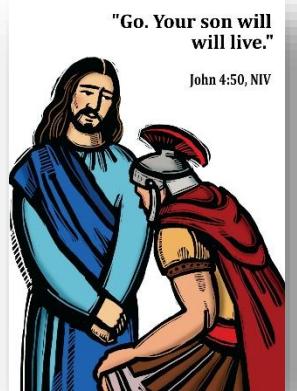


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Today we'll focus on Jesus' second miracle or "sign" as John calls them, where a Roman official comes from a distance to ask Jesus to come heal his deathly ill child. Jesus, however, does not return with him. It was a long way home for this man. What will he find when he gets there?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music	<i>Prelude and Fugue IV</i> ~Bach	Jared Janzen
Welcome		EIRoy Wiens
Opportunities for Celebration and Service		
Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +		<i>Words for Worship</i> 98
Leader:	Praise the Lord, who does not hide when we seek his face.	
People:	Praise the Lord, who hears our cry and answers when we call.	
Leader:	The Lord does not turn away in anger but helps us in our distress.	
People:	The Lord our God and Savior never rejects or forsakes us.	
Leader:	The Lord protects us from oppressors who threaten us with lies and violence.	
<i>All: We walk in confidence; our Lord is strong.</i>		
*Hymns of Praise	<i>Christ Is Our Cornerstone</i> <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	VT 4 VT 88
Children's Story		Ann Hiebert
Worship Music	<i>All Hail the Power</i> ~arr. Curnow	Mary Schmidt, violin Karen Unruh, accompanist
Morning Prayer		Pastor Lois Harder
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
Offertory	<i>Nearer My God to Thee</i> ~Gordon Young	Jared Janzen
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Lois
Commissioning for Ministry		James and Ly Klassen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Drama	Celia Peters and Nathaniel Schmucker
Scripture Reading	John 4:46-54 CEB
Hymn of Response	<i>We Praise the Word of God</i>
Message	<i>Belief and Certainty</i> Pastor Chris Weaver

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Sending Song	<i>Sing a New World into Being</i>	VT 809
*Benediction		Pastor Chris
*Postlude	<i>Gigue</i> ~Douglas Wagner	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.

Greeters: North – Radene Unruh

South – Duane and Karen Unruh

Organ / Piano: Jared Janzen

Song Leader: Julianna Kaufman

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Aileen Esau and Cambry Duerksen

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

February 1 Attendance: Sunday School – 101; Worship -- 139 in person;
16 Zoom Households

February 1 Offering: Sunday School -- \$56.24; First Fruits -- \$7,643.75

Next Sunday – Pastor Lois will bring the message from John 9 – Jesus heals the blind man in the midst of the question, “Who sinned ...this man or his parents?” Greeters are Brian and Nancy Stucky and Arlie and Kay Schroeder.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We give thanks for Dwight and Tammy Flaming and the MDS group who are in Lahaina, Maui where they will spend two weeks working on housing projects there. Be with them as they work, get to know others and relax together.
- ❖ We continue to keep Merlin Hiebert in our prayers as he recuperates in the Ascension Via Christi Rehab Hospital in Wichita.
- ❖ We pray for Dennis and Norma Duerksen as they both adjust to Dennis' move to Bethesda this past Tuesday.
- ❖ O God, we continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for the leaders of the world particularly now, in light of the expiration of the START treaty between Russia and the U.S.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 8

9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois and Pastor Chris
5:00 pm -- Youth Super Bowl Party with Tabor Youth at Goessel Community Room
5:00 pm -- Friends and Followers Super Bowl Party, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 9

1:00-6:00 pm – Goessel Community Blood Drive
4:00 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room
5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service
7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, February 10

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

5:45 pm – Midweek Fellowship Meal
Midweek Activities – 1st – 5th Grades Field Trip to MCC

Sunday, February 15

9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
3:00 pm – Blind Date with a Book, Fellowship Hall

COMING EVENTS

Feb 16 Youth Fundraiser – Fat Tuesday Sausage & Pancake Supper
Feb 18 Ash Wednesday service
Feb 20 Senior Coffee with Hannah Reynolds, Limestone Floral
Feb 20 Assist with food distribution at New Life Church & Resource Center in Wichita (sponsored by Board of Mission & Service)
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

On behalf of the Church Council, we would like to thank all those who participated in the Annual Meeting last Sunday. The 2026 Spending Plan was approved with 73 Yes votes and 1 No vote. In addition, Duane Unruh was affirmed to serve on the Board of Trustees. ~John Fast and Linda Peters, Co Chairs

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 TODAY (February 8) at one of the library tables in either foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Unruh or Sandy Duerksen.

Fat Tuesday Pancake & Sausage supper on MONDAY, February 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall! Come out to support the high school youth group at the annual pancake and sausage supper! Suggested donation is \$8 per plate for pancakes, German sausage, rosy applesauce, orange juice and coffee. This fundraiser will help support the youth as they serve with MDS on their service trip this summer. Join us and let the youth cook for you!

Library and Kitchen Sale at the Youth Pancake Supper on February 16.

Items are "free" for the taking with a donation. The library has discarded outdated fiction books to make more room for new books. In the kitchen, unused items have been removed to allow for rearranged storage. Donations go towards new library books and to the Daughters of Grace. Items will be available in the fellowship hall through Sunday, February 22.

Hannah Reynolds, owner of Limestone Floral in Newton will be our presenter for Sr. Coffee on Friday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. She'll bring flowers and offer a demonstration on flower arranging and design. Her presentation will also include some photos on the big screens. Join us for an engaging session about flower arranging and local business ownership!

The Board of Mission and Service is again assisting New Life Church and Resource Center in Wichita with their food distribution on Friday, February 20 from 3:45 to 5:30. New Life receives a semi truck load of produce from area stores to distribute to families in need. We provide 7-8 volunteers to assist with this task. Sign up on the bulletin board in the south lobby. Carpooling is available.

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!

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 to donate a single or double unit. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.