

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Today is the third in a 4-part series focused on 500 years of Anabaptism. The early Anabaptists wanted to have "an attitude of self-surrender and joyous acceptance of God's will", or *gelassenheit* (yieldedness). What does this mean to us in our 21st century context?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Holy God, We Praise Your Name ~Hobby
It Is Well With My Soul ~Lau

Karen Unruh

Welcome

EIRoy Wiens

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

based on Proverbs 3:5-8

Leader: Gathered brothers and sisters, may we learn to trust in the Lord with our whole hearts!

People: No more will we rely solely on our own understandings.

All: We will trust in the Lord! With wholehearted resolve, we will employ our minds and our understandings in the service of God.

Leader: Brothers and sisters, may we come to know the Lord in all our paths;

People: for it is the Lord who will keep us moving in the right direction.

Leader: Trusting in our God will mean we're not puffed up with our own wisdom.

People: We will trust in God. We will not be haughty with our rightness or our own hubris, but in fear and awe of the Lord, we will turn away from evil.

All: Then our bodies and our minds will be healthy, our bones and our spirits will be strengthened. Thanks be to God!

*Gathering Hymns

When We Walk with the Lord
O Christ, Impart Your Teaching True

VT 570

VT 583

Children's Story

Delbert Peters

Worship Music

Here's My Life, I Lay It Down

VT 561

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* ~Bach Karen Unruh
***Prayer of Dedication** *God, Whose Giving* VT 745

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading John 15:1-11 EIRoy Wiens
Message *Renewal through Trust and Yieldedness* Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

***Song of Response/Sending** *O Blessed Spring* VT 522
***Benediction** Pastor Lois
***Postlude** *How Firm A Foundation* ~Lau 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 that God’s shalom will prevail.

Greeters: North – Radene Unruh
South – Steve Goertzen and Rosi Reimer

Organ/Piano: Karen Unruh

Guitar: Eric Schrag

Song Leader: Julianna Kaufman

Visual Arts: Many thanks to Brian and Nancy Stucky for having the “portraits” of the three early Anabaptists framed. Also, Brian is the creator of the painting at the back of the sanctuary titled “The Birth of Anabaptism”.

Nursery Staff:

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

February 2 Attendance: Sunday School – 109; Worship -- 143 in person; 18 Zoom Households

February 2 Offering: Sunday School -- \$34.98; First Fruits -- \$4,530.37

Next Sunday Pastor Lois will bring the message – the last of the series on Anabaptism at 500. We will take Communion together in an unusual way as we celebrate God’s abundant love and care throughout our 500 years.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Steve and Sandy Banman as they travel this week back to the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, AZ for pre-clinical trial testing. They will know by the end of the week whether Steve qualifies to participate in this trial.
- ❖ As we continue through this season of flu and illness we pray for healing.
- ❖ We pray for our students and teachers as they work to stay focused and give their best efforts.

- ❖ We keep Ann Hiebert in our prayers as her broken leg continues to heal at home.
- ❖ O God, we pray for wisdom and yieldedness as we live in this world, remembering that our citizenship is in your kingdom; we are followers of Jesus.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 9

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Come to the library to meet your “Blind Date with a Book”

5:00 pm – Friends and Followers Super Bowl Get Together

Monday, February 10

4:00 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, February 11

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

7:30 pm – Safe Sanctuaries Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 12

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Served

Midweek Activities

Sunday, February 16

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship with Communion

COMING EVENTS

Feb 16	Communion to commemorate and celebrate God's steadfast love and provision throughout 500 years of Anabaptism
Feb 21	Senior Coffee with Jerry and Leann Toews as guests
Feb 23	Pastor Luann's final Sunday at AMC – Noon Potluck Meal
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
Mar 9	Fundraising meal to support community Junior High ministries
Mar 12	Final Midweek session
Mar 21	Senior Coffee with Kris Schmucker
Apr 11-12	Kansas MCC Sale
Apr 13	Palm Sunday
Apr 20	Easter
Apr 23	Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Junior High and High School youth will be collecting donations after church today (February 9) to purchase items to put in care packages for our college students. On Wednesday, February 19, 1st - 12th grade midweek students will work together to put together the care packages. Thank you for supporting our youth at all ages and stages of their lives!

If you signed up for a "Blind Date with a Book" stop by the library after church to see who your "date" will be!

Senior Coffee is coming up on Friday, February 21 with Jerry and Leann Toews bringing us photos and stories from their MCC Learning Tour to several African countries.

Come join members of the New Life Church and Outreach Center for the February Kansas Food Bank produce distribution on February 21st from 3-6 pm. Sign-up is in the south lobby. If you have questions, contact Judy Goertzen, Chair of the Board of Mission and Service at 620-367-2440.

The Board of Deacons and Reception Committee invite everyone to join us for a potluck meal following the worship service on February 23 to celebrate the time we have shared with Pastor Luann. Families are encouraged to bring a main dish and a salad or dessert; singles may bring one dish of your choice.

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.

Last Call! Please turn in changes/updates for the 2025 Yearbook by Monday, February 10. This include Board updates, addresses, emails, cell phone or land line numbers.