alone! They come with so little. A list of needed supplies is on table in each lobby. Please bring supplies to church by Sunday, February 14, in either the east or west entry.

Adult Bible Study – Pastor Caleb began a Bible study last Wednesday from 7:30-8:15 in the fellowship hall. You may join in person or 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.

The March/April issue of *Upper Room* and the March/April/May issue of *Rejoice!* are available in the literature rack by the Sunday School office.

A big “thank you” to the 1st–5th grade children and leaders for all the projects accomplished at their service night on Wednesday:

- dusting and folding up chairs in the fellowship hall
- spot vacuuming with Hochi's
- collecting recycling
- cleaning tables in children's SS classrooms
- making ball and cup games to sell in the children's area at the MCC sale
- creating Valentines cards with Bible verses and encouraging messages to give to one of their teachers (from school or church).

Please note the time change for Senior Coffee this Friday – it will be at 2:00 pm instead of in the morning. DJ and Marilyn Unruh Flaming and Ruth and Myron Goertzen will share about their 2018 trip to Poland.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
1304 K-15 Hwy, Box 8
Goessel Kansas 67053
Office: (620) 367-8192
amc@alexanderwohl.org
www.alexanderwohl.org

Pastors:
Caleb Yoder
(319) 930-7754
calebyoder@alexanderwohl.org

Lois Harder
(316) 617-3497
loisharder@alexanderwohl.org

Deacons:
Marilyn Unruh
Flaming
Ruth Goertzen
Jim Schmidt
Kris Schmucker
Sandy Banman