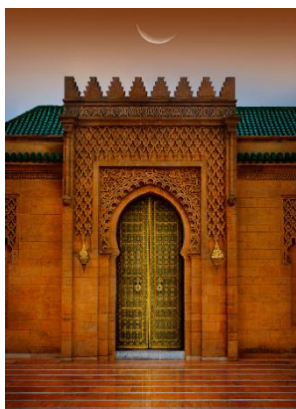


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!
We continue on our journey together to the cross this third Sunday of Lent. Accessing the temple is a theme from the scripture today from John 2. What temple are we talking about?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music Myra Peters, clarinet; Delaney Duerksen, French horn

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+ Based on Psalm 19

All: *May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.*

One: We speak because you spoke first, bringing voice to the brightness of the sun and singing the airy darkness of the sky. You spoke this earth from end to end, and speaking must have given you pleasure, for you said, "It was good."

Many: **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.**

One: Year after year you have poured forth speech: passing stories and statutes down through hands and lips. From you we learned to speak, and speaking, we spoke to you—singing songs of consolation that would become your psalms to us; writing poems our children's children would hear as the voice of God.

Many: **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.**

One: Your law, O Lord, is perfect. Your Word is the one that endures. We seek the grammar of your justice in the words that you spoke before. Speak here now; speak here once more.

All: *May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God.*

Peace Prayer

Travis Duerksen

***Gathering Hymns**

*When We Walk with the Lord
Sword into a Plowshare*

VT 570
VT 419

Children's Story

Ann Hiebert

Morning Prayer

Pastor Luann Yutzy

Worship Music

Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me ~Adam Geibel Chancel Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

John 2:13-22

Phyllis Voth via video

Message

Turning the Tables

Pastor Luann

Prayer of Confession

Based on Psalm 19

One: We often miss the beauty in your work, O God.

Many: Forgive our distracted hearts.

One: When we put our trust in other things,

Many: remind us of your love and care.

All: Bring joy to us once again.

One: May the meditation of our hearts

Many: be pleasing in your sight,

All: our Rock and our Redeemer.

Song of Response

Jesus Christ Is Waiting

VT 287

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

As the Deer Runs to the River ~Uehlein

Karen Unruh

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises

VT 849

*Benediction

Pastor Luann

*Postlude

Karen Unruh

*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.

Leader Worship Resources will be used throughout the Lenten season.

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Guitar: Eric Schrag and Kevin Gaeddert

Greeters: North – Anita Boese

South – David and Aileen Esau

Visual Arts: LaNae Unruh

Nursery Staff: Laura Unrau, Aida Hartvickson, Rosie Gaeddert

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

February 25 Attendance: Sunday School – 105; Worship -- 183 in person; 7 Zoom Households

February 25 Offering: Sunday School -- \$23.97; First Fruits – \$5,825.36

Next Sunday's message will be from I Samuel 25:1-35 – the story of Abigail saving her people with her quick wit and humble peacemaking skills. Peter Goerzen will bring the sermon. Peter grew up in the Tabor Mennonite Church and is the Campus Pastor at Bethel College.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Les and Ann Flaming as Les has entered hospice care for help with pain control. Grant them your Spirit of comfort, guidance and peace, God.
- ❖ We pray for our students and teachers as many are heading into the final week of school before spring break - give them enough energy and determination to keep up their best effort as they look forward to their break. May it be a time of rest and rejuvenation.
- ❖ We're thankful for the church retreat that took place last weekend. Bless the time and effort that participants gave and we pray for ongoing blessing as we continue to look ahead, seeking your will for the life of our congregation.
- ❖ We pray for those who are struggling with health concerns; God of love and healing, grant your presence and your touch.

+This week pray for: Kelcey, Amanda, Natalie and Braxton Church, Sharolyn Jackson, Richard and Gay Klassen, Chad and Kari Lindeman, Esther Schmidt, Arden Voth, Kelcy and Kelly Voth family

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 3 – Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

11:30-12:30 – JH Camp 412 Fundraiser at the HS Cafeteria

4:00-5:30 pm – Exploring the Immigration System, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 4

5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, March 5

9:15 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Served

Midweek Activities

Thursday, March 7

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Sunday, March 10 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Daylight Saving Time Begins – Set clocks ahead 1 hour

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

4:00-5:30 pm – Exploring the Immigration System, Fellowship Hall

COMING EVENTS

Mar 4-6 MCC Comforter Blitz, Yoder

Mar 13 No Midweek – Spring Break
Mar 20 Final Midweek Session
Mar 24 Palm Sunday
Mar 28 Maundy Thursday service in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm
Mar 29 Good Friday
Mar 31 Easter
Apr 7 KMMC concert, 4:00 pm, Memorial Hall, Bethel College
Apr 12-13 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Hutchinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today -- Camp 412 fundraiser from 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the Goessel High School cafeteria. Chili, cinnamon rolls, relishes, and dessert will be served. This is our one and only fundraiser for the year, and donations will be gratefully accepted to help offset camp expenses and for camp scholarships. We hope you will join us!

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. More details will be sent out as we get closer to the date.

Exploring The Immigration System -- The Peace Team will lead four Sunday afternoon sessions beginning on March 3 in which we will explore and discuss various aspects of immigration and migration. The format of the first three sessions will be to view two 10-15 minute videos, each followed by an open discussion. The legal, human, and structural challenges of our national immigration system are complex and frustrating. This series is an attempt to more fully understand what is really happening, in hopes that our attitudes and actions will be most appropriate. Each session will be from 4:00 – 5:30 pm with faspa.

If you have previous years church yearbooks that you no longer want, please bring them to church and put them in the box outside the office door. We can re-use the bindings and will recycle the pages. Thank you!

There are a few more dessert slots to fill up for Midweek meals on March 6 and 20. Sign up on the bulletin board in the south lobby. Thank you!