

Lighting the Christ Candle / Peace Prayer

Travis Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus and Luka

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *As With Gladness Men of Old* ~Leavitt Jared Janzen
***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading John 1:35-51 CEB Brendon Nafziger

Hymn of Response *Come and See* VT 282

Message *Come and See!* Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *Will You Come and Follow Me* VT 540

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** *Let Our Gladness Have No End* ~Langlois Jared Janzen

*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.

Advent/Epiphany Worship Resources from *Leader* magazine.

Greeters: North – Sandy Duerksen

South – Tina and Ben Schrag

Organ / Piano: Jared Janzen

Song Leader: Braden Unruh

Visual Arts: Janice Voth

Nursery Staff: Brittany Hiebert, Delaney Duerksen

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

December 28 Attendance: Sunday School – 73; Worship -- 103 in person;
14 Zoom Households

December 28 Offering: Sunday School -- \$15.16; First Fruits -- \$6,186.83

Next Sunday – We'll celebrate an official welcome to Pastor Chris! Chris will be installed by Western District Conference Pastor Heidi Regier Kreider. There will be a potluck meal following the service. Chris will bring the message that morning from John 2:1-11. Pastors Chris and Lois will follow the Narrative Lectionary through Easter, preaching from the Gospel of John. Greeters are ElRoy and Loretta Wiens and Rick and Sheryl Duerksen.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

❖ We're grateful God, for the year that has passed and the new year that has just begun. We seek your continued guidance and grace in the

weeks and months to come. May we be faithful, wise and loving as we try to follow Jesus every day.

- ❖ We pray for students, teachers and all who are heading back to school this week after the break. May they be energized and ready to tackle another semester of learning, growing and maturing in the gifts you've given to each one.
- ❖ We pray for those in the midst of illness, medical testing or treatment. Grant your comfort and healing.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 4

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

Monday, January 5

Church Offices Closed
 5:00 pm – Board of Worship, Conference Room
 6:30 pm – Board of Christian Education, Chapel
 7:00 pm – Safe Church Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, January 6

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 7

5:45 pm – Midweek Fellowship Meal
 Midweek Activities Resume

Sunday, January 11

9:30 am – Sunday School
 10:30 am – Worship with Installation of Pastor Chris Weaver
 Noon Potluck Meal

COMING EVENTS

2026

Jan 9	Annual Reports due in the church office
Jan 16	Senior Coffee with Kate Mast
Jan 18-20	Serve at New Hope Shelter
Jan 25	2026 Spending Plan Q & A during Sunday School
Jan 25	Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum's Annual Meeting, 2:00 pm
Feb 1	Annual Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please help us welcome Chris Weaver and his family to AMC! Heidi Regier Kreider will be here to install Chris as our co-pastor on January 11. There will be a potluck meal following the church service. Families are encouraged to bring a main dish and side/dessert, while singles are encouraged to bring a side dish to share.

Thank you to everyone for participating in our brief congregational meeting last week. All of the names were unanimously affirmed. John Fast and Linda Peters, Co-Chairs

Remember to use Instant Church Directory to look up congregants birthdays and anniversaries! It's always as close as your phone!

Our children need a few more Sunday school teachers! And the teachers need a few more helpers! If you would be willing to take a turn teaching and/or helping once or twice a month please let Sheryl Duerksen, Maryanne Esau, Alma Unrau or Ann Hiebert know. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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.

Alexanderwohl MDS opportunity -- Last fall I reserved 10 volunteer spots for our church for a one week MDS service project in Conroe, TX for the week of March 15-21, 2026. Currently, there are only three spots remaining. Please contact me as soon as possible for more details if you are interested in participating in this opportunity. Dwight M. Flaming

Share gifts that share joy! This Christmas/Epiphany season, we have the opportunity to give to MCC and make a difference for families around the world. Just take an ornament and give a gift. Today is the last opportunity to take an ornament from the trees in either lobby . Ask Tina Schrag if you have questions.

Ron Krehbiel's Celebration of Life Service will be held on January 31, at 10:30 a.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Soil and the Seed Project booklets are available on the tables in the lobbies. This useful resource covers Advent, Christmas, Lent, Pentecost and Ordinary Time. Pick one up today.