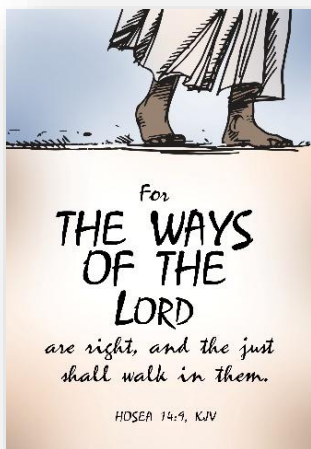


# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Today we continue our series on the Prophets. We'll learn more about Hosea and what God asked of him, as well as his responses. God longs for the well-being of all and coaches Hosea on how to trust God for the fulfillment of that longing.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* ~Behnke Karen Unruh  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies* ~Wood

**Welcome** Justine Unruh

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +** Psalm 33:1-5; 20-22 (adapted)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

**People: Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to God with the harp of ten strings.**

Leader: Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**People: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

**All: God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

Leader: Our souls wait for the Lord; God is our help and shield.

**People: Our hearts are glad in God because we trust in God's holy name.**

**All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

**Peace Prayer** Myra and Celia Peters

**\*Gathering Hymns** *Sword into a Plowshare* VT 798  
*Praise to the Living God* VT 204

**Children's Story** Julianna Kaufman

<b>Worship Music</b>	Greyson Voth and Eric Schrag
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Pastor Lois Harder
<b>Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings</b>	First Fruits Giving
<b>Offertory</b> <i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> ~Busarow	Karen Unruh
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>	VT 1022

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>Prophetic Reading</b>	Hosea 1:1-11; 14:1-9	Justine Unruh
<b>Hymn of Confession</b>	<i>Loving Spirit</i>	VT 697
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>God uses the remnant</i>	Pastor Lois

### SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

<b>*Song of Sending</b>	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	VT 419
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Lois
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Earth and All Stars</i> ~Leavitt	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 – Lynel and Vickie Unrau  
 South – DeAlan and Alma Unrau

**Organ / Piano:** Karen Unruh

**Guitar:** Jacob Schrag

**Song Leader:** Jacob Schrag

**Visual Arts:** Brianna Combs

**Nursery Staff:** Julianna Kaufman and Rosie Gaeddert  
 (nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

**Worship Technology:** DeAlan Unrau, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

**April 26 Attendance:** Sunday School – 74; Worship -- 113 in person;  
 13 Zoom Households

**April 26 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$101.62; First Fruits -- \$7,881.17

**Next Sunday – Pastor Chris will speak from Jeremiah, the Reluctant Prophet.** We'll see how his message of doom regarding the coming exile was received. Are there lessons here for us on how we can hold space for the future while we live fully in the present? We will also recognize our college graduates on this Mother's Day. Greeters are Delbert and Janine Peters and Duane and Agatha Duerksen.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

❖ O God, this past week we have witnessed blatant racism and hatred among some in the highest leadership positions of this country. We pray for repentance of sin, as a nation and as individual members within it.

- ❖ We continue to pray for the world and the leaders of all nations as wars continue to rage and ordinary people continue to suffer. Grant your wisdom, compassion, mercy and peace O God.
- ❖ We thank you, God, that Jim and Ly Klassen had many meaningful experiences and have returned safely from Viet Nam.
- ❖ We pray for those who are ill or recovering from illness and for those currently undergoing medical testing or treatments.
- ❖ We pray for those who are grieving losses, acknowledging that loss comes in many forms.

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, May 3**

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

### **Tuesday, May 5**

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

### **Thursday, May 7**

- 7:00 pm – Board of Trustees, Conference Room

### **Sunday, May 10**

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship – Recognize College Graduates

## COMING EVENTS

- May 15 Senior Coffee – MDS Report from Conroe, TX
- May 17 Recognize high school and 8th grade graduates
- May 20 VBS Staff Orientation at Tabor Church
- May 25 Church offices closed for Memorial Day
- June 1-5 Vacation Bible School at Tabor Mennonite Church
- June 5 MCC Sale Celebration – See announcement for details
- June 19 Senior Coffee with Jason Peters as presenter
- June 28-July 4 Youth Summer Service Project with MDS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Praise God for another day!** Thank you to all who prayed for us last Thursday when Jim had a stroke. It was by God's grace that it occurred at home and help came quickly. We are so thankful for the medical world that guided us through the journey. We're also thankful for our pastors' timely visits. Prayer truly changes things! ~Jim and Mary Schmidt

**New Life Church and Resource Center located in Wichita recently had 16 AC units vandalized on April 10.** This is the church some of us have recently helped with food distribution. You can see the news account on the KWCH website. Their insurance does not cover this as coverage was priced out of their reach. A Go Fund Me account has been set up at:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-new-life-church-after-devastating-theft?cdn-cache=0>

Anyone wishing to contribute or assist this congregation is welcome to do so.  
~Board of Mission and Service

**It's time to register for VBS!** Children who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2026 through current 5th graders are invited to attend. Scan the QR code to register your preschool-5th grader. Current 6th graders are invited to participate in a week of service projects during VBS and can fill out the VBS service project registration with the additional QR code. Please register your students NOW so we can best plan for the week. We hope to see you at **#KidsConnect** VBS this year!



VBS 2026  
Registration Form



6th grade VBS  
2026 Registration

**MCC Sale Celebration:** Join us for a special evening of fellowship and gratitude on Friday, June 5, 6:00 pm, at the Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen Farm, 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro, as we celebrate the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale! This celebration is a reflection on a very successful decade for KMRS. An Appreciation Dinner will be provided at no cost for all who volunteered, attended, and supported the Sale. Enjoy an evening of music and a special presentation to MCC. Please bring lawn chairs and RSVP to Barb at 620-543-6863 (call/text) or [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com) **by May 18.** We look forward to celebrating with you!

**Jerry Toews has recorded another CD of Old Time Gospel Tunes as well as Old Time Favorite Christmas Tunes you yearn to hear again.** ALL PROCEEDS go to KMRS (KS Mennonite Relief Sale). They are available in the church office -- \$20 donation—make check out to KMRS or cash.