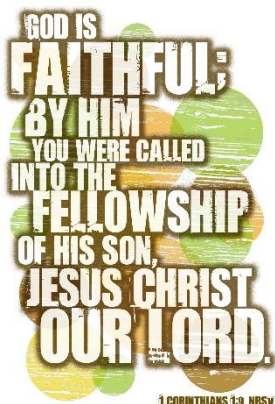


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl! This morning we welcome David Boshart, who will bring our morning message. The apostle Paul wrote his letter to the church in Corinth to address division and the things that make for unity. Inspired by the prophetic work of Martin Luther King Jr., we seek the unity of Jesus revealed in and among us.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering

Lied ~Gordon Young
Hymn ~Douglas Wagner

Jared Janzen

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship

(Melody Zimmerman, The Soil and the Seed Project)

All: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* [1 Cor 1:3]

Leader: Thank you, God, for the generous gift of your grace,
Your kindness and the power to do you work
Help us live lives transformed by your grace,
To overflow with grace for those around us

All: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for being our peace
For reconciling us to God and each other
Fill us with the wholeness you give
And your peace to share with others

All: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Invocation Prayer

***Gathering Song**

What Is This Place

VT 22

Children's Story

Ann Hiebert

Psalm Reading

Psalm 40:1-11

Denise Duerksen

Song of Solidarity

We Shall Overcome

VT 803

Worship Music

Alyssa Burkholder and Julianna Schrag

Morning Prayer

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Allegro from Sinfonia No. 1 ~Vivaldi

First Fruits Giving

Jared Janzen

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Song of Response

The Church’s One Foundation

VT 397

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Denise Duerksen

Message

“Called to be Saints *Together*”

David Boshart

SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

VT 831

***Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

***Postlude**

Postlude on an Original Antiphon ~Uehlein

Jared Janzen

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ The peace lamp is a visual reminder 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 – Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert

South – Matthew and Laura Voth

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Brody Schroeder, Emmalyn Schroeder, Nicole Hein

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

January 8 Attendance: Sunday School – 109; Worship -- 151 in person, 11 Zoom households

January 8 Offering: Sunday School -- \$38.62; First Fruits – \$4,342.92

David Boshart is president at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN, and has served as a church leader for more than 30 years. David was pastor at West Union Mennonite Church during the years of pastor Caleb’s youth.

Next Sunday, Pastor Caleb will preach about the baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17), one of the lectionary readings for the first Sunday after Epiphany.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We give thanks for the life and work of leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Civil Rights movement, and in similar movements that affirm the image of God in each and every person.
- ❖ We pray for God to work through us and people in all places who labor for the vision of peace and justice in Jesus’ proclamation of the Kingdom of God.
- ❖ We celebrate with Braden Unruh and Jill Siebert as they welcome little Mia Noel Unruh-Siebert, born Monday evening. Grandparents are

Duane and Karen Unruh. We pray for health and rest and recovery for mom and dad.

- ❖ We are grateful for the birth of Leona Schroeder's great-granddaughter, born on Sunday, January 8. Her name is Josephine Leona.
- ❖ We pray for those battling illness during these winter months.
- ❖ We pray for all who are involved in preparing for the upcoming MCC sale in April.
- ❖ We pray for the people of California, Georgia, and Alabama as they suffer the effects of the atmospheric river "bomb cyclone" with rain, flooding, loss of property and life.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 15

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, January 16

Church offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Tuesday, January 17

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 18

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal

Midweek Activities

Friday, January 20

2022 Annual Reports due in Church Office

10:00 am – Senior Coffee

Sunday, January 22

9:30 am – Sunday School – Q & A on 2023 Spending Plan

10:30 am – Worship

2:30 pm -- Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's Annual Meeting

COMING EVENTS

Jan 29 Church Potluck Meal – see announcement below

Feb 5 Annual Meeting

Feb 6 Goessel Community Blood Drive, 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Feb 11 Alexanderwohl Women's Event – see announcement for details

Apr 14-15 Kansas MCC Sale - Hutchinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plan to join us for Senior Coffee this Friday, January 20, at 10:00 am. Local musicians and hometown celebrities Susan Mayo (cello), Bob Delk (guitar) and Steve Hanneman (piano) will play "down-home folk" music and then join us for questions and fellowship afterwards.

We look forward to having the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and Goessel High School Elbiata Singers lead us in worship on Sunday,

January 29. Following the service, everyone is invited to a **potluck meal** in the fellowship hall. This will be our first potluck in several years! Please plan to participate as we welcome guests that day. Bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert. We suggest generous portions so there is enough for all of our guests.

All women and girls are invited to attend the Alexanderwohl Women's Event on Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 pm. Come enjoy fellowship, cookie decorating with Heidi Thurston and a devotional with Jennifer Wintermote, WDC Resource Library Director. RSVP via the invitation in your church mailbox.

As you have updates (addresses, emails, cell phone or land line numbers) for the 2023 Church Yearbook, turn them in to the church office.

If you would like a printed paper copy of the 2022 annual reports, please sign up in either lobby by Sunday, January 22, 2023.

Say "cheese" with Jason Schmidt and Miriam Goertzen-Regier of Grazing Plains Farm at the annual meeting of the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at Goessel Church. Jason and Miriam's presentation will follow the business portion of the meeting. After the program, the faspa (light meal) will include cheese samples from Grazing Plains Farm. Please come early to the meeting to purchase or renew your museum membership for 2023.