

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to Alexanderwohl this morning. We continue with one more discipline for rural congregations: befriending. Scripture uses friendship language to describe the quality of fellowship in the church, and we are called to extend that friendship to those in our circles.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music		Worship Team
Welcome		Eric Schrag
Peace Prayer		
Opportunities for Celebration and Service		
	(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers.)	
Call to Worship		
Invocation		
Instrumental Call to Worship		Mary Schmidt
	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i> ~arr. Lowe	
*Songs of Praise		Worship Team
Worship Music		Kid's Praise
Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 29:4-7	Jeannette Roberts
Morning Prayer		Pastor Lois Harder
Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
Offertory	<i>Andante Cantabile</i> ~arr. Parks	
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story	(for children through grade 3)	Karl Brubaker
Scripture Reading	Galatians 6:9-10 Philippians 2:1-11	Jeannette Roberts
Hymn of Faith	<i>Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring</i>	HWB 297
Message	"Giving of ourselves in friendship"	Pastor Caleb Yoder

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Response	<i>Bless'd Be the Tie That Binds</i>	HWB 421
*Benediction		Pastor Caleb

***Postlude** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ~Page

*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 LaNae Unruh and Brooke Nafziger.

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Kids Praise Leaders: Patrick Flaming, Eric Schrag, Jason Peters

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

5:30 pm Bethesda Home Pillar's Banquet

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ For farmers with anxiety about finishing harvest and wheat planting without too much loss.
- ❖ For students as activities and commitments ramp up.
- ❖ For those facing declining health or great difficulties in daily life.
- ❖ For Christian witness in the election season that reflects the compassion, enemy-love, and prophetic voice of Jesus.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, November 5

2:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Children's Ministry Team

Tuesday, November 6

9:00 am Work at the MCC Center, N Newton

Wednesday, November 7

5:45 pm Fellowship Meal Served

Menu: Menno Brothers Pizza, fresh tossed salad, delicious cookies
(This is a fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum)

Midweek Activities

Thursday, November 8

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

7:00 pm Bethesda Program - Upper Room Class

Sunday, November 11

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Message: Pastor Caleb Yoder

Nursery: Janine Peters and Rosi Reimer

Noon - Mentor/Mentee Meal and Activities

5:00 - 6:30 pm Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal

COMING EVENTS

Nov 18 Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day Service

Dec 1 Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch

Dec 9 McPherson Brass Community Christmas Concert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intergenerational Sunday School Classes - Classes are combined today into three special interest topics.

- **Group 1 & 2** - January to April birthdays - Fellowship Hall - Conscientious Objection in WW I
- **Group 3 & 4** - May to August birthdays - Chapel - Stories of Service & Mission
- **Groups 5 & 6** - September to December birthdays - Foundation Room - Ministry in the Rural Context

If you count the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum a blessing for our community, come join us for supper in the fellowship hall from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 7. You'll enjoy good company, plus a meal of Menno Bros. Pizza, fresh tossed salad, and delicious cookies. We've received wonderful support for the Schroeder Barn restoration, slated to begin in November, but the general operating budget could use a boost to finish out the year well. All proceeds will benefit the museum; your contribution will be gratefully accepted.

At the front of the sanctuary there is a prayer bowl and slips of paper to be able to write any prayer requests. These will be shared with pastors and deacons. This is available anytime the church is open.

Mentor/Mentees - We will have a gathering for lunch on **November 11** after the worship service. Plan on enjoying lunch and a few activities together. See the note in your mailbox.

Help us spread "Joy to the World" with our decorations for the Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch on December 1! Do you have a nativity scene that was made in another country, or shows the style of another culture? If you're willing to let us borrow it for our Christmas Around the World themed table centerpieces, please contact Chrystiana Miller at thebcmillers@gmail.com or 620-747-2392, or Courtney Hiebert at courtneyahiebert@gmail.com or 316-303-2205, by November 18. We're looking for 15 or more unique nativity scenes. If you have any additional Christmas decorations from that country or culture, we'd love to use them as well. Thank you!

The 6th Annual **Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal is next Sunday, November 11**, between 5-6:30 at the Goessel Elementary School. This is your last chance to sign up to bring bread, salad, or dessert. We also need people to sign up to help serve the meal. Sign-up sheets are in the south lobby. This is a free event on behalf of the community, so hand out a postcard to invite your neighbors, family, and friends!

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 Citizen's State Bank. Check your mailbox for details on how you can help make it a great Christmas for children in our community.

Our Purpose Statement for 2018

This year we will...

- ❖ Be present with one another across ages
- ❖ Be present in our community, sharing life with neighbors
- ❖ Be in prayer for our community and our church
- ❖ Be authentic in worship and witness

Sunday, October 28

Attendance:	Sunday School	127
	Worship	184
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$32.37
	First Fruits	\$11,504.58

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.

Goessel High School will present Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* this Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, at 7 pm at the GHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 for all ages and are available at the door each evening of the production. Several students from our congregation are involved in the production and it is being directed by Braden Unruh.

Please join us for a delicious Mexican meal on Friday, November 9, prior to the opening of the "Beauty and the Beast" musical production at Goessel High School. The meal, consisting of a stacked taco plate, sheets cakes and drinks, will be served from 5:30-6:30 pm in the GHS cafeteria. Suggested donation price is \$6 per plate. The proceeds of the evening will benefit the 2019 GHS After Prom activities. Please contact Maggie Schroeder at 316-772-3854 for more information.

The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum will have a old-fashioned hymn sing Sunday, November 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the 1906 Prep School on the museum grounds. Arlin Buller will lead the hymns. Everyone is welcome to the hymn sing and the fasha after.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Pastor Caleb and Pastor Lois for their phone calls and visits while I was a patient at Newton Medical Center and via Christi Hospital. Thank you also for the visits I had while I was at Kidron for rehab. Thank you for all the prayers and cards from the church family. Thank you to those who did field work for us. May God bless all of you. ~Merlin Hiebert

The Children's Midweek Department would like to thank those who helped with our Fall Harvest Party this past week! Providing tractors, bales, and hayrack rides were Marvin Duerksen, David Esau, Brendon Nafziger, Lloyd Voth, and Tim Voth. Special thanks to the those who donated candy and items to hand out, and to the youth group and sponsors for planning and leading the activities of the Trunk or Treat event.

A thank you letter from Camp Mennoscah for First Fruits offering is posted on the south lobby bulletin board.