

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to our time of worship at Alexanderwohl! We are glad for each person here today. Jesus commissions all his disciples. He walks with us in Spirit if we invite him to come near, to re-make us, and to empower us for all that God has in store for us.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Loretta Wiens

Welcome

Pastor Linda Ewert

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

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

Call to Worship

(based on HWB #25)

Leader: Jesus, stand here with us in your risen power

People: Let our time of worship be a special hour

Leader: Breath your Holy Spirit into all our hearts.

All: Make all fears and sadness from our thoughts depart.

Invocation

Instrumental Call to Worship

Marcia Brubaker

The Church's One Foundation ~Helman

Choral Call to Worship

Gathered in God's Presence

Chancel Choir

~Egil Hovland

Megan Duerksen, flute

***Hymn of Praise**

Let the Whole Creation Cry (blue hymnal)

HWB 51

(verses 1, 2 and 4)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 104:1-24, 33-34

Nathaniel Schmucker

Morning Prayer

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Hymn of Faith

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

HWB 439

Worship Music

Pilgrims and Companions

Chancel Choir

~Marty Haugen

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Love to Tell the Story ~Hobby

Marcia Brubaker

***Song of Dedication**

Sing to the Lord of Harvest (v. 1-2)

HWB 98

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

(for children through grade 3)

Ann Hiebert

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-23

Nathaniel Schmucker

Message

“Comforted and re-Created,
Commissioned and Capacitated”

Stanley Green

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Song of Response

Go Now in Peace

HWB 429

***Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

***Postlude**

Riggadoon ~Purcell

Marcia Brubaker

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TODAY

Welcome! Stanley W. Green, executive director of Mennonite Mission Network, serves as the steward of a vision that gave birth to the Mission Network—that every congregation and all parts of the church be fully engaged in God's mission across the street, all through the marketplaces and around the world.

A Supervised Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under during worship. Attendants are Aileen Esau and Madeline Meier.

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: LaNae Unruh

Adult SS: Radical Hospitality Class - "The Law and Advocacy"

5:00 pm Youth Progressive Supper

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ For Mennonite Mission Network leaders and workers who are serving all over our world. May God's Spirit give strength, vision and compassion as they serve others, giving hope and restoring lives in the name of Christ.
- ❖ For good fellowship as families host high school students for a progressive supper this evening. May it be a fun time of building relationships!
- ❖ May God give hope, strength and comfort to Craig Abbas as he continues his struggle with a serious infection. May God's loving presence be near to him and his wife, DeVon, their children, and DeVon's parents, Don and June Hiebert.
- ❖ For elderly among us who are feeling the decline of aging. Grant comfort and hope to each one.
- ❖ For those who are silently struggling with health concerns, depression, emotional pain--may each one be filled with the assurance of God's love for them and His power to heal.
- ❖ Grant hope and strength to families who have lost their homes in fires in California, and others who are cleaning up and rebuilding homes and lives in hurricane-ravaged areas of Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.
- ❖ For Lucas Hiebert as he travels with the MCC Meat Canner this season. May God bless his travels with safety and opportunities to learn and grow in faith and relationships with others.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 16

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, October 18

5:45 pm Fellowship Meal Served

Menu: Hot ham and cheese sandwiches, potato salad/chips, grapes, and bar cookies

Serve at New Hope Shelter

Thursday, October 19

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

Serve at New Hope Shelter

Friday, October 20

9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation at Kidron Bethel

Serve at New Hope Shelter

Saturday, October 21

Serve at New Hope Shelter

Sunday, October 22

9:30 am Sunday School - Radical Hospitality Class -- Guest Speaker
Cesar Flores

10:30 am Worship

Theme: Great Day of Singing

Nursery: Rosi Reimer and DJ Freeman

Noon - Mennonite College Student Noon Fundraiser Meal

5:00 pm - Mentor/Mentee Event

COMING EVENTS

- Oct 24** Praying for Our World
- Oct 29** Congregational Meeting
- Oct 29** Junior High Fall Harvest Party
- Oct 30** Goessel Blood Mobile
- Nov 4** Daylight Saving Time Ends (move clocks back 1 hour)
- Nov 5** Bethesda's Pillars Banquet
- Nov 6-7** MCC Meat Canning
- Nov 9** Bethesda Program - Upper Room Sunday School Class
- Nov 12** Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 17** Senior Coffee and Conversation
- Dec 2** Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Midweek Class continues on the topic of patience in the early church. Sessions are 5:00-5:45 and 7:45-8:30. All are welcome!

All older adults are invited to Senior Coffee and Conversation on Friday, October 20, at 9:00 a.m. We are meeting in the Community Room at Kidron Bethel in Newton. Eric Massanari, chaplain, will be sharing with us on "Understanding and Making End-of-Life Decisions." Sign up in either lobby TODAY or call the church office by Monday so we can plan accordingly. If you would like transportation, Pastor Linda will take you in the church van. Sign up for transportation in the south lobby.

Lunch is served for you next Sunday noon, October 22, in the fellowship hall! The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team will prepare and serve your meal here as a fundraiser for our college students attending Mennonite colleges. Please join us for a delicious Mexican style meal and contribute to the support of our college students for the 2017-2018 school year.

Next week's Radical Hospitality Class will feature Cesar Flores as a guest speaker. Cesar and his spouse Lizette Miranda are MCC area directors for Central America and Haiti. Cesar will share stories and some of the factors that push Central Americans to migrate.

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, October 8

Attendance:	Sunday School	155
	Worship	210
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$59.83
	First Fruits Giving	\$6,389.00

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.

Your continued support is greatly needed at The New Hope Shelter, October 18-21. The next volunteer training meeting is October 16, 6:30 – 8:00 at the shelter on 900 West Broadway in Newton. If you have any questions please call Janice Voth, church coordinator (367-8152). Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve and sign up on the south lobby bulletin board. Meals will be provided by Seeker & Sojourners, Route 15, Young Adults, and Friends & Followers Sunday school classes.

Everyone is invited to a light lunch and quarterly congregational meeting on Sunday, October 29, immediately following the worship service. You will get to hear about the new elevator project, presented by architect, Warren Ediger; give your affirmation for board positions for 2018; participate in a discussion on the first fruits spending plan for 2018; and learn about the Emergency Plan for our church. Child care for infants through second grade will be provided. Sign up on the sheet in the south lobby by Wednesday, October 25.

It's time for a fall harvest party! All junior high youth are invited to Ron and Patsy Dirksen's house for a time of food, fun, and pumpkin carving on Sunday, October 29. Look for more details to come!

Bethesda Pillars Banquet – November 5 at Cross Wind Conference Center. Punch bowl and informal social time begins at 5:30 p.m. and banquet begins at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will feature “Sadie and the Larks” from Hesston College. All proceeds to toward the Benevolent Care Fund annual Medicaid deficit of approximately \$350,000. Your attendance and generosity is appreciated. Call 367-2291 for reservations or contact Karl Brubaker, Pat Flaming, Duane Unruh, or Verney Voth.

The 5th Annual Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal will be on Sunday, November 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Goessel Elementary School Gymnasium. Everyone in the community is invited. The Alexanderwohl, Goessel and Tabor churches will again provide food for this event. The sign-up sheet for salads, bread or dessert, turkey or ham is in the south lobby. Monetary donations are welcome to be used toward the expenses for the meal, such as paper goods and other food items. You may write your check out to “Goessel Ministerial Alliance” and give it to your church office. The meal planning team is Keith and Barb Banman, Linda Peters, Kimberly Voth, Becky Wedel and Lynette Duerksen. We are so grateful for your participation and support! ~Goessel Ministerial Alliance