

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

After learning about local and extended mission over the past weeks through guest speakers,

we consider now how to exemplify and give witness to the hope that we have in the spaces where we already do life.



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Classic Trio ~Gordon Young
Toccata ~Gordon Young

Jared Janzen

Welcome

Lynel Unrau

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation+

(from "Saint Patrick's Breastplate")

L: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

P: Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

L: Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

All: Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise

L: Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

P: Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

L: Christ in the eye that sees me,

P: Christ in the ear that hears me.

*Gathering Hymns

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues
I Love to Tell the Story

VT 764

VT 761

Children's Story

Chrystiana Miller

Morning Prayer

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

What a Friend, He Touched Me

Chapel-Airs

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Caleb

Worship Music

The Prettiest Flowers Will be Blooming
The King is Coming

Chapel-Airs

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Lynel Unrau

Message

"Disciple people from everywhere"

Pastor Caleb

Responding to the Gospel (Open sharing)

Song of Response

Longing for Light

VT 715

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

***Postlude** *Give To Our God Immortal Praise* ~John Hatton 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: Renae Peters

Greeters: North – Marvin and Rosalie Duerksen
South – Eric and Gretchen Schrag

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Janice Voth, Mallory Schroeder, Laura Voth

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

May 22 Attendance: 140 In person, 8 Zoom households

Questions for Reflection – Matthew 28:16-20

1. How have you understood the "Great Commission"?
2. Does this passage bring up any "baggage" for you?
3. What ideas do you have about how we join God's mission?

Next Sunday is **Pentecost**, in which we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our scripture passage will be from Romans 8:14-17.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We give thanks for the improvement in EIRoy's vision and pray for continued recovery and strength.
- ❖ We give thanks for the birth of Silas Stanley born to Austin and Lindsey Unruh on Friday, May 20. Grandparents are Karen and Duane Unruh. Congratulations!
- ❖ We pray for the Spirit to move at the MC-USA Special Assembly in Kansas City, and also pray for our three congregational delegates: Megan Duerksen, John Fast, and Marilyn Unruh Flaming.
- ❖ We pray for the Jr. High youth and leaders as they finish their time at Camp 412.
- ❖ We pray for those remembering loved ones and journeying with grief this Memorial Day weekend.
- ❖ We pray for Steve, Sandy, Craig, and Allison as Steve begins cancer treatment again. We pray for strength, healing, and hope.
- ❖ We pray for all the families in grief after another mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, weeks after the shooting in Buffalo. We pray for senseless killing to stop. We pray for peace in a culture that idolizes violence.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, May 30

Church Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, June 5

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Light noon lunch followed by the finalized pastor review summary report by Doug Penner

COMING EVENTS

June 6 Goessel Blood Drive – see Announcement Sheet for details

June 6-10 Vacation Bible School

June 25 or 26 Guess Who's Coming for Dessert

July 29-31 WDC Assembly, Camp Copass, Denton, TX

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The recorded music this morning is from the Chapel-Airs Quartet. The members of the original group (late 1970's) were Maynard Janzen, Nelson Schmidt, Don Hiebert, Arlie Schroeder and Elsie Unruh, pianist. As time passed, Wanda Ratzlaff replaced Elsie as pianist and Perry Klassen replaced Nelson Schmidt. The three living members of the group are Elsie Unruh, Arlie Schroeder and Nelson Schmidt (currently living in CA).

Today – Memorial Service in the church cemetery at 11:45 am following the worship service.

Next Sunday, June 5, Doug Penner will give a presentation summarizing our pastoral team review survey. There will be a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall directly following the worship service, with people encouraged to spread out. Doug's presentation will begin approximately 12:15 in the sanctuary and last an estimated 30 minutes.

Our library continues to acquire new books and resources! We have been able to purchase a number of new books beyond our normal budget because of the Joyce Bergen Memorial Fund and the Louise Schmidt Memorial Funds. We also have received anonymous donations of a number of books, including 11 volumes of the Believers Church Commentary. We are very thankful for this generosity and encourage our congregation to take advantage of these resources. See the list of recent acquisitions in Friday's email, on the lobby bulletin boards or in the church library.

Guess Who's Coming for Dessert -- You are invited to enjoy dessert and intergenerational fellowship at someone's house on **June 25th or 26th**. 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 25th & 26th. 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!

Children's Day - June 12

10:30 am - Children's VBS program in the sanctuary

11:30 am - Picnic lunch served from the shelter house (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, carrots & grapes). Drink and table service provided.

11:30 - 1:30 pm - Outdoor activities include: barrel train rides, rock painting, water beads, yard games, four square, basketball, sand & playground play, and FREE snow cones for all! Donations are welcome for the lunch, to offset the cost of the noon meal. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Scholarship applications for all full-time students attending a Mennonite College for the 2022-23 school year are due July 1, 2022.

Please fill out the form now if you plan to be away for the summer. The application form is on the church website (under resources). Please return to the church office or Carol Reimer Duerksen as soon as possible.

Pastor Lois is 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.



- Darrell Voth – April 21, 2021
- Joyce (Pankratz) Bergen – June 9, 2021
- Mary Ann (Rempel) Funk – July 23, 2021
- Vernon Schmidt – October 26, 2021
- Arlene (Schmidt) Klassen – November 11, 2021
- Linda (Friesen) Deasy – December 3, 2021
- Harland E. Unruh – December 20, 2021
- Arthur (Art) J. Boese – January 2, 2022
- Robert "Bob" Schmidt – January 14, 2022
- Howard Birky – February 6, 2022
- Richard A. Schmidt – February 26, 2022
- Louise (Reimer) Schmidt – April 12, 2022
- Leland D. Wedel – April 17, 2022

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