

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Over the next few months, we are exploring the essentials of our Anabaptist Christian faith. We want to go deeper in exploring who we are and who God is calling us to be going forward. In our worship today, we acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our lives and our community, and explore what exactly Jesus' "upside-down" lordship really means.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less ~Powell
Earth and All Stars ~Hobby
In Thee is Gladness ~Wood
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns ~Helman

Marcia Brubaker

Welcome and Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Laura Voth

Call to Worship

VT 851

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: We hear the call of Christ.

All: We worship together with joy.

Prayer of Invocation+

*Gathering Hymns

Crown Him with Many Crowns (v. 1-4)
Be Thou My Vision (v. 1-3)

VT 408

VT 549

Children's Story

Eric Schrag

Worship Music

River's Gonna Rise Up ~Shawn Kirchner^

Renae Schmidt Peters

Congregational Song

Jesus, Be the Center

VT 584

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

Beautiful Savior ~Leavitt

Marcia Brubaker

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew Voth

Message

"Jesus is Lord"

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Responding to the Gospel

(Open sharing)

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Song of Response

I Sing with Exultation

VT 444

*Benediction

Pastor Caleb

***Please stand if able**

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Song Leader: Renae Schmidt Peters

Guitar: Eric Schrag

Greeters: North – Delbert and Janine Peters; South – Brian and Rachael Burkholder

Nursery Staff: Susan Nafziger and Laura Voth

Visual Arts: Amy Sterk

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth,

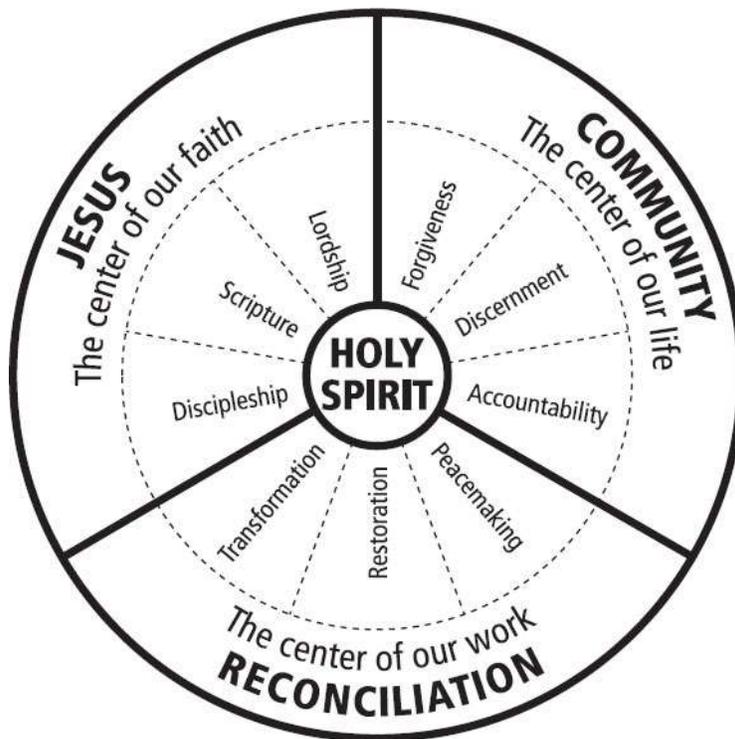
September 12 attendance: 133 in person; 11 Zoom households

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God’s shalom will prevail.

Questions for Reflection – Philippians 2:5-11, Jesus is Lord

1. What other loyalties test your primary allegiance to Jesus?
2. How do we know if we are giving something else primacy over Jesus?
3. What is the difference between imagining Jesus to be a domineering “lord” versus an upside-down “lord” who came to serve and give his life?

Anabaptist Essentials: Next Sunday we take a break from our regular worship time as we instead fellowship through our **community service day**. The **following Sunday** (October 3), we will explore what it means to find forgiveness with God and practice forgiveness in the life of our church. Our scripture reading will be Colossians 3:12-17. If you are reading *Anabaptist Essentials* by Palmer Becker, we encourage you to read chapter 4. We will also celebrate **World Communion Sunday**.



Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We give God thanks for Tim Voth's progress after breaking his right hip almost a month ago, and pray for Kim and her family as they support Tim in his ongoing recovery and take on a different routine.
- ❖ We pray for healing for Connie Wiens as she continues to experience hip and back pain along with other medical issues.
- ❖ We pray for Jenny Fast and her family as her mother, Carol Friesen transitions from this life to the next. Carol is at Schowalter Villa under hospice care.
- ❖ We pray for the Mennonite Central Committee UN office as they host the upcoming seminar for the International Day of Peace. Bless their work, God, as they advocate globally for your peace with justice.
- ❖ We pray for AMC's Community Service Day next Sunday. Be with us as we go out into the community, working together to bring hope and help. May our efforts be received in the spirit in which they are intended.

