

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we hear the familiar story of the Samaritan woman at the well...Jesus breaks down a multitude of cultural and religious barriers to engage with her showing, once again, that Love wins.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

Mary Schmidt

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* ~arr. Page

*Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal* ~arr. Martin

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* ~arr. Page

### Welcome

Eric Schrag

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

### Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

*Sing the Story* 143 (adapted)

Leader: Holy One, untamed by the names we give you,

People: in the silence name us,

Leader: that we may know who we are, hear the truth you have put into us,

People: trust the love you have for us, which you call us to live out

All: with our sisters and brothers in your human family. Amen.

### \*Gathering Hymns

*God, Be the Love*

VT 43

*With Water Freely Flowing*

VT 452

### Children's Story

Aileen Esau

### Morning Prayer

Pastor Chris Weaver

### Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *At the Name of Jesus* ~arr. Wagner

Mary Schmidt

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Chris

### Worship Music / Peace Prayer

Chancel Choir

*Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace* ~Z. Randall Stroope

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### New Testament Reading

John 4:1-42 CEB

Judy Goertzen

**Choral Response** *There Is a Well* ~Tom Conry (SS 64) Chancel Choir  
**Message** Pastor Lois Harder  
*A vulnerable woman drinking from a Deep Well*

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*Song of Sending** *Hope of Abraham and Sarah* VT 807

**\*Benediction** Pastor Lois

**\*Postlude** Mary Schmidt

\*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 – Duane and Agatha Duerksen

South – Jared and Laura Unruh

**Organ / Piano:** Mary Schmidt

**Song Leader:** Julianna Kaufman

**Visual Arts:** Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Tina Schrag and Levi Schrag

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

**Worship Technology:** DJ Flaming, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

**January 25 Attendance:** Worship – 60+ Zoom Households

**January 25 Offering:** First Fruits -- \$1,043.83

**Next Sunday – Pastor Chris will preach from John 4:46-54 – Jesus' second miracle in Galilee.** Greeters are Radene Unruh and Duane and Karen Unruh.

## Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We continue to pray for those who are peacefully making their voices heard as they advocate for those with no voice.
- ❖ We pray for D. John Schroeder and his family as they grieve the loss and celebrate the life of his twin, D. James. May The Spirit of comfort and peace be present with them.
- ❖ We pray for Merlin Hiebert as he is a patient at St. Francis Hospital awaiting a procedure on Monday.
- ❖ In the words of Harry Emerson Fosdick, "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days", O God. (VT 716)

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, February 1

9:30 am – Sunday School -- 2026 Spending Plan Q & A

10:30 am – Worship

Light lunch served followed by annual meeting

### Monday, February 2

5:15 pm – Board of Worship

6:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

### **Tuesday, February 3**

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 4**

5:45 pm – Midweek Fellowship Meal – Fundraiser for Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum

Midweek Activities – Service Night for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

7:00 pm – Board of Trustees

### **Saturday, February 7**

9:30 am – 4:00 pm – Comforter tying at Tabor Church Hospitality Hall

2:30 pm – Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum's annual meeting

### **Sunday, February 8**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois and Pastor Chris

Youth Super Bowl Party with Tabor Youth at Goessel Community Room

Friends and Followers Super Bowl Party, Fellowship Hall

## **COMING EVENTS**

Feb 9        Goessel Community Blood Drive

Feb 11      Gr 1-5 Midweek Field Trip to MCC Center

Feb 15      Blind Date with a Book, sponsored by the Library committee

Feb 16      Youth Fundraiser – Fat Tuesday Sausage & Pancake Supper

Feb 18      Ash Wednesday service

Feb 20      Senior Coffee with Hannah Reynolds, Limestone Floral

Feb 22      Youth Sunday

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Office - Closed on Monday**

**Pastor Chris: Mon-Thurs 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.**

**Pastor Lois: Mon 1-4, Tues & Fri 9-5, Wed 1-8, Thurs 12-5**

**The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 7, at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Alexanderwohl.**

**The church library committee will be hosting Blind Date with a Book again this year! Join us for a book party in the fellowship hall on February 15 at 3 pm to pick your "date" from a selection of book "profiles". Enjoy book reviews and snacks, then take your chosen book home. You might just find your new favorite read! Please sign up by February 8 at one of the library tables in either foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Unrau or Sandy Duerksen.**

**Please join the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's board and staff for a fundraiser meal on Wednesday, February 4, from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Along with Menno Bros. pizza, there will be fresh tossed salad, delicious cookies, and, of course, your good company!**

Your donations will be gratefully accepted and used for our general operating budget.

**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.**

**Have you returned the membership letter you received at the end of December from the Board of Deacons?** If not, please do so as soon as possible. There are extra copies in each lobby and boxes to put your responses in. Thank you!

**All are invited to come to a Comforter Tying Day on Saturday, February 7, 9:30am - 4pm in the Tabor Church Hospitality Hall.** Come for the morning, afternoon, or all day! If you come for the day, bring a sack lunch. Let's see how many comforters we can make to help MCC meet their goal of 10,000 comforters for relief by the end of March!

**Blood Drive: Make a difference by donating blood on February 9, between 1:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church.** Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to donate a single or double unit. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.