

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Seek the Peace of the City



Welcome!

We are glad you are with us for worship! We have been exploring stories of migration in the Bible. The exile taught the Israelites that God is everywhere and that God can bless them in a foreign land. We are called to seek the peace of the place where we reside.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

DJ Freeman

Welcome

Pastor Linda Ewert

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers.)

Call to Worship

Pastor Linda

Leader: Behold! The God of Jacob and Leah brought Israel's children out of Egypt.

People: **Following God's promise of freedom, we also come from many lands.**

Leader: This God walked through exile with many faithful peoples

People: **From nation to nation, empire to empire, we turn our gaze to God's promises**

Leader: Jesus remains beside the sojourner and the refugee, providing their way.

People: **We care for the strangers because we once were strangers in this land.**

All: ***God's steadfast love strengthens us for the journey! Praise God, whose faithfulness endures forever.***

Invocation

Instrumental Call to Worship

Marcia Brubaker

I Sing the Mighty Power of God ~Kerr

***Hymn of Praise**

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

HWB 12

Morning Prayer

Linda Peters

Worship Music

"Filled With His Voice" ~Steve Danyew

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Psalm 74:1-9, 20-21
Psalm 137:1-4

Bryant and Chrystiana Miller

Hymn of Faith

O Thou, In Whose Presence

HWB 559

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

(On-line giving options are available at alexanderwohl.org)

Offertory *By the Babylonian Rivers* ~Kerr

Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Caleb Yoder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

(for children through grade 3)

Eric Schrag

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Bryant and Chrystiana Miller

Message

"Seeking the peace of your community"

Pastor Caleb

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending**

Come, Walk With Us

Hymnal pocket

***Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

***Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God ~Behnke

Marcia Brubaker

*All who are able are invited to stand.

HWB - *Hymnal A Worship Book* (Blue)

SWJ - *Sing With Joy* (Red)

TODAY

A Supervised Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under during worship. Attendants are Ann Hiebert and Elizabeth Schmucker.

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Adult SS: Radical Hospitality Class - Welcoming a Refugee Family in

Hesston, guest speakers, Michele Hershberger and Kendra Alison

5:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Goessel Elementary School

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ For family members of Gordon Waltner who passed away on Monday, November 6. Gordon's wife Pam is a sister to Paula Flaming. Gordon and Pam have two school-aged children. May God surround the Waltner and Flaming families with comfort and peace, while grieving this loss.
- ❖ For family members walking a long and hard journey with chronic health concerns. May God be at work healing and offering grace for each day.
- ❖ For a spirit of gratitude and caring at our Community Thanksgiving meal.
- ❖ For our Junior High youth as they learn about service through their Christmas giving project.
- ❖ For families of the church and community of Sutherland Springs, TX grieving after a deadly shooting massacre during a worship service. May God raise up workers of reconciliation and healing in our epidemic of gun violence.
- ❖ Thanksgiving for Craig Abbas' improvement. We want to continue praying for him and his family as he continues to recover.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, November 13

9:00 am Staff Meeting

1:30 pm Prayer Team

5:45 pm Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, November 15

5:45 pm Fellowship Meal Served

Menu: Taco burgers, apples/oranges, chips and salsa, dessert

Midweek Activities

Please Note: There is no Adult Bible Study this week

Thursday, November 16

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

Friday, November 17

9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, November 19

9:30 am Sunday School - Radical Hospitality Class

10:30 am Worship

Message: Panel on Alexanderwohl's Story

Nursery: Jeff, Tina and Allison Boese

COMING EVENTS

- Nov 18** High School Youth Bowling Night
Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day Service
Nov 24 Church Offices Closed
Nov 29 Pizza fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum
Dec 2 Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch
Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent
Dec 10 Community Christmas Concert with McPherson Brass and Goessel High School Elbiata Singers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jr High Christmas Project - The Jr High midweek class will be going shopping on November 15 for our annual Christmas project. This year we are trying to buy Christmas presents for 10 Bethesda residents. If you would like to contribute to this project, find the Jr Higher in the lobby after church with the white envelope. Checks can be made out to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Thanks for your support!

