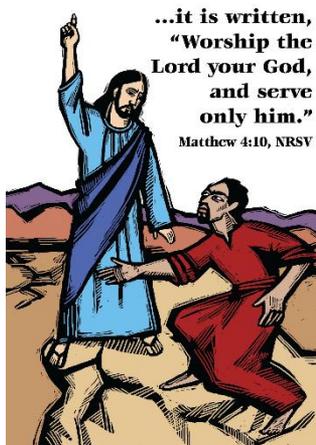


# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Lent is a forty-day wilderness journey to the cross and the resurrection. In Isaiah 55:8 God says: "My thoughts are not your thoughts." In this season of repentance and spiritual pilgrimage through the wilderness of our own pain and brokenness, we are challenged to let go of our thinking in order to trust Jesus as our guide.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

*Wonderful Peace* ~arr. Wilson  
*Hear My Prayer, O Lord* ~Lau

Jared Janzen

### Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

### Call to Worship and Invocation

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People:** **through the wilderness of Lent, through the wilderness of life.**

Leader: We crave the safety of God's shelter,

**People:** **the breeze under God's shade, the refreshment of living water.**

Leader: God offers the care of angels,

**People:** **the life of creation, the protection of love.**

Leader: God is trustworthy to all who call on that holy name,

**All: So come, let us seek Jesus' way of trust.**

### Peace Prayer+

### \*Gathering Song

*God of Our Strength*

VT 47

### Children's Story

Chrystiana Miller

### Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

**Worship Music** *In Thee Is Gladness* ~arr. David Cherwien [VT 666] Choir

### Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

**People:** **We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

**People:** Forgive us for prioritizing our own security and control. Lead us into your way of profound trust.

**Leader:** With Jesus as our guide through our own wilderness, let us see your way more clearly

**All:** *and follow your way more faithfully.*

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Psalm ~Young*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

First Fruits Giving

Jared Janzen

Pastor Caleb

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 4:1-13

Denise Duerksen

**Message**

"From shortcuts to trust"

Pastor Caleb

**Song of Response**

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

VT 307

**Responding to the Gospel** (Open sharing)

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Sending Song**

*The Lord Lift You Up*

VT 832

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

**\*Postlude**

*Look, the Sight is Glorious ~arr. Kerr*

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.

This service made use of resources and ideas from *Leader*, Winter 2022.

**Song Leader and Choir Director:** Renae Peters

**Greeters:** North – Anita Boese

South – DJ and Marilyn Unruh Flaming

**Visual Arts:** LaNae Unruh

**Nursery Staff:** Tina Schrag, Levi Schrag, Nicole Hein

**Worship Technology:** Steve Unruh, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

**February 27 Attendance:** 125 In person, 11 Zoom households

### Questions for Reflection – Luke 4:1-13 | Temptations of Jesus

1. What do you understand the temptations of Jesus to be about? When might Jesus have faced these temptations in his ministry?
2. How do you experience these temptations?
3. What does it actually mean to trust God?

During the season of Lent, our Scripture passages will challenge us to change our way of thinking to begin to see the world and ourselves a little closer to how God sees. Next Sunday, our primary scripture is from Luke 13:31-35.

# *Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We thank you, God, for the safe and happy arrival of Orly Sandra Williams, born on February 28 to Sierra (Dirksen) and Jerrell Williams in Albany, OR.
- ❖ We pray for Tabor Mennonite Church as their search committee begins discerning possible candidates for the pastor position.
- ❖ We pray for the friends and family of the Tabor College students who were killed and injured in the car accident last weekend.
- ❖ We ask for your mercy and wisdom to intervene in the thoughts and plans of Russian leaders as the siege on Ukraine continues.

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **Monday, March 7**

2:00 pm Prayer Team

5:30 pm Board of Christian Education

### **Tuesday, March 8**

9:30 am Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 9**

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

7:40-8:15 pm Adult Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

7:45-8:30 pm Handbell Choir – Chapel

7:00 pm Board of Trustees

### **Sunday, March 13 – Second Sunday of Lent**

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring forward one hour.

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

## **COMING EVENTS**

Mar 14 Church Council

Mar 16 NO Midweek Activities

Mar 16-18 Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton

Mar 20 Dwight M. Flaming will share about his MDS trip to South Texas

Mar 25 Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum's Heritage Dinner

Mar 26 MCC Verenike Making - Hillsboro

Mar 27 Mennonite College Student Noon Fundraiser Meal

Apr 2 MCC Bohne Berroggi Making – Moundridge

Apr 8-9 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale - Hutchinson

There will be one more opportunity for conversation on "**What is the Church?**" "**Why church?**" and "**How shall we be church?**" for anyone who has not had an opportunity to participate in these conversations that Sunday school classes are having. This session will consolidate the three topics with focused conversation.

- **Today, Sunday, March 6, in the fellowship hall after the worship service.** This is for anyone whether you have been part of these conversations or not. Contact the church office if you would like to see the discussion guide or would like to participate via a Zoom option.

**Lent** -- In the Christian church **Lent** marks the **40-day period before Easter** when we remember Jesus' time of fasting and prayer in the wilderness before he started his public ministry. It's a time of confession and preparation for Easter, humbling ourselves before God.

In the back of the sanctuary are multiple resources for spiritual practices during Lent for individuals or the Lent at-home guide for families.

You can find a list of resources and downloads on our resource page: <https://alexanderwohl.org/resource-page/>

**Our worship table** includes dark cloth, purple candles, stones and sticks – visual reminders of the dryness and brokenness of our earthly lives, the humanity that Jesus embodied, for our sake, and the humility that he showed us how to manifest. Thank you LaNae!

**The Board of Mission and Service, along with the Peace Committee invites you to come to the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20** to hear a more in-depth report from Dwight M. Flaming on his recent experiences with Mennonite Disaster Service. He'll show us a few pictures and share some stories about building and rebuilding homes damaged by floods in 2018 in McAllen, TX; he'll also tell us about the immigration education offered as part of the experience on the southern border. Bring your own mug or cup. Treats will be provided.

**Remember to register for summer camps** -- The Board of Education at Alexanderwohl is offering a \$100.00 scholarship to each camper who calls Alexanderwohl their home congregation. This is for all children Grade 3 – Grade 12 (fall of 2022). As soon as you have your child(ren) registered and have received your confirmation from camp, *let the church office know what dates your child(ren) will be attending camp.* We would also like to know if you are planning to volunteer as a director, cook, counselor, nurse to other staff position and the dates you will be volunteering. If you have question, please contact Janine Peters at [petersjd@mtelco.net](mailto:petersjd@mtelco.net) or 316-284-4170.

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