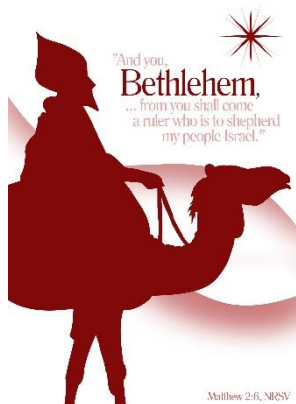


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl on this Epiphany Sunday!
"Epiphany comes from the Greek epiphaneia, meaning "appearance" or "manifestation" and refers to the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world." (Wikipedia) What does the Epiphany of Jesus mean for us?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Karen Unruh
Three Settings of "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
~Burkhardt and Hobby

Welcome

Karl Brubaker

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation+

Isaiah 60:1-2, adapted

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Many: **Lift up your eyes and look around; they gather and come to you.**

North: You shall see and be radiant;

South: your heart shall thrill and rejoice and proclaim the praise of the Lord.

One: The mystery of Christ has been revealed by the Spirit. We have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise of Christ through the gospel.

Many: **We know this through faith in Christ. May our lights shine!**
(pause as the Christ candle is lit)

All: **Together we carry the light.**

Peace Prayer

Tim and Judy Goertzen

***Gathering Hymn** *What Child is This - Helpless and Hungry* VT 267-8

Service of Installation for Pastor Luann Yutzky

Heidi Regier Kreider

Congregational Response

VT 967

Children's Story

Delbert Peters

- ❖ We're grateful for the life of Ann Boese. We pray for her family as they adjust to life without her physical presence.
- ❖ We thank you, God, for school and all the learning and opportunities it offers. Be with our students, teachers, staff and all who are involved in schools as they get settled back into this second semester. Bless their work and play, their growth and learning.
- ❖ We pray for places in our own country and around the world where there are dangerous weather events or fear created by violence.

+This week pray for: Andy, Ashley and Lucy Bingham, Karl and Marcia Brubaker, Lee and Mary Alice Hertzler, Ruben and Analene Klassen, Oneta Unruh

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 7

- 9:30 am – “Meet and Greet” Pastor Luann during the SS hour for JH, HS and adults – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 am – Worship – Installation of Pastor Luann

Monday, January 8

- 4:00 pm – Prayer Team
- 5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service
- 7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, January 9

- 9:00 am – Staff Meeting
Pastor Luann's first day and orientation
- 5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, January 10

- 5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Served
- Regular Midweek Activities Resume
- 7:00 pm -- Youth Parent Meeting in the Youth House

Sunday, January 14

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

COMING EVENTS

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| Jan 17 | Annual Reports for 2023 due in church office |
| Jan 19 | NO Senior Coffee |
| Jan 21 | 2024 Budget Q & A during the Sunday School hour |
| Jan 27 | Rannie Schmidt Memorial Service, 11:00 am |
| Feb 4 | Annual Meeting following worship and lunch |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today during the Sunday School hour, all junior high, high school youth and adult classes are invited to the fellowship hall to welcome Pastor Luann Yutzy and learn more about her. Refreshments will be served. Teachers of children's classes may pick up a tray of refreshments

either ahead or at the beginning of class to eat in your classroom. Heidi Regier Kreider from Western District Conference will install Luann during the worship service.

There was a wonderful response to the request for assistance with the Wednesday night Midweek meals for 2023. There is now opportunity for 2024. Please see the sign-up sheet in the south lobby for specific dates and assignments. Your help is greatly appreciated.

If you would like a printed copy of the 2023 annual reports, please sign up in either lobby by Sunday, January 21, 2024. Reports will be emailed to those who have email.

As you have updates (addresses, emails, cell phone or land line numbers) for the 2024 Church Yearbook, turn them in to the church office.

Thank you for your continued support of the Tabor Food Pantry. Current needs include pancake and corn muffin mix, jelly, canned meat, cake mixes, and canned fruit. Monetary donations are also appreciated!