Coming Events

Today, Sunday, September 19	9:30 am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 am	Worship Service in person or on Zoom
Monday, September 20	7:00 pm	Board of Worship
Wednesday, September 22	6:30 pm	Children's Ministry Team
Thursday, September 23	7:30 pm	Board of Deacons
Sunday, September 26		Community Service Day followed by noon meal
	1:30 pm	Harvest Giving Walk – begin at Goessel Church
Monday, September 27	2:00 pm	Prayer Team
	5:30 pm	Board of Christian Education
Wednesday, September 29		Midweek Staff Orientation
Sunday, October 3		World Communion'
Monday, October 4	4:30 pm	Covid Task Force
Wednesday, October 6	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Midweek begins
Wednesday, October 6	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees
Sunday, October 10	3:00 pm	Baptisms at Camp Mennoscah
Monday, October 11	7:00 pm	Church Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Community Service Day is next Sunday, September 26. Sign-up sheets for service projects are on a table at the back of the sanctuary. Child care is available – sign up infants through 2nd grade. We encourage parents to take older children along with them to a service project.

There will be a brief worship service at Bethesda next Sunday as part of the Community Service Day. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the south-west "patio" (concrete slab). Bring a chair, wear a mask, worship and visit with Bethesda residents.

Church Meal on Sunday, September 26. All who attend Alexanderwohl are invited to a sandwich meal starting about 11:15 am at the Shelter House. Donations welcome. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKING CONTAINER AND LAWN CHAIR.

The Board of Deacons is conducting individual pastoral reviews of Pastor Caleb and Pastor Lois, according to our policy near the midpoint of their terms. We invite written and signed responses from anyone in the congregation to the following questions: What would you affirm in Pastor Caleb's ministry? What would you affirm in Pastor Lois' ministry? What could be improved upon in either of their ministries? Please place your comments in Marilyn Unruh Flaming's church mailbox (south lobby) or email djfmf@mtelco.net by Sunday, October 3.

Pastor Caleb, Pastor Lois, and Ruth (AMC office) have new email addresses:

- amc@alexanderwohl.org
- calebyoder@alexanderwohl.org
- loisharder@alexanderwohl.org

We will still continue to receive emails at the previous addresses ending in mtelco.net, but encourage you to use these new emails.

Baptisms at Camp Mennoscah - mark your calendar! Sunday afternoon, October 10 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to give witness and celebrate with Eddie Gaeddert, Caiden Duerksen, Timothy Schrag and Jacob Schrag as they offer their faith statements and receive baptism at this special service at Camp.

The Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Goessel Church on Sunday, September 26 at 1:30 p.m. It's not too late to pick up a donation envelope on the table at the back of the sanctuary or find someone who is participating and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's Haiti earthquake response efforts. Walkers are also invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on the day of the event.

Midweek begins on Wednesday, October 6! Information was emailed to families of children and youth. Register online by Sunday, September 19, at the following link: <https://forms.gle/V5Z27cBRfF6YkkgMA>.
Adult Activities: 5:00-5:45 Bible Study | 6:30-7:00 Outdoor hymn sing (weather permitting) | 7:05-7:40 "How the Bible Came to Be" study. Schedule is subject to change.

We need you! We are looking for teachers, helpers, and small group leaders to come join our Children's Midweek team and work with a choice of 3 different age groups--preschoolers, kindergarten-1st grade and 2nd-5th grades. We are excited to announce that we will be using the new "Detectives of Divinity" curriculum, written by local authors--Susan Nafziger, Carol Duerksen, Katherine Goerzen, and Amy Nissely Stauffer. Please contact Nicole Hein, Aileen Esau or Susan Nafziger for more information or to say YES!

The Board of Christian Education is looking for someone to teach junior high midweek for this year. Midweek begins October 6. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Gretchen Schrag or Pastor Caleb. Thank you for considering this important ministry!

Needed – High School Sunday School Teachers. Please call/email Rachael Burkholder, [316-706-6174](tel:316-706-6174) / brburk@mtelco.net, for details. This would be for 1 or 2 times a month depending on how much interest we get. Thank you so much for prayerfully considering the opportunity to get to know our High Schoolers and to be a part of their faith journey!

If you would like to contribute to the **Hartvickson/Harris** family, you may give through the Citizen's State Bank, making the check out to "*Robyn Hartvickson/Ethan Harris Fire Fund.*" There also is a Go Fund Me page at this link: <https://gofund.me/81f04684>

There is a signup sheet in the south lobby for you to sign up to help with the New Year's Cookie Booth for Fall Festival at Bethel College. This will be on Oct. 2, 2021. Or you can email Bonnie Gaeddert at gaeddertb@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thanks so much for your help.

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

- Friday, October 15 – Jennifer Speer (Newton Medical Center) – end of life decisions
- Friday, November 19

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CONFERENCE PRAYER REQUESTS

Western District Conference

Pray for WDC elected leaders and staff, as they meet via zoom next Saturday for Reference Council with a focus on one of WDC's mission priorities, "Connect to God's Mission in the World."

Mennonite Mission Network

Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, are in language study in Paris, preparing for a ministry building Muslim-Christian relationships in West Africa. Pray for their children in French public schools and for Christy and Peter in language school. They are jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network.