Everyone is invited to join us for the Community Thanksgiving Meal this evening, at 5:00-6:30, at the Goessel Elementary Gymnasium. The meal is free. If you wish, you may give a donation to support the ministries of Goessel Ministerial Alliance. Thank you for sharing with us in this community event! ~Goessel Ministerial Alliance

The Adult Midweek Class will not meet November 15 as Pastor Caleb will be at a leadership training class in Wichita. We will resume November 29.

All older adults are invited to Senior Coffee on Friday, November 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Donley and Carol Duerksen will tell the story of the migration of three Mennonite groups to Paraguay years ago. They were in search of a new home where they could live and practice their faith without fear of persecution or forced involvement in the military. Donley and Carol visited Paraguay in 2015 and will share pictures too. **Sign up in either lobby by Monday, November 13.** Friends are always welcome!

Everyone is welcome to join the Radical Hospitality Class in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday at 9:30 am. We will hear stories from Andrea Unzicker, Pete Krause, and Rosie Epp about their experiences relating to refugee families in South Dakota and Kansas. Rosie is one of the pastors at Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing. Pete and Andrea attend Lorraine Avenue Mennonite in Wichita.

Next Sunday, November 19, our worship theme will be Alexanderwohl's migration story. We will hear scriptures of importance to this congregation, and will hear stories of the past from historians Judy Unruh and Brian Stucky, as we seek to be faithful in our present.

Everyone is invited to a Thanksgiving service at Alexanderwohl on November 23, with an organ prelude at 9:45 and the service at 10:00. Come enjoy beautiful music and a message from Pastor Caleb that will inspire us to move toward greater gratitude in our lives.

Our Purpose Statement for 2017

This year we will...

- ❖ Be rooted in Jesus' way
- ❖ Renew relationships with each other
- ❖ Listen with respect to one another
- ❖ Relate to our community in loving ways
- ❖ Reclaim our Gospel hope over fear

Last Sunday, November 5

Attendance:	Sunday School	138
	Worship	217
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$62.52
	First Fruits Giving	\$5,759.16

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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If you would like a visit or a phone call from one of the pastors or deacons, please feel free to contact us.

Calling all women and girls! Daughters of Grace is busy making plans for our annual Christmas Brunch on December 2. We are looking for volunteers to decorate tables with your favorite Christmas decor from year's past, something new, rustic, elegant, the more variety the better. We're looking for 12 volunteers! Please contact tinascrag@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

The Goessel Ministerial Alliance is excited to announce that the Christmas Giving Tree project will be happening again this year. The tree will be at the Crossroads Credit Union. Details were in your church mailbox last week. Help make it a great Christmas for children in our community!

Wanted: Christmas season photos (1-3 per family) by November 26
For: Worship Music/picture show in December
Contact: Nelson Voth in Sunday School office on Sunday mornings, email nelsonvoth@sbcglobal.net, or call (620)747-9121

The Tabor Food Pantry needs your help! Groceries on the shelves are running low. When you do your grocery shopping, buy a little extra for the food pantry. Every item helps. We also need non food items such as toilet paper, laundry soap and shampoo, and paper grocery bags. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thanks for your continued support.

A Museum Christmas -- Get "Red"ey for Christmas Open House on Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We're decked out in RED at the store. Come enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and receive a lesson from Fern on how to make a professional bow and take it home. Stop in and see what the store has to offer. Think about a museum membership for that person that has everything. Shop local first. Store open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 12 to 4 p.m. until December 16 (closed Thanksgiving Day)
www.goesselmuseum.com

***Bringing Maggie Home* by Kim Vogel Sawyer
In Your Church Library!**

Hazel DeFord is a woman haunted by her past. While berry picking in a blackberry thicket in 1943, 10-year old Hazel momentarily turns her back on her 3-year old sister Maggie and the young girl disappears.

Almost 70 years later, the mystery remains unsolved and the secret guilt Hazel carries has alienated her from her daughter Diane, who can't understand her mother's overprotectiveness.

When a traffic accident forces Diane's daughter Meghan to take a leave of absence to recover, all three generations of DeFord women find themselves under the same roof and sparks fly. Hazel's strong desire to find out what happened to her little sister before she dies prompts Meghan to use her investigative prowess to tackle the family mystery.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with meat canning, including the H.S. class from Goessel!