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... one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.



Welcome to Alexanderwohl! Jesus had very challenging teachings about being faithful with wealth, and how wealth can make it hard for us to live in the way of God's kingdom. Let us seek to allow God to transform us so that our hearts' desire is to follow Christ's model of economic sharing.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Jubilant ~Stephenson

Gathering Welcome Handbell Choir Pastor Caleb Yoder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship (from Psalm 107:1,8-9; Ps 49:1-2,12; Ps 65:9,10,13, CEB)

- L: Let us give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good;
- P: Your faithful love lasts forever!
- L: You visit the earth and make it abundant; You provide people with grain. Drenching the earth's furrows, leveling its ridges, you soften it with rain showers; you bless its growth.
- P: The meadowlands are covered with flocks, the valleys decked out in grain— they shout for joy; they break out in song!
- L: Listen to this, all you people! people of every kind, rich and poor alike!
- P: People won't live any longer because of wealth; they're just like the animals that pass away.
- L: Let everyone thank you, LORD, for your faithful love because you satisfied the one who was parched with thirst,

P: You filled up the hungry with good things!

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- All: Your faithful love lasts forever!

Invocation Prayer+*Gathering HymnNow Thank We All Our GodVT 114Children's StoryLynel UnrauCongregational SongI Will FollowVT 775Morning PrayerPastor Lois Harder

Worship Music	Down to the River to Pray ~arr. Page Megan Duerksen, flute	Handbell Choir		
Worship with Our Offertory *Song of Dedi	Tithes and Offerings We Are an Offering ~Haye cation There's Enough for All	First Fruits Giving s Jason Peters VT 757		
HEARING GOD'S WORD				
Scripture Reading	s Mark 10:17-27; Luke 12:15-21	Matthew Voth		
Message	"Jesus' teaching on wealth"	Pastor Caleb		
Song of Response	Blessed Are You	VT 290		
Responding to the Gospel (open sharing)				
SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE				
*Sending Song	The Lord Lift You Up	VT 832		

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*Benediction		Pastor Caleb
*Postlude	Benediction ~Shelly	Jason Peters

*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

+ 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.

This series uses the Everence curriculum by Beryl Jantzi, "But it's only a story: What Jesus' stories teach us about money," adapted in *Leader* Spring 2020. See <u>everence.com/resources/stewardship-education</u>

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh
Handbell Choir Director: Mary Schmidt
Greeters: North – Brian and Nancy Stucky South – Arlie and Kay Schroeder
Visual Arts: Anita Boese
Nursery Staff: Chrystiana Miller, Jayley Schmidt, Kim Voth
Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth
February 5 Attendance: Sunday School – 100; Worship -- 125 in person, 17 Zoom households
February 5 Offering: Sunday School -- \$33.51; First Fruits – \$9,716.26

Questions for Reflection (Mark 10:17-27 and Luke 12:15-21)

- 1. What is most challenging for you to understand about Jesus' teaching on wealth?
- 2. If wealth isn't sin, when does it become a problem?
- 3. What would Jesus say to middle-class Americans?

Next Sunday, we continue our focus of stewardship and generosity, with the topic of generosity. Our scripture focus will be Mark 12:41-44. Pastor Lois will preach.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- We're grateful for those who use their time and energies to serve on boards and committees. We ask for God's blessing this week on the Board of Mission and Service as well as our Church Council as they meet on Monday.
- We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria reeling from the loss and destruction of the powerful earthquakes and aftershocks. We also remember MCC partners in the region responding to the humanitarian need.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 12

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

5:00 pm – Friends & Followers Super Bowl Party – Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 13

3:45 pm – Prayer Team

5:45 pm - Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm - Church Council

Tuesday, February 14

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 15

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Midweek Activities

Friday, February 17

10:00 am – Senior Coffee – Carol and Donley Duerksen will share about their recent trip to Antarctica

Sunday, February 19

9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Service, 6:45 7:15 pm
- Feb 26 We will observe Communion during the worship service
- Mar 5 JH Fundraiser Meal for Camp Tawakoni High School
- Mar 6-8 MCC Comforter Blitz
- Apr 9 Easter Sunday
- Apr 14-15 Kansas MCC Sale Hutchinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 5 Congregational Meeting Update -- There were 74 votes cast on the proposed 2023 spending plan. The proposed spending plan was unanimously approved. Thanks to all who participated in the congregational meeting and who voted on this important decision. ~John Fast, Congregational Chair on behalf of Church Council

Pastor Caleb and his family will be away next weekend (February 17-February 20).

On Wednesday, February 15, the 1st-4th grade midweek class will be going on a service field trip to the MCC Central States Resource Center in North Newton. Please have your child meet in the Foundation Room that evening by 6:10 pm with his/her signed permission form. Children under the age of 8 must also provide a booster seat for transportation. The group will return by 7:45-8:00 pm. Extra permission slips are available in the SS office.

Join us for Senior Coffee on Friday, February 17, at 10:00 a.m. We'll hear from Carol and Donley Duerksen about their recent trip to Antarctica. Their presentation will include a slide show and time for questions and responses.

Registration for Summer Camps is Now Open!

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 2023).

Register at <u>www.campmennosch.org</u> for Camp Mennoscah (look for the **Register on Line** button at the top of the page) and <u>www.RMMC.org</u> for Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. As soon as you have your child(ren) registered and have received your confirmation from camp, <u>let the church office know what dates your child(ren) will be attending camp</u>. You will then be reimbursed \$100.00 per child from the Board of Education. 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 <u>petersjd@mtelco.net</u> or 316-284-4170.

If you found a note from one of the midweek kids in a *Voices Together* hymnal, please write back and turn in your note to the church office by the end of February. Thank you.

Goessel Community Junior High will be hosting Camp 412 at the Disciple Center at Tawakoni near Augusta on May 26-29. In order to help cover the costs of camp, we will be having a fundraiser meal on March 5 at Goessel High School. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, applesauce and dessert beginning at 11:30. The meal is by donation with \$8 per person being the suggested amount. We're excited to be able to go to camp again and appreciate your support!