

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to worship here at Alexanderwohl!** We continue to look with "resurrection eyes" this third Sunday after Easter and do a "heart check" as we engage the passage of I John 3:16-24 together.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**     *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~Dengler     Karen Unruh  
                                   *Morning Has Broken* ~Dengler  
                                   *Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song* ~Leavitt

**Welcome** Pastor Lois Harder

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+** VT 1024

**Leader:** There is no scarcity. There is no shortage.  
               No lack of love, of compassion, of joy in the world.  
               There is enough. There is more than enough.  
               Only fear and greed make us think otherwise.  
               No one need starve.

**People:** **There is enough land and enough food.**

**Leader:** No one need die of thirst.

**People:** **There is enough water.**

**Leader:** No one need live without mercy.

**People:** **There is no end to grace.**

**Leader:** And we are all instruments of grace.

**People:** **The more we give it, the more we share it,  
the more we use it, the more God makes.**

**Leader:** There is no scarcity of love.

**\*Gathering Hymns**                                 *Morning Has Broken* VT 495  
   *Come, Thou Fount* VT 563

**Children's Story** Laura Unrau

**Worship Music** Ellie Unrau

**Morning Prayer** Pastor Luann Yutzey

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>Scripture</b>	I John 3:16-24	
<b>Message</b>	<i>Heart Check</i>	Pastor Luann
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Beauty for Brokenness</i>	VT 712
<b>Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>The Gift of Love ~Helvey</i>	Karen Unruh
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Pastor Lois

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

<b>*Song of Sending</b>	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	VT 846
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Luann
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>The Lord Lift You Up ~Shelly</i>	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.

**Song Leader:** Braden Unruh

**Greeters:** North – Evan and Maryanne Esau  
South – Chelan and Megan Duerksen

**Visual Arts:** Anita Boese

**Nursery Staff:** Brittany Hiebert, Delaney Duerksen

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

**April 14 Attendance:** Sunday School – 108; Worship -- 133 in person;  
10 Zoom Households

**April 14 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$23.75; First Fruits – \$2,727.00

**Next Sunday the texts will be from I John 4 and John 15:1-8.** What does it mean that God abides in us and we abide in God? Pastor Lois will preach.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We continue to hold Les and Ann Flaming in our prayers.
- ❖ We give thanks for our planet Earth and we pray for its health and shalom.
- ❖ We pray for all who live in situations of fear, violence, war or hatred. May your Peace prevail.
- ❖ Thank you, God, for recent rains and the life they bring to all creatures.

+*This week pray for: Tim and Sheryl Gardner, James and Kim Gudeman family, Brenda Franzen, Clarence and Martha Klassen, Jim and Mary Schmidt, Nathaniel Schmucker, D. James Schroeder, Julianna Schrag, Grady Stultz*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 21

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

4:00 pm – KMMC Concert, Tabor College

5:30 pm – HS Youth “Brinner” at Church (breakfast for dinner)

### Monday, April 22

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

### Tuesday, April 23

9:15 am – Staff Meeting

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

### Thursday, April 25

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

### Sunday, April 28

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

## COMING EVENTS

- Apr 24-27    Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton
- Apr 28        Return donation envelopes to Mennonite College Student  
                  Ministry Team
- May 1         Transitional Conversation with Pastor Luann (see  
                  announcement)
- May 17        Senior Coffee
- May 24-27    Junior High to Camp Tawakoni
- June 2         Bethesda Fundraiser at White Owl Barn
- June 2-9      HS Youth Summer Service Trip
- June 3-7      Vacation Bible School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**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!

**Please return donation envelopes for the Mennonite Student Scholarship Fund by April 28** to Carol Duerksen’s mailbox or to the church office. Your donations are matched by the colleges and are very much appreciated by our students. Thank you for your support!

**Save the Date: “Hello Summer” Bethesda Fundraiser at White Owl Barn.** Sunday, June 2, 2024, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a fun evening around the creek. Lawn games will be provided! See Friday’s email or flyers on bulletin boards for details.