

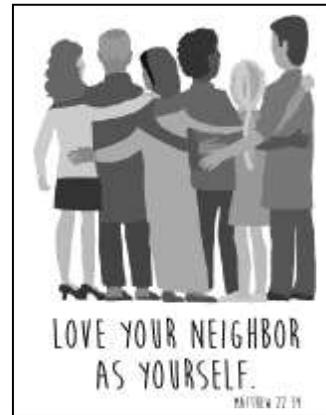
## Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to Alexanderwohl!** We're joined this morning by Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp as they bring the message of faithful discipleship and the importance of affirming each other's faith stories. God works in each of our lives in a variety of ways; our job is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength AND to love our neighbors as ourselves.



### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**

Loretta Wiens

**Welcome and Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

Pastor Lois Harder

**Sharing from our High School Youth about their service trip to RMMC**

**Music for Centering**

*Carillon* ~Douglas Wagner

Jared Janzen

**\*Call to Worship**

VT 863

***Source of all hope and holiness, we gather today to be church.  
Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts.  
Bless those who are distant, but not from our love.  
Bless each of us here,  
that we may choose justice by your Spirit,  
draw kindness from the well of your mercy,  
and walk humbly in your path, O God.***

**Lighting the Peace Lamp**

**\*Gathering Songs**

*Mountain of God*

VT 11

1 - Come, let us go to a place that is pure, to learn about love and wipe away tears; to melt swords of steel and hearts made of stone, set pris'ners free and give strangers a home.

(Refrain) So come, come as you are, oh, come, from near and far, oh, come, salvation we'll taste as we climb ---- the mountain of God.

2 - From each corner and end of the earth, we'll gather together to sing of you worth, of blind who can see and weary who rest, good news for the poor, freedom for oppressed. (Refrain)

3 - New life awaits for all who believe, all who love mercy, do justice, walk humbly. With Christ as our guide united we'll be; living the kingdom, secure in God's peace. (Refrain)

*Christ is O ur Cornerstone*

VT 4

1 - Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build. With his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled. On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

2 - Oh, then with hymns of praise these hallow'd courts shall ring. Our voices we will raise, the Three-in-One to sing, and thus proclaim in joyful song both loud and long that glorious name.

3 - Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore, and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore, until that day when all the bless'd to endless rest are called away!

4 - Praise to the God of heav'n; sing praise to Christ the Son; the Spirit, praise be giv'n, who joins them both as one; the holy Dove, who gives us grace to find our place in God's great love!

## Morning Prayer

### Children's Story

Recorded story

### Song of Response

*Like a Rock*

VT 63

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet. Like the starry night sky, God is over our head. Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before. Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore. (2x)

### Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading

Micah 6:8; Matthew 7:24-27; Galatians 5:22-26

Timothy & Jacob Schrag

### Sermon

All in the family

Carol and Maynard

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### \*Song of Response

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

VT 34

- 1 - We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
- 2 - We worship you, God of our ancestors' stories, through trial and tempest, companion and guide. When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
- 3 - With voices united, our praises we offer, and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing, to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir* ~Pachelbel

Jared Janzen

### \*Please stand if able

**Song Leader:** Marcia Brubaker

**Greeters:** North – DJ & Marilyn Unruh Flaming; South – Anita Boese

**Visual Arts:** Shari Wiens

**Nursery Staff:** Nicole Hein and Jared Unrau

**Worship Technology:** Myron Goertzen, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth, Steve Unruh

**July 11 Attendance:** 119 in person; 6 Zoom households

**Next Sunday** – Pastor Lois will preach from the Lectionary texts; 2 Kings 4:42-44; John 6:1-21.

## *Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- Attending Camp Mennoscah July 18-24 – Eli Gaeddert and Jaley Schmidt
- We pray for Janice & Delton Voth, Chrystiana and Bryant Miller, and Peter Voth in the passing of Janice's mother, Esther Funk. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday at Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro.
- We give thanks for our Mennonite institutions of higher education. We pray that all administrators, faculty and staff are having rest and rejuvenation this summer and that they continue to wisely discern their calling.
- We are grateful for our high school youth and the adults who went with them to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for a week of service.

