

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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... they broke bread  
at home and  
ate their food  
with glad and  
generous hearts,  
praising God and  
having the  
goodwill of all  
the people. Acts 2:46-47, NRSV

**Welcome to our worship at Alexanderwohl!** Jesus is present as we worship, fellowship and show hospitality to one another. The church described in Acts 2 broke bread together and shared hospitality with each another and their community. What inspiration might we take from this first church?

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering** Pastel ~Young | Priere ~Wagner Jared Janzen

**Welcome** Pastor Caleb Yoder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**Call to Worship** Melody Zimmerman, *The Soil and the Seed Project*

#### ***Spirit of God, Work in us!***

LORD, capture our hearts  
As we worship and pray.  
Fill us with awe  
At what you are doing.  
May your joy pour out.

#### ***Spirit of God, Work in us!***

Grow your character in us  
As we humbly serve each other,  
As we share what we have,  
Wherever there is need.

We break bread together and  
remember you.

#### ***Spirit of God, Work in us!***

Help us to share your rescuing love  
With everyone around us.  
Help us make space at the table  
And space in our schedules  
For those you are adding to our  
number.

#### ***Spirit of God, work in us!***

### Prayer of Invocation+

**Gathering Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* VT 397

**Children's Story** Eric Schrag

**Congregational Song** *Longing for Light* (vs. 1, 2, 5) VT 715

**Morning Prayer** Jim Schmidt

**Worship Music** *Lift Thine Eyes* ~Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Woven  
*Simple Gifts* ~arr. Dalton

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving

**Offertory** *Wondrous Love* ~arr. Christiansen Woven

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Caleb Yoder

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Acts 2:42-47	Beth Yoder
<b>Message</b>	<i>"Steadfast in breaking bread"</i>	Pastor Caleb
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Sing a New World into Being</i>	VT 809
<b>Responding to the Gospel</b>	<i>(Open sharing)</i>	

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

<b>Sending Song</b>	<i>Heart with Loving Heart United</i>	VT 813
<b>*Choral Benediction</b>	<i>How Majestic is Your Name ~arr. Royster</i>	Woven
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Detroit ~Held</i>	Jared Janzen

\*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.

### Members of Woven:

Sophia Chindamo (Lawrence, KS)	April Powls (Garnett, KS)
Isabela Diaz (Oklahoma City, OK)	Lizzie Schmucker (Goessel, KS)
Aubry Grame (Kalispell, MT)	Julianna Schrag (Goessel, KS)
Halle Krehbiel (Hesston, KS)	Allison Weaver (Hesston, KS)
Stephany Meyer (Goessel, KS)	

**Song Leader:** Renae Peters

**Greeters:** North – Nicole Hein | South – Analene and Sherie Klassen

**Visual Arts:** Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Bri Combs, Mallory Schroeder, Laura Unrau

**Worship Technology:** Steve Unruh, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

**April 23 Attendance:** SS – 92; Worship -- 116 in person, 11 Zoom

**April 23 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$31.84; First Fruits – \$3,866.00

### Questions for reflection and sharing (Acts 2:42-47)

1. What strikes you about the character of the earliest church? How was hospitality a part of their missional practice?
2. How do we "adopt" or provide "creek crossings" for people into our church?
3. (Share joys or concerns in your own life)

**Next Sunday** we look forward to Erica Stoltzfus' sermon "The Tree of Life: Food for Life" from Genesis 1:27-2:9, 2:15-17, with the themes of food, abundance, and creation care.

## *Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for students, teachers, and staff as the end of the school year approaches.
- ❖ We pray for Les and Ann Flaming as Les undergoes radiation treatments for his lung cancer that has returned. We pray the treatments will continue to go well and not create discomfort.

- ❖ Our thoughts and prayers are with Brian and Nancy Stucky on the passing of Brian's mother, Mary Kathryn Stucky, on Sunday afternoon, April 23. A memorial service was held on Saturday at First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.
- ❖ Pray For Our VBS: Lord, we give this VBS to you. Let this event be an opportunity to pour into the lives of kids in our congregation and community. Let your Holy Spirit speak to the hearts of each child, leader, volunteer, parent, and caretaker. Let us glorify you in all that we do. We pray this week strengthens relationships, changes hearts, and brings kids, families, and volunteers closer to you!

*+This week pray for: Rodney Ratzlaff, Jim and Mary Schmidt, Nathaniel Schmucker, Julianna Schrag, Brenda Wedel*

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, April 30**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

### **Tuesday, May 2**

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

4:30 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room

### **Sunday, May 7**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

## COMING EVENTS

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| May 19    | Senior Coffee  |
| May 21    | Bethesda's "Welcome Summer" Fundraiser at White Owl Barn |
| May 26-29 | Goessel Community Junior High at Camp Tawakoni           |
| May 31    | Book Study begins  |
| June 5-9  | Goessel Community Vacation Bible School at Alexanderwohl |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Caleb will be on vacation from May 4-9.** Pastor Lois returns from the first portion of her sabbatical on **May 8**. Contact one of the deacons for pastoral needs for the days prior to Lois' return.

**The Alexanderwohl Peace Committee in collaboration with the Board of Mission and Service** invites you to a book study. Beginning on Wednesday, May 31 and meeting each Wednesday through the month of June from 7:00-8:30 p.m. we will read and discuss Raylene Hinz-Penner's new book, *East of Liberal: Notes on the Land*. The book is a memoir that includes research on genealogy, geology, history, farming, theology and more. **Sign up today (April 30)** if you'd like us to order you a book for about \$20. Get your copy and start reading; come prepared for lively and meaningful discussions!

**The sign-up sheet is posted in the south lobby for volunteer service at New Hope Shelter, May 14-16.** Meals will be delivered by the Young Adults,

Route 15 and Friends and Followers Sunday school classes. The current needs list include: Teaspoons—used are fine, milk, pancake syrup, lunch meat, salad dressing, aluminum foil, toilet paper, saran wrap, sandwich bags, mayonnaise & Miracle Whip. Bring your items to the large box in the south lobby. Thank you for your support.

**New Children's Bible:** The Board of Christian Education will be purchasing the new children's story Bible produced by MennoMedia, *The Peace Table*, for the children's Sunday School classes and each family with preschool and elementary age children. *The Peace Table* includes stories that will correspond with the preschool/elementary Shine Sunday School curriculum for the next several years. The discounted price is estimated to be around \$30. If you would like to order a book, sign up on the sheets in either lobby by **Sunday, May 7**. Payment arrangements will be coordinated with individuals following this date.

**A two-page front and back summary of our Church Leadership Retreat is available in the lobbies.** This retreat took place Saturday, March 4. Please keep the leadership groups within our church in your prayers, and feel free to give your feedback to pastors or any of the ministry board chairs.

**Tabor Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:** The Food Pantry is sponsored by Goessel Ministerial Alliance and is already generously supported through donations by the Goessel community. Help make a difference for families who may need help in difficult times by joining the team of volunteers who oversee the general needs of the Food Pantry. Tasks include shelving donated items and organizing the Food Pantry, purchasing gift cards from Goessel Grocery and Deli, and meeting with people who come to fill their grocery needs. Contact Kim Funk or one of the Tabor Pastors (367-2318) to volunteer, to understand the process of working with a client, or if you have questions.