



## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we welcome Tammy Duvanel Unruh to the pulpit. She'll bring greetings and news from Camp Mennoscah as well as a sermon that will challenge us to consider the importance of a firm foundation as we follow Jesus together.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**      *Simple Gifts* ~arr. Carter Renae Schmidt Peters  
*Song Without Words (Confidence)* ~Mendelssohn  
*Be Thou My Vision* ~arr. Kelsey

**Welcome**      ElRoy Wiens

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+**      Arlene M. Mark, based on I Peter 2

**One:** Come, worship the Christ, a living stone, rejected by mortals but precious in God's sight.

**Many:** **We are like living stones being used in building the spiritual temple, with Christ as our cornerstone.**

**One:** We will offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ,

**Many:** **for we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.**

**One:** Once we were no people, but now we are God's people.

**All:** **Therefore, we declare the mighty acts of God, who calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. We will be priests of good news and serve each other, with Christ as our example.**

**\*Gathering Hymns**      *The Lord Your God Is with You*      VT 173  
*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*      VT 365

**Children's Story**      Renae Schmidt Peters

**Worship Music**      SonShine Singers

*God Made Me, Like a Rock* (VT 63), *Down in My Heart*

**Morning Prayer**      Pastor Lois Harder

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture** I Corinthians 3:10-15 EIRoy Wiens

**Message** Tammy Duvanel Unruh

*Foundation Work: The Importance of a Firm Foundation*

**Song of Response** *How Firm a Foundation* (vs. 1, 2, 5) VT 592

### Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *How Firm a Foundation* ~Burkhardt Jason Peters

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*Song of Sending** *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace* VT 719

**\*Benediction** Pastor Lois

**\*Postlude** *Earth and All Stars* ~Leavitt Jason Peters

\*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 Leaders:** Marcia Brubaker, Jacob Schrag, Timothy Schrag, Nathaniel Schmucker

**Greeters:** North – Delton and Janice Voth  
South – Arlie and Kay Schroeder

**Visual Arts:** Anita Boese

**Nursery Staff:** Tina Schrag, Levi Schrag

**Worship Technology:** Myron Goertzen, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

**February 4 Attendance:** Sunday School – 92; Worship -- 128 in person; 11 Zoom Households

**February 4 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$33.71; First Fruits – \$26,385.00

**Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent; we will take Communion together.** Pastor Lois will preach, focusing on Mark 1:9-15. Jesus is beginning his ministry and God sends the dove at Jesus' baptism – a sign of God's covenant love before Jesus' temptations in the wilderness.

**This Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to attend the service in the sanctuary from 6:45-7:15.**

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We give thanks for the work and ministry at Camp Mennoscah.
- ❖ We thank you, God, for our children - and for the adults who love and nurture them.
- ❖ We pray for Margie Young as she adjusts to living at Kidron-Bethel Village. May she experience a warm welcome there as she meets old friends and makes new ones.
- ❖ We pray for those experiencing long-term illness and treatment; grant your Spirit of healing and companionship, God.

- ❖ We pray for peacemakers in the world. Those who are "on the ground" in places where the needs are great, those who work through diplomacy or nonviolent resistance, those who do the organizing and training, those who make their voices heard in peaceful, justice-seeking ways. Strengthen each of us to "do justly, love mercy and walk humbly" with you, our God.

+This week pray for: *Gwen Clingan, Jeremy and Christina Janzen, Boris and Carolyn Lopez, Dick R. Schmidt, Doug and Pam Schroeder, Elsie Unruh, Phyllis Voth*

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, February 11**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

### **Monday, February 12**

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

### **Tuesday, February 13**

9:15 am – Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 14**

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Served

6:45 pm – Ash Wednesday service

Midweek Activities

### **Friday, February 16**

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Bruce Regier

### **Sunday, February 18**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship with Communion

3:00 pm -- Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum program – “Fifty-three years in the Russian Empire: The Context for Mennonites in the Years 1821-1874” by Dr. Mark Jantzen

5:00 pm – Youth Supper and Game Night at Tim & Judy Goertzen

## COMING EVENTS

- Feb 18-20 Serve at New Hope Shelter
- Feb 24 Leadership Retreat – 7:45 am - noon
- Mar 3 Camp 412 Fundraiser at the HS cafeteria beginning at 11:30 am
- Mar 13 No Midweek – Spring Break
- Mar 20 Final Midweek Session
- Apr 12-13 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Hutchinson, KS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you to everyone who participated in our 131st Annual Meeting.** The 2024 Spending Plan was approved 73 to 1 in favor and Chelan Duerksen's affirmation to the Board of Trustees was strongly affirmed. Thank you for your participation. John Fast

**Leadership Retreat - Saturday, February 24**, from 7:45 a.m. - noon in the Fellowship Hall. Rolls and coffee served at 7:45 am. This interactive retreat will be led by Pastor Luann focusing on questions and conversation for where we are now as we look toward a Pastoral Search. We would like to invite anyone who is on a board or committee, lay leadership and anyone who is simply interested in the process to save this date and plan to attend. Please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning, February 21, if you plan to attend.

**Join us for Senior Coffee this Friday, February 16, at 10:00 am.** Bruce Regier from North Newton enjoys taking pictures and will share some of his photos with us.

**Please see the sign-up sheet in the south lobby for specific dates and assignments to help with Midweek meals.** Your help is greatly appreciated!

**Office Hours for Pastor Luann:**

Tuesday – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Thursday – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Office Hours for Pastor Lois:**

Monday – 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Tuesday – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday – 10:30 am – 8:30pm

Thursday – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Friday – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**In addition to office hours**, the pastors also attend evening meetings, visit people in their homes and retirement facilities, communicate with people via phone and do some work from their homes or the library.

**On March 6th, the Elementary, Junior High, and High School Midweek classes will be working on several joint service projects**, one of which is making care packages for our college students as they prepare for finals season. We are asking for donations of money and shoe boxes to aid our efforts. Money will be used for purchasing snacks, gas gift cards, and other goodies. If you would like to contribute, Jr Hi and HS students will be in each lobby on the Sundays leading up to the project, and shoeboxes can be placed on the table in Sunday School Room #14. The last Sunday to contribute will be February 25. Thank you for your support of this multi-age service project!

**Any current 7th or 8th graders in the area interested in a fun weekend out in nature with good food and fun, we will be traveling to Camp Tawakoni on May 24 through the 27th for Camp 412.** This has been a long time tradition and we are excited to keep this going! We hope you can make it and more details will be sent out as we get closer to the date.

**Margie Young's new mailing address** is Kidron-Bethel Village, Room 35 N, N. Newton 67117. At this time she doesn't have a telephone.

**Registration for Summer Camps Are Now Open** -- The Board of Education at Alexanderwohl is offering a \$125.00 scholarship to each camper who calls Alexanderwohl their home congregation. This is for all children Grade 3 – Grade 12 (fall of 2024). Register at [www.campmennosch.org](http://www.campmennosch.org) for Camp Mennoscah (look for the **Register on Line** button at the top of the page) and [www.RMMC.org](http://www.RMMC.org) for Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. As soon as you have your child(ren) registered and have received your confirmation from camp, let the church office or Janine know what dates your child(ren) will be attending camp. 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 [petersjd@mtelco.net](mailto:petersjd@mtelco.net) or 316-284-4170.

**Note the new phone number for Camp Mennoscah: 620.297.3290**

**We've received Lent/Easter/Pentecost devotional materials** from *The Soil and The Seed Project*. The booklet and CD are bundled together and available in the lobbies.