

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Christ! It's Mary Magdalene, alone in the early morning garden, who first discovers the empty tomb in John's gospel. Death has been defeated. Jesus lives! Is this reality still dawning in your life today?

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

*Easter Quartets - 'Easter Hymn', 'Truro', and 'Judas Maccabeus'*

~arr. J. Hilfiger

Gabriel's Trumpets

### Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

### Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

from *The Leader*

One: Listen. Do you hear it?

**All: The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.**

One: Listen! It sounds like harmony.

**All: Angels singing.**

One: Why are you weeping? For the grief? For the beauty?

**All: Jesus is risen!**

One: Yes! And creation sings it. Yesterday's tears linger, as they must,

**All: but love is stronger than death.**

One: Do you believe this? Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

**All: Our names – each one.**

One: Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

**All: It is the sound of resurrection.**

One: Let us worship the Risen One!

### \*Hymns of Praise

*Low in the Grave He Lay*  
*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

VT 333

VT 346

### Children's Story

Pastor Chris Weaver

### Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings** First Fruits Giving  
**Offertory** *Thine Be the Glory* ~arr. Chidester Gabriel's Trumpets  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading** John 20:1-18 CEB Nancy Stucky  
**Reader's Theatre**  
**Hymn of Response** *In the Garden* Public Domain  
**Message** *Faith Resurrected* Pastor Chris

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*Sending Song** *Lift Your Glad Voices* VT 340  
**\*Benediction** Pastor Chris  
**\*Postlude** *Alleluia, Alleluia* ~Beethoven, arr. Chidester Gabriel's Trumpets

\*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 – Travis Duerksen and Erica Stoltzfus  
South – Ann Hiebert and Cindy Hastings

**Organ / Piano:** Karen Unruh

**Song Leader:** Kyle Unruh

**Gabriel's Trumpets:** Arlin Buller, Carson Golden, Eric Schrag, Jacob Schrag, Braden Unruh, Kyle Unruh

**Visual Arts:** Janice Voth

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

**Worship Technology:** DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

**March 29 Attendance:** Sunday School – 115; Worship -- 150 in person;  
12 Zoom Households

**March 29 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$17.75 First Fruits -- \$2,692.13

**Next Sunday – April 12** Pastor Chris will introduce a 9-week sermon series on the Prophets. We will be using Richard Rohr's *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* as a resource and framework. You are welcome to purchase and read the book along with the series! You'll want to read the introduction in preparation for next Sunday. Greeters are Dwight and Tammy Flaming and Jeremy and Maggie Schroeder.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ Thank you God, for the gift of resurrection faith this Easter Sunday!
- ❖ We pray for our life and witness as a faith community. May we be ever-growing and expanding in faith and understanding, forgiving of ourselves and others, and genuine in our welcome of those around us.

- ❖ We pray for relief of pain and for steady healing for Janine Peters as she recovers from a fall.
- ❖ We remember your children around the world who are affected in so many ways by natural disasters, by political unrest and war. We pray for peace, O God.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, April 5 -- Easter**

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Easter egg hunt for all children and youth
- 10:30 am – Worship

### **Monday, April 6**

- 1:00-6:00 pm – Goessel Community Blood Drive
- 4:00 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room
- 5:15 pm – Board of Worship, Conference Room
- 6:30 pm – Board of Christian Education, Chapel

### **Tuesday, April 7**

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting
- 4:30 pm – Peace Committee, Conference Room

### **Wednesday, April 8**

- 6:45 pm – Youth meet
- 7:00 pm – Board of Trustees
- 7:00-7:45 pm – Chancel Choir

### **Sunday, April 12**

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship

## **COMING EVENTS**

- Apr 10-11 Kansas MCC Sale in Hutchinson
- Apr 12 KMMC Concert at Memorial Hall, Bethel College, 4:30 pm
- Apr 17 Senior Coffee with Jim Grawe, Executive Producer at PBS Kansas (KPTS)
- Apr 18 KMMC Concert at Richert Auditorium, Tabor College, 4:30 pm
- Apr 26 Menn Heritage & Ag Museum's historic presentation on the Goessel Fire Department at Tabor Church, 3:00 pm
- Apr 29 Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper
- May 15 Senior Coffee – MDS Report from Conroe, TX
- May 20 VBS Staff Orientation at Tabor Church
- June 1-5 Vacation Bible School at Tabor Mennonite Church
- June 28-July 4 Youth Summer Service Project with MDS

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please note: All pies and baked goods for the MCC Sale should be at church (east door) by 8:00 pm Friday, April 10. Thank you!**

**Employment opportunity:** The trustees are accepting applications for a new Administrative Assistant at AMC to start working in mid-May. Please get more information and an application from Chelan Duerksen or Tina Schrag.

Please share this opportunity with others in your personal networks that could be interested, or give us names of people we can follow up with. Thank you!

**The Daughters of Grace spring salad supper will be Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Bring a salad to share and come enjoy a delightful program by Firebranch Farm owner Amanda Castro about her flower business and flower arranging. Sign up to attend on the forms in the church lobbies by April 26.

**Blood Drive: “Give Hope This Spring!” when you donate blood - April 6 between 12:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church.** Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

**Vacation Bible School:** Tabor and Alexanderwohl churches will be hosting VBS at Tabor the week of June 1-5 from 8:30-11:45am. The theme, #KidsConnect, includes activities that encourage children to connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages. We are looking for volunteers from both congregations to make this a wonderful experience! Please consider signing up to help using the link below or scan the QR code in the church email. Any questions can be directed to Eunice Nickel, Renae Peters, or Pam Abrahams.

[VBS Staff Sign-Up Link](#)



### **EASTER LILIES – In Memory Of...**

- ❖ **Steve Banman** – from Sandy Banman and family
- ❖ **Jerry Nofsinger (Lois’ father)** – from Lois Harder
- ❖ **Herb and Lilly Ann Neufeld and Milton and Linda Goertzen** –  
from Ruth and Myron Goertzen
- ❖ **Myron Hiebert, Arlin, Janora and Kenton Ratzlaff** –  
from the Ann Hiebert family