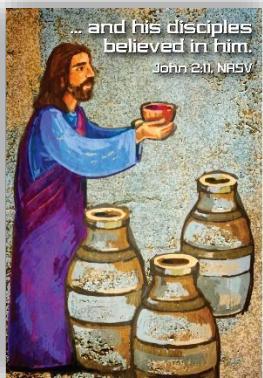


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl on this second Sunday of the new year! Today we will participate in the installation of a new pastor to fill out the pastoral team.

Additionally, we'll spend some time in God's Word focusing on Jesus and his friends at a wedding party where things go wrong...before they go very, very right!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Gather Us In ~Behnke

Karen Unruh

God of Grace and God of Glory ~Manz

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ~Burkhardt

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

from *Words for Worship*

Leader: Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forever

People: For God has anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power,

Leader: to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim freedom for the captives,

People: to release the oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Leader: At Jesus' baptism, God confirmed,
"This is my Son, whom I love;
with whom I am well pleased."

People: Let us praise God
that Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness,
that we are buried with Christ in baptism,
that we will be united with Christ in the resurrection.
Amen!

*Hymns of Praise

Here in This Place

VT 10

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

VT 57

Children's Story

Julianna Kaufman

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving
Offertory Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee ~Manz Karen Unruh
*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Lois

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL / HEARING GOD'S WORD

Service of Installation / Recognition of Ordination Heidi Regier Kreider
Congregational Response VT 967
Worship Music *Take My Life, and Let It Be* VT 759
Scripture Reading John 2:1-11 CEB Levi Schrag
Hymn of Response *My Love Colors Outside the Lines* VT 582
Quartet: Julianna Kaufman, Megan Duerksen, Kyle Unruh, Levi Schrag
Guitar: Kevin Gaeddert

Message *The Good Stuff* Pastor Chris Weaver

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song** *For We Are Strangers No More* VT 409
***Benediction** Pastor Chris
***Postlude** *A Rejoicing* ~Fedak 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 – EIRoy and Loretta Wiens
South – Rick and Sheryl Duerksen

Organ / Piano: Karen Unruh

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Maryanne Esau, Myra Peters
(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

January 4 Attendance: Sunday School – 104; Worship -- 142 in person; 8 Zoom Households

January 4 Offering: Sunday School -- \$76.25; First Fruits -- \$8,315.37

Next Sunday – Pastor Lois will preach from John 2:13-25 – the story of Jesus cleansing the temple. Greeters are Elaine Banman and Matthew and Laura Voth.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

❖ As the daylight hours slowly and almost unnoticeably begin to lengthen, God, may your light of love and hope grow in us as well. Brighten our hearts through these colder days of winter, O God.

- ❖ We pray for those who go and have gone out from this church to try to understand, and to work to alleviate poverty, racism, and many other “ism’s”. We pray for Seth and Stephany Rudeen, Elizabeth Smucker and Nathan Hueu who’ve just returned from visiting Seth and Steph. We pray for those who are volunteering their time and providing meals at New Hope Shelter this week.
- ❖ We offer in prayer the escalating tensions between ICE agents and the citizens of Minneapolis who are resisting their work.
- ❖ We pray for the people of Venezuela as they grapple with realities of US involvement.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 11

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship with Installation of Pastor Chris Weaver

Noon Potluck Meal

Monday, January 12

Church Offices Closed

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, January 13

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

5:45 pm – Midweek Fellowship Meal

Midweek Activities

Friday, January 16

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Kate Mast

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

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 AMC Annual Meeting following worship and light lunch

Feb 16 Youth Fundraiser – Fat Tuesday Sausage & Pancake Supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office will be closed on Monday

Pastor Chris: M-Th 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

Pastor Lois: M 1-4, Tues & Fri 9-5, W 1-8, Th 12-5

Thank you to Anita Boese for creating visual arts displays for worship services for many years! She has given leadership to the Visual Arts Committee for most of her tenure on the committee. Her eye for beauty and artistic details have been a gift to the congregation.

Kate Mast will be our Senior Coffee guest at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16. Formerly the Work Room coordinator at MCC Central States, Kate has married, moved to Wichita and started a new business called "Soft Spaces". She is a "clean-out coach" and will talk about ways that different generations think about "stuff" and what to do with it. Please join us!

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.

If you would like a printed paper copy of the 2025 annual reports, please sign up in either lobby by Sunday, January 18, 2026. Reports will be emailed to those who have email.

Alexanderwohl MDS opportunity -- There is one spot remaining on the MDS service project in Conroe, TX the week of March 15-21, 2026. Please contact Dwight M. Flaming as soon as possible for more details.

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

The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum plans to have its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Kris Schmucker will give a presentation of the three-room wood house moved from one mile east of Goessel to the grounds of Kauffman Museum in 1974. The Voth-Unruh-Fast house is the story of a family and a story of preservation. Kris is a member of the MH&AM board and the collections manager for Kauffman Museum. Come early to purchase or renew your annual membership to the Museum. Traditional "Faspa" to follow.