# **Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church**

#### Volume LXXI



#### Welcome to worship here at Alexanderwohl!

Today is Pastor Luann's last Sunday and she will preach on rootedness in dry times from Psalm 1 and from the Sermon on the Mount in Luke 6:17-26. What wisdom can we glean from these scriptures in helping us stay grounded and active in chaotic times?

# GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music** 

Welcome

Assurance ~arr. Beck Prelude on "Foundation" ~Cobb Mary Schmidt

VT 563

No. 8

Denise Duerksen

# Opportunities for Celebration and Service Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

Leader: With thankful hearts, we gather for worship.

People: We give thanks for God's steadfast love

turning parched lands into springs of water.

- Leader: Lord of life, all our longings are known to you:
- People: Send our roots rain:
  - All: refresh us and make us whole.
- \*Gathering Hymn Come, Thou Fount

\*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Story

Worship Music

**Morning Prayer** 

# Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Mary Schmidt Meditation on My Faith Looks Up to Thee ~Callahan

Pastor Lois

Bonnie Gaeddert

SonShine Singers

Pastor Lois Harder

# **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading	Psalm 1 and Luke 6:17-26	Denise Duerksen
Message	Real life	Pastor Luann Yutzy
Song of Response	Could It Be That God Is Singing	VT 42

**Farewell Litany** Heidi Regier Kreider, WDC Conference Minister **Congregation:** Luann. God has blessed us richly through your ministry. We give thanks for your wisdom and leadership during this season of our congregational life, and we acknowledge that the time has come to say farewell. We now release you from your pastoral responsibilities and relationships among us, and bless you as you move on in your life journey.

# SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Song of Sending Guide My Feet VT 816 Pastor Luann O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~Page Mary Schmidt + 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 – Carol and Donley Duerksen South – Duane and Karen Unruh Organ/Piano: Marv Schmidt Song Leader: Braden Unruh SonShine Singers Leaders: Bryant & Chrystiana Miller, Kyle & Justine Unruh Visual Arts: Pastor Luann Yutzy Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth February 16 Attendance: Sunday School – 89; Worship -- 131 in person; 15 Zoom Households February 16 Offering: Sunday School -- \$59.10: First Fruits -- \$11.673.67

Next Sunday Ken Rodgers will be join us, talking about "The Sin of Omission." He will share his journey with dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery in relation to his family and their farm.

# Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- We continue to pray for Steve and Sandy Banman during their time at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. Steve took the second dose of the trial drug on Wednesday and now they wait to see how his body will respond. His next appointment there is on Monday. Cards can be sent to: Steve & Sandy Banman, Help In Healing Home, 5811 E.Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85054.
- We pray God's blessings on Pastors Luann and Robert as they begin a time of sabbatical. There will be time with family and friends, time for refreshment and rejuvenation, time to listen and seek God's guidance. May they know God's peace.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

Nursery Staff: Chrystiana Miller and Jayley Schmidt

- We are grateful, God, that you have created within our minds and bodies remarkable power to heal; be with those we know and love who are healing. Thank you also for those whose expertise and education also helps us in the healing process.
- We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the "Know Jesus" area-wide Jr Hi youth event that took place at Hesston College this weekend. Myra Peters participated, joining the Tabor Church group. Thank you, God, for this ministry!
- O God, as we watch and consider all that is happening in the world and all around us, help us to be attentive, thoughtful, wise and faithful to Jesus' life and teachings. May we open our hearts and minds to the guidance and encouragement of your Holy Spirit.

# THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, February 23

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

Noon Potluck Meal - Pastor Luann's final Sunday at AMC

#### Monday, February 24

4:00 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room

5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

# Tuesday, February 25

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, February 26

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Served

Midweek Activities

#### Friday, February 28

10:00 am - Senior Coffee with Jerry & Leann Toews as guests

#### Saturday, March 1

1:00-5:00 pm – Comforter tying at Tabor Church

# Sunday, March 2

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

1:00 pm - Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois leading

# **COMING EVENTS**

- Mar 4 HS Youth Fundraiser Meal Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- 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
- June 2-6 VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome a lovely and thoughtful piece of artwork created by Cambry Duerksen entitled, "Letters of the Anabaptists". It's hanging at the back of the sanctuary to be viewed, studied and appreciated. Thank you, Cambry!

**Don't miss Senior Coffee this Friday, February 28, 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.

**Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner, March 4 from 6-8 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Not sure what Fat Tuesday is? We're not either, but it sounds fun to find out and enjoy pancakes and German sausage! (Hint: It's also called Shrove Tuesday and it has something to do with being shriven before the start of Lent.) Suggested donation is \$8/plate and the money will go to support the youth group's service trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp this summer.

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.

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!.

Thank you for your attendance and generosity at our pizza fundraiser meal on February 5! Donations of approximately \$1,200 were received on behalf of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum. We appreciated this opportunity to fellowship with you and are deeply grateful for the ways Alexanderwohl partners with us both financially and through the time and talents of volunteers that serve in many ways. ~Aileen Esau, Treasurer