

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we welcome Mitch Stutzman as our preacher. He'll talk about why it's so important to give careful attention to Christian Education; Jesus mandated us to teach the gospel and make disciples!

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**      *Lift High the Cross* ~Busarow      Marcia Brubaker

**Welcome**      Pastor Lois Harder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+**      from *Words for Worship*

Leader: O Keeper of Faith, help us to keep the faith entrusted to us:

**North: faith in a world worth saving, faith in a dream worth sharing,**

**All: faith in a heritage worth keeping even as we reinvigorate it to have meaning for us now.**

Leader: Help us to keep faith in you,

**South: and help us not lose faith in ourselves,**

**All: for faith is the substance of our hope, and hope is the assurance of love.**

Leader: Praise to you, O Faithful One,

**All: now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**      *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*      VT 34

**Children's Story**      Karl Brubaker

**Worship Music**      *In The Garden* ~Miles, arr. by John Innes      Chancel Choir

**Morning Prayer**      Pastor Lois

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture**      Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:13-35

**Hymn of Reflection**      *Neno lake Mungu (Listen, God Is Calling)*      VT 765

Percussionists: Celia Peters, Myra Peters, Kyle Unruh

**Message**      "... as you walk along"      Mitch Stutzman

**Song of Response**      *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*      VT 774

## Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*This Little Light of Mine* ~Behnke

Marcia Brubaker

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Lois

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Song of Sending

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

VT 812

\*Benediction

Pastor Lois

\*Postlude

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing* ~Behnke

Marcia Brubaker

\*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 Leader and Chancel Choir Director:** Renae Schmidt Peters

**Greeters:** North – Bryant and Chrystiana Miller

South – Analene and Sherie Klassen

**Visual Arts:** Anita Boese

**Nursery Staff:** Aileen Esau, Cambry Duerksen

**Worship Technology:** DJ Flaming, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

**April 7 Attendance:** Sunday School – 104; Worship -- 159 in person;  
10 Zoom Households

**April 7 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$27.21; First Fruits – \$6,899.86

**Next Sunday Pastor Luann will bring the message from I John 3:16-24**

on what it means for us to lay down our life for each other. We will hear John's question of "How can you claim to receive the love of God in your life if you don't show love in your actions?" Is our heart really in it?

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We're grateful for beautiful spring days that provide opportunities to plant corn, gardens and other growing things and to be outdoors.
- ❖ We thank you, God, for the Kansas Relief Sale this weekend, for the money that was raised for MCC and for all the people that came together to make this event happen.
- ❖ We pray for those who live in long-term care facilities or who are home-bound; may they feel your love and care, God.
- ❖ We pray for our students, parents, teachers and all involved in the education and formation of young people; grant us your wisdom and patience as we all learn.

+*This week pray for: Tony and Kristina Conrady family, Wes and Donna Duerksen, Norman Ratzlaff, Dwight and Wanda Schroeder, Jeremy and Maggie Schroeder, Jared and Laura Unrau family, Rod Wedel*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 14

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship with Mitch Stutzman

### Monday, April 15

6:00 pm – Finger foods served

6:15 pm – The HOW of Christian Education and Formation

### Tuesday, April 16

9:15 am – Staff Meeting

10:30 am – Stay Strong Stay Healthy class meets in the Chapel

5:00 pm – Board of Worship

### Wednesday, April 17

6:30 pm – Daughters of Grace Salad Supper

### Thursday, April 18

10:30 am – Stay Strong Stay Healthy class meets in the Chapel

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

### Friday, April 19

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Chris Dick

### Sunday, April 21

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

4:00 pm – KMMC Concert, Tabor College

## COMING EVENTS

- Apr 24-27    Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton  
May 1        Transitional Conversation with Pastor Luann (see announcement)  
May 24-27    Junior High to Camp Tawakoni  
June 2-9     HS Youth Summer Service Trip  
June 3-7     Vacation Bible School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Reminder - Christian education and formation meeting tomorrow night** hosted by the Board of Christian Education. Finger foods will be served starting at 6:00 and the meeting will begin at 6:15. Child care provided.

**Save the Date – Wednesday, May 1: This meeting will be hosted by Pastor Luann** as she continues her transitional work with us. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! **RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 29. Childcare will be provided.** A light meal (finger foods) will be served from 6:00-6:15. The meeting will run from 6:15-8:00 p.m.

**The Ushers and the Board of Trustees want to bring your attention to the emergency response guides distributed around the church.** These guides are located in most occupied rooms in the church and contain “what to do” information for emergencies such as fire, severe weather, medical emergency, and violent threat. Locations of fire extinguishers, tornado shelter areas, exit locations, names of church attenders with medical

training, and contact phone numbers are provided along with other important information. Although it is the kind of information we hope and pray never needs to be actually used we encourage people to look through the guide to become familiar with its contents should an emergency situation ever arise.

**Sign up TODAY for the Daughters of Grace salad supper to be held Wednesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m.** Invite your friends, and bring a salad.

**Join us for Senior Coffee on Friday, April 19, at 10:00 am.** Our presenter will be Chris Dick, Professor of English at Tabor College. The title of the talk will be "J.G. Ewert: Scholar, Writer, Rabble-Rouser." The presentation will cover the remarkable life of J.G. Ewert--from his early years in Marion County, to his time as a Bethel student, to his debilitating illness, and finally to his career as writer, Tabor professor, and activist.

**In your mailbox last Sunday was a letter from the Mennonite College Student Ministry Team regarding the spring fundraiser.** With increasing food costs, the expense of the meal is taking away a significant amount of money from the Scholarship Fund. Our desire is to have more money available for students to use for tuition rather than covering meal costs. Therefore, we are asking that you donate to the Scholarship Fund via the envelope provided by April 28. **Your donations are so appreciated by our students** and are matched by the colleges. Thank you for your support!

**First Fruits Offering Update.** Thank you for your support of our local church ministries through our weekly First Fruits offerings. After the first quarter, we are right on track with 25% of our annual giving goal received. Our local church expenses are running slightly below budget for the first quarter. If you would like to set up automatic recurring donations, there are several options for that. Please let our treasurer Dwight M. Flaming know or visit our church website and set one up through the giving portal [Donate Online to AMC](#) . Thank you for your generosity.

**New Hope Shelter opportunities to serve are coming April 24-27.** The sign-up sheet is on the south lobby bulletin board for evening shift volunteers. The evening meals will be provided by Route 15, Upper Room, Friends & Followers, and our Young Adult Sunday school classes. Thank you all for your prayers and support!

**A huge THANK YOU to all who gave coins for MCC!** Our total was \$483.32 - quite a bit more than last year! Start saving for next year!