

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to Alexanderwohl!** This morning we welcome Brian Bisbee, Executive Director of the New Hope Shelter in Newton. While we heard last Sunday about global mission, Brian will help us focus more on local outreach today. (Graphic from New Hope Shelter)

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* ~Powell Marcia Brubaker  
*This Is God's Wondrous World* ~Hobby  
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* ~Behnke

**Welcome**

Pastor Caleb Yoder

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

**Graduate Recognition**

**Call to Worship and Invocation +**

taken from VT 857

Leader: Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your word and our life in your world.

**People: Be with us now as we sing and pray together, that we may hear your voice and understand your way.**

**All: This we pray through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Songs** *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*  
*Let's Walk Together*

VT 9

VT 6

**Moment in Mission**

Brian Bisbee

**Children's Story**

Rosi Reimer

**Receiving New Members** - Lee and Mary Alice Hertzler

VT 960-961

Leader: God of covenant, your steadfast love endures forever. In Christ, we belong to you and your people.

*Lee and Mary Alice: Today, through the Spirit, we renew our commitment to fellowship and worship, service and witness, as partners in your mission. God, give us grace, in this place and for this time, to live this covenant.*

Leader: We have witnessed your commitment to Christ, and we recognize you as members in this congregation.

***Congregation: We welcome you with joy as companions on the journey of faith. We commit ourselves to fellowship and worship, service and witness, as partners in God's mission. We receive you as Christ has received us.***

**Morning Prayer** Pastor Lois Harder  
**Worship Music** Eric, Timothy and Jacob Schrag  
**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving  
**Offertory** *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~Powell Marcia Brubaker  
**\*Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Caleb

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading** Acts 2:42-47 Judy Goertzen  
**Message** "Why Bother?" Brian Brisbee  
**Song of Response** *This Little Light of Mine* VT 762  
**Responding to the Gospel** (Open sharing)

### **SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Sending Song** *Heart with Loving Heart United* VT 813  
**\*Benediction** Pastor Caleb

**\*Postlude** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* ~Jordan

\*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:** Braden Unruh

**Greeters:** North – Jason and Renae Peters  
South – Sandy Duerksen

**Visual Arts:** Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Ann Hiebert, Myron Hiebert, Nicole Hein

**Worship Technology:** Myron Goertzen, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

**May 15 Attendance:** 118 In person, 8 Zoom households

#### **Question for Reflection –**

1. Why does God want us to bother with and care for the poor?

Next Sunday we will wrap up our series on joining God's mission in which we have learned from both Joe Sawatzky and Brian Bisbee. Pastor Caleb will bring the message. The scripture reading will be Matthew 28:16-20.

## ***Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond***

❖ We give thanks for our elders, especially this week for Lois Janzen and Rannie Schmidt whose 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays we celebrate.

- ❖ We pray for Hesston College and Bethel College students and staff as they travel abroad these next few weeks.
- ❖ We continue to hold Weston, Courtney, Wyatt and particularly baby Haydin Hiebert in our prayers as she heals from the Parechovirus that has landed them at Wesley Hospital for the past week.
- ❖ We thank God for the safe arrival of Ezra Brian Hiebert, born to Brian and Amber Hiebert on May 14. Ezra weighed 5 lb. 6 oz. and is 18 ¼” long. Grandparents are Lynell and Vickie Hiebert; great grandparents are Merlin and Velma Hiebert. Congratulations!
- ❖ We thank God for the healing and recuperation that ElRoy Wiens has experienced since his release from Via Christi Hospital last Saturday. We pray for patience for him and Loretta as he continues to heal.
- ❖ We pray for Diana Schunn (sister of Scott Erb, aunt of Justine Unruh). A rare heart condition (ARVD) has led to the need for a heart transplant for Diana. She will travel to Kansas City at the end of May where she will receive medical care as she waits for a heart.
- ❖ We pray for the Jr. High youth and leaders who will experience Camp 412 over the Memorial Day weekend. May they learn and grow in faith.
- ❖ We pray for the loved ones of those who have died of Covid-19 as the number of deaths in the U.S. has reached one million.

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **Monday, May 23**

2:00 pm Prayer Team

### **Tuesday, May 24**

9:30 am Staff Meeting

### **Sunday, May 29**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:45 am Memorial Service at the cemetery kiosk following worship

May 27-30 JH Camp 412 at Camp Tawakoni, Augusta, KS

May 27-30 Mennonite Church USA Special Assembly in Kansas City

May 28-31 Serve at New Hope Shelter

## **COMING EVENTS**

June 5 Finalized pastor review summary report to congregation following worship and a light noon luncheon

June 6-10 Vacation Bible School – Register online at

[www.alexanderwohl.org](http://www.alexanderwohl.org)

June 25 or 26 Guess Who’s Coming to Dessert

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the last day to return your pastor review survey.** Please have them submitted online by this evening. Place paper copies in blue boxes in either lobby. The summary will be shared with the congregation on **Sunday, June 5**. There will be a light lunch served after the worship service, followed by a presentation by Doug Penner.

**We recognize and celebrate our 2022 graduates –**

**High School:**

Caiden Duerksen  
Lyna McCombs  
Dylan Riley  
Timothy Schrag  
Jacob Schrag  
Bane Spurlin  
Logan Sterk  
Skyler Wuest

**College:**

Alyssa Burkholder  
Kara Burkholder  
Luke Freeman  
Emily Meier  
Maddy Meier  
Nathaniel Schmucker

**Graduate School:**

Neal Brubaker (University of Arizona)

**8th Grade:**

Aida Hartvickson  
Levi Schrag

**Exchange Students:**

Oihane Lechuga  
Octave Barbe  
Johana Bublies

**Today -- The family of Lois Janzen invites you to a birthday celebration in honor of Lois' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!** This afternoon, May 22, 2:00–4:00 pm –

Come and Go – Alexanderwohl Shelter House. No gifts please.

**Please sign up today in the south lobby to serve at New Hope Shelter this next Saturday - Tuesday, May 28 – 31 for the evening slots.** The meals will be carried in by Friends and Followers, Seekers & Sojourners and Upper Room Sunday school classes. See the Announcement Sheet or Friday's email for an updated list of items needed. Thank you!

**Reading Colors Your World!** AMC summer reading program June 1 – August 31 for preschool through adult. How many AMC library books can you read this summer? Let's see who reads the MOST books in each age group to qualify for a grand prize! Look for a flyer in your mailbox with more information. Questions? Contact DeLora Funk 316.727.9763.

**Guess Who's Coming for Dessert --** You are invited to enjoy dessert and intergenerational fellowship at someone's house on **June 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>**. You won't know who else is showing up at your location but that's part of the fun! This year we would like to encourage casual, outdoor picnic style desserts on patios or in backyards. This event can be held anytime the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Once hosts get a list of attendees, they will arrange a time and setting that works best for their group. Groups will be determined by the Board of Mission and Service. Hosts will contact attendees. Please sign up to be a host or a guest on the forms in your mailboxes. Place in boxes provided in the lobby by June 5th. Thanks. Let's have some summer fun!

**Pastor Lois will be out of the office May 25 – June 3.** If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Caleb or one of the deacons.