

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Today is the fourth and final service in the series focused on 500 years of Anabaptism. We'll focus on "Renewal at the Lord's Table", hearing again the words of Jesus as he shared the Passover meal with his disciples and remembering what the ritual of Communion can mean for us.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

Marcia Brubaker

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ~Behnke

*Gott ist die Liebe* ~Behnke

*Laus Regis* ~Weber

### Welcome

Justine Unruh

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

#### Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

based on Proverbs 3:5-8

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

**People: We come to rest.**

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

**People: We come to learn.**

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

**People: We come to be fed.**

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

**People: We come to pray.**

Leader: Some of us are broken.

**People: We come to be healed.**

Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.

**People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.**

**All: Grant us your peace. Amen.**

#### \*Gathering Hymns

*Together*

VT 389

*All Who Are Thirsty*

VT 49

#### Children's Story

Kyle Unruh

#### Worship Music

*Blessed Are the Peacemakers*

Chancel Choir

~Anne Krentz Organ

#### Morning Prayer

Pastor Luann Yutzky

## Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Jesus Loves Me* ~Bober

Marcia Brubaker

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Lois Harder

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:17-30

Megan Duerksen

Message

*Finding Jesus in the ordinary*

Pastor Lois

Song of Response

VT 460 (tune of 182)

*From North and South, from East and West*

## COMING TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Words of Invitation

Sharing God's Bounty

Prayer of Thanksgiving

VT 945

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Song of Sending

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

VT 812

\*Benediction

VT 946

Pastor Lois

\*Postlude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ~Rinck

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.

+ This series has utilized denominational curriculum.

**Greeters:** North – Brian and Nancy Stucky

South – Arlie and Kay Schroeder

**Organ/Piano:** Marcia Brubaker

**Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director:** Renae Peters

**Visual Arts:** Jenny Fast and Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Kim Voth, Celia Peters

**Worship Technology:** Steve Unruh, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

**February 9 Attendance:** Sunday School – 94; Worship -- 126 in person; 14 Zoom Households

**February 9 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$18.91; First Fruits -- \$4,303.00

**Next Sunday is Pastor Luann's last Sunday with us. She will preach on rootedness in dry times** from Psalm 1 and from the Sermon on the Mount in Luke 2:17-26. What wisdom can we glean from these scriptures in helping us stay grounded and active in chaotic times? There will be a potluck meal after the service to share and celebrate with Pastors Luann and Robert.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We hold Steve and Sandy Banman in prayer as they're in Phoenix, learning about whether Steve qualifies to participate in the clinical trial.

- ❖ We pray for Pastor Luann as she wraps up her transitional work here and takes some sabbatical time. Thank you, God, for her gifts and the ways she has shared them with us.
- ❖ We pray for our leaders – local, national and global.
- ❖ We pray for church leaders – local, denominational and global.

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, February 16**

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship with Communion

### **Monday, February 17**

- 5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

### **Tuesday, February 18**

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting
- 5:00 pm – Board of Worship
- 5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

### **Wednesday, February 19**

- 5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Served
- Midweek Activities

### **Thursday, February 20**

- 9:30 am – Daughters of Grace Exec.
- 7:30 pm – Safe Sanctuary Committee, Conference Room

### **Friday, February 21**

- 10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Jerry & Leann Toews as guests
- 3:00 pm – Kansas Food Bank food distribution at New Life Church

### **Sunday, February 23**

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship
- Noon Potluck Meal – Pastor Luann’s final Sunday at AMC

## COMING EVENTS

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| Mar 1     | Comforter tying at Tabor Church, 1-5 pm                      |
| Mar 4     | HS Youth Fundraiser 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

**You are invited to join us for the Sunday School hour today (February 16).** Gary Martin, Alaska MDS Unit Chairperson, will be sharing in the Fellowship Hall. Gary is Brendon Nafziger’s cousin and is in Kansas for the annual MDS meetings this weekend and is excited to share about what MDS is doing in the “far reaching” areas of the country.

**Don't miss Senior Coffee this Friday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m.** with Jerry and Leann Toews. They'll show photos and tell about their experiences on the African continent with an MCC Learning Tour.

**Come join members of the New Life Church and Outreach Center for the February Kansas Food Bank produce distribution** on February 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Area-Wide Jr. High Activities Fundraiser will be held on March 9 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** at the Goessel High School cafeteria. On the menu: chili, cinnamon rolls, relishes, tea/water. Donations will be accepted.

**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.

**Tabor Mennonite Women will be tying comforters on March 1 from 1-5 pm** and you are invited to join us. Come for all or part of the afternoon. MCC has set a goal of 7000 comforters by the end of March for 'The Great Winter Warm Up'. Let's see how many comforters we can tie to help meet the goal!.