

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to worship here
at Alexanderwohl!**

Join us as we learn from John
2:1-11 where we are reminded
that Jesus attended weddings
and said yes to gladness and joy!
Joy in January and mid winter -
how do we live this out?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Marcia Brubaker

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less ~Powell

In Thee Is Gladness ~Burkhardt

Holy, Holy, Holy! ~Leavitt

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation +

Based on Psalm 36:5-9

Leader: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,

People: and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Leader: Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,

People: your justice like the great deep;

Leader: How priceless is your love, O God!

People: your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

Leader: They feast upon the abundance of your house;

People: you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the well of life,

People: and in your light we see light.

***Gathering Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

VT 98

Children's Story

Christiana Miller

Worship Music

God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

Chancel Choir

~Pax Ressler [VT 539]

Morning Prayer

Pastor Luann Yutzy

Worship Music

Guide My Feet ~African-American Spiritual

Chancel Choir

~arr. Henry Leck and Martin Ellis

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	John 2:1-11	Pastor Lois
Message	<i>Fill it to the Brim</i>	Pastor Luann
Song of Response	<i>We Praise Thee, O God</i>	VT 91
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Beautiful Savior ~Rice</i>	Marcia Brubaker
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	VT 681
*Benediction		Pastor Luann
*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.

Greeters: North – ElRoy and Loretta Wiens
South – Tim and Judy Goertzen

Organ/Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Susan Nafziger, Laura Voth

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

January 12 Attendance: Sunday School – 95; Worship -- 144 in person; 15 Zoom Households

January 12 Offering: Sunday School -- \$64.12; First Fruits -- \$6,492.37

<p>Next Sunday Pastor Lois will preach the first in a series of 4 sermons on the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism.</p>

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ As we remember and honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and inaugurate a new administration on the same day we pray for our country, O God. In this season of Epiphany and in the months and years to come may your Spirit's Light and Wisdom be strong.
- ❖ Today we heard again that you are the God of joyful miracles and surprising provision. Help us to bring this to mind as we follow Jesus.
- ❖ Trenae Wilson, daughter of Nita (Steve Nikkel) and Joe Wilson, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 12 in Austin, TX. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on January 25 in Austin.
- ❖ We pray for Duane Unruh and Janice (Unruh) Voth and their families at the passing of Tom Szambecki, husband of Martha (Unruh) Szambecki on Tuesday evening, January 14.
- ❖ We pray for Matthew and Laura, Lilly and Greyson Voth as Matt is now recovering at Bethesda following a knee surgery. He had some surgery

complications and after a brief hospitalization, needs some additional rest and physical therapy.

- ❖ We thank you, God, for healing and recovery for Lee Hertzler this week as he suffered a heart attack and hospitalization. He is now at home.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 19

9:30 am – Sunday School – Spending Plan Q & A in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, January 20

Church Offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

5:00 pm – Board of Worship

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Wednesday, January 22

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Served

Midweek Activities

Thursday, January 23

7:30 pm – Safe Sanctuaries Committee – Conference Room

Sunday, January 26

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Noon meal followed by Annual Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

COMING EVENTS

Feb 2	Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum's Annual Meeting
Feb 3	Goessel Community Blood Drive
Feb 5	Midweek Pizza Fundraiser Meal for Menn. Heritage & Ag Museum
Feb 9	Friends and Followers Super Bowl Get Together
Feb 23	Pastor Luann's final Sunday at AMC
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
Mar 12	Final Midweek session

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Budget Update: Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and careful spending, we were able to cover our expenses and fully fund our First Fruits giving goals to our mission partners for 2024.

Thank you for the contributions to the Norman Schroeder memorial fund and to the family for designating Alexanderwohl as the recipient.

These gifts provided the necessary funds to install a flat screen in the Conference Room which will find many uses for committees, boards and SS classes which meet in that space.

Both the Q & A for the Spending Plan on January 19 and the Annual Meeting on January 26 will be held in Fellowship Hall. This will allow for

easier conversation and visibility for materials presented on the screens. However, a Zoom connection will not be an option. We hope you can attend in person. John Fast

The Board of Christian Ed is excited to share information about VBS 2025. Anyone who is interested is invited to come for a short, informative meeting before supper on Wednesday, January 22, 5:30-5:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Are you looking for a way to support our JH & HS youth? Having snacks and pop/drinks each Wednesday night for midweek is a highlight for the youth. Check out the sign-up sheet in the South lobby if you'd like to help by making snacks. There is a fridge in the youth house that we also keep stocked, if you'd like to contribute towards that let Jared or Laura Unrau know. We always appreciate your prayers for the youth as they spend time together and learn more about God and their faith. Thank you!

Wednesday night meals – If you are willing to bring dessert, help serve or clean up sign up in the south lobby for dates that work for you.

As you have updates (addresses, emails, cell phone or land line numbers) for the 2025 Church Yearbook, turn them in to the church office.

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum has planned its Annual Meeting to be held at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on February 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Come early to purchase or renew your museum membership. Following the business meeting, our featured speaker for this event will be Dale Schrag. His topic will be on the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist movement. Afterwards, enjoy the Faspa of zwieback and cheese and reminisce with museum supporters. Event is free and open to the public to attend.

Blood Drive: Make a difference by donating blood on February 3, between 1:00-6:00 pm, at Goessel Church. Sign up at redcrossblood.org to donate. All types are wanted! For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.