### Coming Events

Today, Sunday, July 18	9:30 am	Sunday school for all ages
Sunday, July 18	10:30 am	Worship service in the sanctuary and on Zoom
Sunday, July 18	11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Meeting including survey results and presentation
Monday, July 19	7:00 pm	Board of Worship - Chapel
Wednesday, July 21	7:00 pm	Final Book study
Sunday, July 25	9:30 am	Sunday school for all ages

Sunday, July 25	10:30 am	Worship service in the sanctuary and on Zoom
Monday, July 26	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
Monday, July 26		Pastor Caleb returns from sabbatical
Saturday, July 31	3:00 – 9:00 pm	Community Junior High Camp at Alexanderwohl Church
Sunday, August 1	9:30 am	Sunday school for all ages
Sunday, August 1	10:30 am	Worship service in the sanctuary and on Zoom
Sunday, August 1	11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Meeting including survey results and presentation
Sunday, August 1	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Family Swim Night at Hillsboro Family Aquatic Center
Monday, August 2	4:30 pm	Covid Task Force
Monday, August 2	6:30 pm	Board of Christian Education
Wednesday, August 4	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees
Monday, August 9	5:45 pm	Board of Mission and Service
Monday, August 9	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, August 11	6:30 pm	Children's Ministry Team
Monday, August 16	7:00 pm	Board of Worship

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational meeting – today** from 11:45-12:45 will be the first of two (identical) presentations on the topic of sexual abuse. The other will be on **August 1**. Veronica Mosqueda Bargdill is the Executive Director of *Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center* where she has served since February, 2020. The agency started in 2001, serving Harvey and Marion Counties; it has since expanded to serve a larger area. Veronica is a Social Worker who oversees the program and does development, assessment and grant writing. In her presentation today and August 1 she will talk about what a Child Advocacy Center is and how it helps address child abuse in the community it serves. She will review definitions of abuse, what are “red flags” and how to address these issues. She will talk about social media and the potential pitfalls of using it, as well as give us tips and resources for how to stay safe. Results from the recent survey conducted by the response team will be shared and then Veronica will give her (30 minute) educational presentation. There will be time for questions about the survey and the presentation. Snacks will be provided for all as well as childcare in the nursery for children from birth through second grade.

**Today - The Garden Sharing Table is in the south entryway.** Everyone is invited to either share extra garden produce or come by the table to pick up some garden goodies through mid September.

**The Alexanderwohl Bell Choir needs some new members!** We actually would like 5 new members who can read music and have the ability to learn a new skill, or revive a skill learned long ago. Please talk to Mary Schmidt if you have some interest. New members are vital to keep this long tradition going!

**Senior Fellowship --** Mark the third Fridays of each month on your calendars and plan to attend!

**Just ONE remaining session of our summer BOOK STUDY, *Creation & the Environment: An Anabaptist Perspective on a Sustainable World*,** a collection of essays written by Anabaptist teachers, writers and thinkers. Many thanks to those who have led these discussions and those who have participated. Our final session will be:

- July 21 – Essay #13, “The Environmental Challenge Before Us”, written by Calvin Redekop, discussion led by John Fast – meet at 7:00 p.m.

**Everyone is invited to the Hillsboro swimming pool for a SWIM NIGHT on Sunday, August 1, 7 to 9 pm for FREE swimming!** Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for a cool evening of water fun or come just to visit. Please bring snacks to share if you like. Watermelon will be provided. See you there!

**The Board of Deacons** is grateful to those who have agreed to serve as **delegates** to represent Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church at the Western District Conference Assembly. Brian and Nancy Stucky and Marj Shoemaker will join by zoom as well as possibly some in-person attendance at the WDC Assembly.

**Children's Sunday School is in session!** The classrooms are as follows; 2 year old class will be in room 18 & 19, Pre-K 3's and 4's will be in room 12, and K-5th Grade will be in the Foundation Room.

**Adult Sunday School** – Below is a list of where each class is meeting and what they are currently studying. You are invited to join one of these groups!

