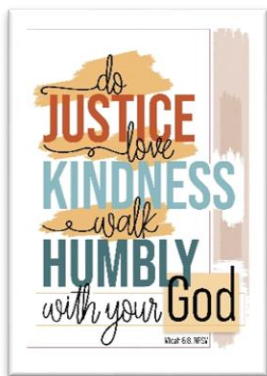


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Today we welcome Ken Rodgers as he shares about his journey with dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery in relation to his family and their farm.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Morning Has Broken* ~Callahan Marcia Brubaker
 By the Babylonian Rivers ~Kerr
 Earth and All Stars! ~Hobby

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship + Psalm 146 from *the Peace Table*

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will sing and praise God my whole life.

Leader: Do not trust in princes and leaders.

People: They cannot save you. Their plans die with them.

Leader: Happy are those who hope in the Lord, the great Creator of heaven and earth,

People: for the Lord is always faithful.

Leader: God makes things right for those who are mistreated

People: and gives food to people who are hungry.

Leader: God sets prisoners free

People: and gives sight to those who cannot see.

Leader: God lifts up people who feel the weight of the world

People: and loves when people do what is right.

Leader: God watches over foreigners

People: and cares for orphans and widows.

All: The Lord reigns forever, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

***Gathering Hymns** *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120
 Ehane he'ama VT 59

Children's Story Aileen Esau

Worship Music *Servants of Peace* ~Quinn/Scott Chancel Choir

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

God of the Sparrow –Kerr

Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication**

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading Psalm 137; Hebrews 11:1-3; Hebrews 12:14-15

Message

Ken Rodgers

The Sins of Omission and the Journey of Pursuing Peace

Song of Response

Touch the Earth Lightly

VT 145

Peace Prayer

Rosi Reimer

SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending**

Beloved, God’s Chosen

VT 164

***Benediction**

Pastor Lois

***Postlude**

All Creatures of Our God and King

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 – Delbert and Janine Peters

South – Larry Voth

Organ/Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Schmidt Peters

Visual Arts: Ken Rodgers and Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Brittany Hiebert and Delaney Duerksen

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

February 23 Attendance: Sunday School – 102; Worship -- 140 in person;
16 Zoom Households

February 23 Offering: Sunday School -- \$20.05; First Fruits -- \$2,136.00

Next Sunday Pastor Lois will bring the message as we enter the season of Lent. The Lenten theme is “Christ Collides”. The text is Luke 10:25-42 and we’ll think about ways that Christ collides with our biases.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Brian Burkholder and the family as they grieve the loss and celebrate the life of Brian’s father, Glenn. He suffered a heart attack and passed away on Wednesday morning. The family left for Alberta, Canada on Thursday. There is also gratitude that Glenn was able to be here for Caleb and Jayla’s wedding last weekend.
- ❖ We keep Steve and Sandy Banman in our prayers as they remain at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. They’ve asked us to pray that the medication will be effective and that the side effects will be manageable.

- ❖ We pray for Ronda Lee as she travels to Austin, TX to be with her son. They are trying to discern next best steps for him as he struggles with long covid.
- ❖ As we enter the season of Lent may we humble and open ourselves to your transformation, God.
- ❖ O God, we seek your Spirit's strength and guidance as we strive to be faithful followers of Jesus and stay focused on him.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 2

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship
- 1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois leading

Tuesday, March 4

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting
- 6:00–8:00 pm – Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner – fundraiser for the youth, an opportunity to learn about this day that leads us into Lent. (Tina has put together a cool powerpoint to be shown during the meal!)

Wednesday, March 5

- 5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal Served
- 6:45-7:15 pm – Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary
- Midweek Activities
- 7:30 pm – Board of Trustees

Sunday, March 9

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship
- The March 9 Fundraising meal to support the Community Junior High ministries has been cancelled

COMING EVENTS

- Mar 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar 12 Final Midweek session
- Mar 21 Senior Coffee with Kris Schmucker
- Mar 29 Menn Heritage & Ag Museum's Heritage Dinner
- 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

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.

Don't miss Travis Duerksen's article called "Passion for service gave life new perspective" about Arlin and Maretta Buller's MVS experiences in 1966-68. The article is on the south bulletin board. Other articles about the significance of doing service are in the most recent issue of Mennonite Mission Network's publication, *Beyond*.

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!

Address for Steve & Sandy until mid-April:

Steve & Sandy Banman
Help In Healing Home
5811 E.Mayo Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 85054

There are 2025 Lent at Home Worship Guides available in the lobbies.

Thank you to all of you for a "good goodbye" last Sunday with the service, potluck, cards and the cottonwood gift. It was a meaningful morning!
~Pastor Luann

Save the date for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual Heritage Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on March 29 at Tabor Mennonite Church. Our program this year will feature Donna Becker. Her presentation will focus on the voice of a fictionalized Mennonite immigrant woman around 1879. A delicious dinner will be catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Ticket prices are \$75 per adult, \$15 for ages 12 and under, and first-time attendees are only \$40 per person. To make reservations, please contact the museum by Monday, March 24, by calling 620-367-8200 or email: goesselmuseum@gmail.com. The Heritage Dinner is a fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.