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#### Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we welcome Karen Andres as she brings us the message from the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus teaches about the kingdom of God being like a mustard seed... it starts out small and insignificant but grows into something beautiful and useful

## **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

**Gathering Music** 

Earth and All Stars ~Hobby Jesus Shall Reign ~Behnke

Marcia Brubaker

O God Beyond All Praising ~Behnke (VT 814)

Welcome Denise Duerksen

# Opportunities for Celebration and Service

(raise your hand for the microphone or come to the front)

# Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+

Leader: GOD rules: there's something to shout over! **People:** You, God, are High God of the cosmos.

Leader: All who serve handcrafted gods will be sorry.

People: Light-seeds are planted in the souls of God's people.

Leader: Joy-seeds are planted in good heart soil. **People:** So, God's people, shout praise to God.

All: Give thanks to our Holy God!

\*Gathering Hymns God of the Fertile Fields VT 750

For the Fruit of All Creation VT 124

Children's StoryKyle UnruhMorning PrayerDenise Duerksen

#### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture I Samuel 17:4-11, 31-32, 45, 47 Denise Duerksen

Mark 4:26-34 (NRSV)

Message Hidden Yet Revealed Karen Andres

Song of Response What Is the World Like VT 298

## **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory This is God's Wondrous World ~Behnke Marcia Brubaker \*Prayer of Dedication Come, Ye Thankful People (v. 1) VT 123

## **SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*Song of Sending Seek Ye First VT 417

\*Benediction Denise Duerksen

\*Postlude 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 that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Braden Unruh

**Greeters:** North – Craig and Jody Schmidt

South - Garrett and Brittany Hiebert

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Gretchen Schrag, Julianna Schrag

**Worship Technology:** Steve Unruh, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth **June 16 Attendance**: Sunday School – 93; Worship -- 150 in person;

11 Zoom Households

June 16 Offering: Sunday School -- \$21.02; First Fruits - \$7,144.75

**Next Sunday --** Retired pastor Lee Suderman will preach from Philippians 1:2-11. He will bring a message of thanks and love to Alexanderwohl reflecting on the years he served here.

+This week pray for: Jeremy and Katie Campbell family, Grant Flaming and Rachel Short-Miller, Matt and Danielle Flaming family, DeLora Funk, Brian Klassen, Christopher Nikkel, Darlene Schmidt, Janett Wiebe, ElRoy and Loretta Wiens

#### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, June 23

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

## Monday, June 24

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

## Tuesday, June 25

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

### Sunday, June 30

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

## **COMING EVENTS**

June 17-Aug 11 Sabbatical time for Pastor Lois
July 4 Church Offices Closed

July 7-9	Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton
July 14	"Heritage Talk" Pauline Sharp & Annette Voth, Kaw People and
	Alexanderwohl People – Side by Side Stories @ Tabor Church
July 19	Senior Coffee with Tim Schrag presenting about MDS
Aug 2-4	Goessel's Threshing Days
Aug 2-4	WDC Annual Assembly, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

From June 23-July 1, Robert and I will be in Seattle celebrating our daughter, Jenna as she graduates from Bastyr University. We are very proud of her! During our time away, Gail Graber will be on call for crisis care. The Deacons are also available for other pastoral care needs. If you have an urgent pastoral care need, contact the church office or Gail Graber at 620-386-0376. I will be back in the office on July 2 and Robert will be in the office again on July 3. ~Pastor Luann

Office hours for Pastor Robert Yutzy are Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00-12:00. You may contact Pastor Robert at 717.271.1184 or email <a href="mailto:robertyutzy@alexanderwohl.org">robertyutzy@alexanderwohl.org</a>.

Office hours for Pastor Luann are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Pastor Robert Yutzy will be teaching several classes using material from the "Managing Differences in the Faith Community" that he cotaught in April for KIPCOR and Bethel College. These sessions will help persons to examine communication dynamics, gut theologies about differences and conflicts, as well as the connection between community, creativity, and conflict and the transformation God's Spirit may be inviting us to. This will be offered three consecutive Sundays starting July 7 from 9:30-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall (July 7, 14 and 21). Note - Worship will begin at 10:45 on these three Sundays.

Beginning the first Sunday of July, the garden sharing table will be available in the south lobby. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others - just leave it on the table when you come each Sunday morning. See Megan Duerksen for more information.

Make plans to volunteer at New Hope Shelter July 7-9. The evening crew sign-up sheet is on the south lobby bulletin board. Our meals will be served by the Young Adult SS class, Route 15 SS class, and Friends & Followers SS class. Your prayer and financial support is always welcome. Thank you!

The church library is missing the children's picture book *Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring* by Kenard Pak. If you find it, please return to the library. Thank you! ~AMC Library Committee

The Tabor Food Pantry requests your donations! Items currently needed include laundry pods, dish soap, canned chicken and tuna, canned soups (other than tomato), cake and muffin mixes, pasta sauce, pancake mix, and peanut butter. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. It is much appreciated! Note: Our collection box in at the north end of the education hallway.