**Young Adults** – Fellowship Hall North end. Informal fellowship.

**Upper Room** – Upstairs northwest corner. The Wired Word.

**Seekers & Sojourners** – Upstairs southeast corner. Informal fellowship.

**Friends & Followers** – Fellowship Hall South end. Book study - The Bible Unwrapped.

**Route 15 – Conference Room** . The Denominational Quarterly (Summer 2020)

**Co-Workers of Faith – Chapel.** The Denominational Quarterly (Summer 2020)

### **Help Needed – Registrar for Sunday School Hour**

Two or more persons are needed to ring the opening and ending bells for the Sunday school hour. Other duties include picking up offering envelopes from Sunday school classes, counting and recording attendance and money. Please let Janine Peters or Lynel Unrau know if you are interested in helping serve in this way. Thank you.

### **Schedule of Upcoming Services:**

- **July 25** – Pastor Lois will preach.
- **August 1** – Travis Duerksen will bring the message based on recent podcasts he has produced at Mennonite Mission Network.

**Country Threshing Days is happening in 2021!** Would you please help the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum host and feed our family, friends, and guests coming for the event? Bakers, servers, and cashiers are needed for the Low German meal at the Goessel Elementary School and food service in the Preparatory School on the museum grounds on Saturday, August 7. Please see the volunteer sheet in your mailbox and respond by July 25. For further questions, contact Aileen Esau (367-2358 or [daesau@gmail.com](mailto:daesau@gmail.com)). Thank you!

**Bloodmobile:** There is a critical shortage of blood products this summer. Please sign up to donate on August 2, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Power Red donations (double units) for those with type O+, O-, A-, or B- are encouraged, to help meet the needs. Sign up for your appointment time online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). For more information contact Rosi Reimer 620-367-2418 or Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

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## **CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **Western District Conference**

Pray for the WDC Resource Commission as they meet this week and work to equip congregations in faith formation for all ages, peacemaking, justice, evangelism and other ministries.

### **Mennonite Mission Network**

Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador has planted a community garden to provide food for church members and work for those who are unemployed. Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network request prayers for a bountiful harvest.

## COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Western District Conference

**WDC Assembly Sunday Worship:** How can we join August 1 Assembly worship? Join us in-person at 10:30 am at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N Anderson, Newton, KS. Or worship via YouTube Live at 10:30 am wherever you are. Or watch the recording on our WDC YouTube channel at Western District Conference (MC USA) whenever it is convenient for you. Join us for Friday (July 30) worship at 7 pm in any of these ways, too!

### Camp Mennoscah

**Extra help needed for summer youth camps!** Camp Mennoscah has paid and volunteer positions for grounds, maintenance and custodial positions. For college age folks, there is a weekly stipend position for a lifeguard, grounds, or custodial position. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for details. You will make camp an amazing experience for everyone!

**August 28 is the next Work Day at Camp Mennoscah!** We'll remind you again, but save the date. You make camp great!

### Mennonite Central Committee

**The MCC Central States office in North Newton, KS is open to the public as of Tuesday, July 6.** Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. Masks are respected but not required for fully vaccinated adults. We look forward to welcoming you back at MCC! Contact us at 316-283-2720 or [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org).

### Mennonite Disaster Service

**MDS has an urgent need for up to 15 volunteers to serve in Jennings, LA for the week of July 18-24.** Volunteers are working on repairs from the 2020 hurricanes that passed through the area. Work will primarily be roofing, soffit and fascia repair, ceiling drywall repair and finishing, flooring, installing cabinets, and occasional painting. If you or a group might be interested in joining that week, we would love to have them join! All skills and experience levels are welcome. Call 811-241-8111 ext. 1 or email [dfrey@mds.org](mailto:dfrey@mds.org) with any questions or interest.

### Everence to hold *Gifts That Give Back* webinar -- Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Many make charitable gifts to support their favorite causes and organizations. Some choose to extend their charitable giving further by designating dollars for charity in their end-of-life plans. But did you know there is another type of gift plan that generates income for the donor and then sends a gift to charity at a later date? Come to this workshop to learn more about "Gifts that give back" and whether it is a strategy for you! This webinar will be hosted by Mitch Stutzman, Everence Stewardship Consultant. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

### Bethel College

**The 2021 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu),** with articles and reviews by Brad Born, Rachel Epp Buller, Peter Goerzen, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Mark Jantzen, Jim Juhnke, Nate Kroeker, Alec Loganbill, Jacob Miller, Bethany Powls, Rich Preheim, Darrin Snyder-Belousek, Tara Schwartz, Anne Marie Stoner-Eby and Melanie Zuercher.