COMMUNITY & CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Mennoscah

September 26 is a Camp Mennoscah Combo! It's the Hymn Sing-Dessert Auction and Annual Meeting all in one! There are still details to be determined, but plan on some hymn singing (masked & distanced), bidding on delectable desserts, and information about Camp Mennoscah's year. We'll keep the details coming your way!

There are volunteer opportunities for you (and a Wish List)! Camp Mennoscah has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to **Get Involved!** Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer. **See the Wish List for other ways to support Camp Mennoscah!**

Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, November 5-7, at Camp Mennoscah! Register now! There is only one Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat. Lodging will be in the Retreat Center and cropping/crafting will be in the Main Camp dining hall. Space heaters will be available for both areas since the repairs for the furnaces will not be complete by the beginning of November. Fees for the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat have increased to \$150 to meet higher costs and the use of multiple facilities. There is an option to receive up to \$25 in scholarship funds per person as part of the registration process. To maximize protection from COVID variants, CDC guidelines recommend wearing masks inside buildings.

Western District Conference

Consider making a donation to the Western District Conference Hope Fund! The Hope Fund issues grants to churches in Western District Conference that are suffering hardship related to COVID-19 and other disasters. As the pandemic continues to affect our churches, the Hope Fund has proven to be incredibly important to supporting churches in need. You can find out more, and make a donation, by visiting mennowdc.org, or by sending a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Please consider contributions to the Hope Fund as above and beyond regular giving to WDC, which supports ongoing staff, programs and resourcing for congregations and leaders.

Check out the Resource Library's new Reading Challenges through the Beanstack platform. Find out more at mennowdc.beanstack.org or find the Beanstack App in the Apple or Google Play Store.

For the fall

Ages 12 and up can participate in the "10 to Try Challenge" (Try reading books from the Resource Library in 10 categories).

Ages 0-12 can participate in the "Bullying Prevention Month Challenge" during September and October.

Ages 0-5 can participate in the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge."

We look forward to the new opportunities to engage with you through these challenges as we grow in faith together. Please contact the library with any questions.

Bethel College

Thursday, Sept. 30 – KIPCOR Peace Lecture with Mark McCormick, "Peace: It's a Choice," 7 p.m., in Memorial Hall. McCormick is a former columnist for the *Wichita Eagle* and former executive director of The Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, and is currently director of strategic communications for the ACLU of Kansas.

Bethel College's Fall Festival is Sept. 30-Oct. 3, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 2, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, exhibits in the Regier Art Gallery and Kauffman Museum, the comedy *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* [revised], and the STEM Symposium honoring

Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Richard Zerger. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule and ways to buy tickets online.

MDS Opportunities

MDS needs volunteers with a heart for service and an attitude of flexibility with safety precautions and schedule changes as COVID-19 cases fluctuate. There are units in Paradise, CA; Jennings, LA, and McAllen, Tex. Call 1-800-241-8111 or go to www.mds.org.

Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a 100-year old organization, is present in over 50 countries serving in relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ.

Based in New York City, the MCC United Nations Office is a platform for church and MCC partners across the world to advocate, communicate and educate regarding social and political policies and practices that promote justice, peace, and reconciliation. We engage with diplomats and UN officials, provide thought leadership, and create transnational platforms of learning, collaboration, and engagement." (taken from the MCC United Nations Office web site) In honor of the U.N. International Day of Peace, observed annually on September 21 (since 1981), the MCC UN office is hosting an on-line seminar for students across the world on September 30 and October 1. Go to their web site for more information.

Join MCC in prayer and support for those suffering in our world. MCC has prepositioned relief materials in Haiti for immediate use. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your [monetary donations](#) to keep current projects going and to help with extra expenses due to recent disasters; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of [relief kits and hygiene kits](#). Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

VT 408

1 – Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne. Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as the matchless king, through all eternity.

2 – Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

3 – Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side. Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

4 – Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways from pole to pole that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Be Thou My Vision

VT 549

1 – Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 – Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord. Born of thy love, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

3 – Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight. Be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r. Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Jesus, Be the Center

VT 584

1 – Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my light, Jesus. (Refrain)

2 – Jesus, be the center, be my hope, be my song, Jesus. (Refrain)

3 – Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus. (Refrain)

4 – Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my light, Jesus. (Refrain & Coda)

Refrain – Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind in these sails. Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

Coda – Be my source, be my light, Jesus. Jesus. Jesus.

I Sing with Exultation

VT 444

1 -- I sing with exultation! All my heart's delight is God who brings salvation, frees from death's dread might. I praise you, Christ of heaven, who ever shall endure, who takes away my sorrow, keeps me safe and secure.

2 – God sends him as example, light and living guide. Before my end he bids me in God's realm abide, that I may love and cherish his righteousness divine, that I with him forever bliss eternal may find.

3 – Sing praise to Christ our Savior, who, in grace inclined, to us reveals his nature; patient, loving, kind. His love divine out-pouring, displayed to ev'ry-one, is fashioned like his Father's as no other has done.

4 – Christ bids us, none compelling, to his glorious throne – they only who are willing Christ as Lord to own. They are assured of heaven who will right faith pursue. With hearts made pure do penance, sealed in baptism true.