

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to our worship service at Alexanderwohl! Today we hear from our delegates to the national Mennonite special assembly, as well as the message of one of the assembly speakers. How is God calling us to a third way when so much divides us?

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering *Allegretto* ~Bohm Mary Schmidt  
*Fantasia* ~Pachelbel

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation (VT 862)

Leader: You who open doors and dismantle barriers, open our hearts to praise you, that we might live the full truth of who we are,

**People: that we might live as neighbors and friends, no longer strangers and enemies;**

Leader: open our hearts to the transforming power of your love, that we might forgive and reconcile, making peace and learning war no more,

**People: that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit, to tell your grace to all the world.**

Leader: We pray in the name of the One who walked among us as brother and friend. Amen.

\*Gathering Song *Together* VT 389

Children's Story Laura Unrau

Morning Prayer Pastor Caleb Yoder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *Andantino* ~Gibbons Mary Schmidt

\*Hymn of Dedication *Take My Life* (v. 1, 5) VT 759

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:14 & Romans 12:1-2 Nancy Stucky

Words of Introduction Pastor Caleb

Message "The Way of Peace in our Polarized World" Samuel Sarpiya

Delegate Sharing John Fast, Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Megan Duerksen

## **SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Lois

**\*Postlude**

*Fanfare ~Otterstad*

Mary Schmidt

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ 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.

**Song Leader:** Marcia Brubaker

**Greeters:** North – Denise Duerksen

South – Rod and Linda Peters

**Visual Arts:** Anita Boese

**Nursery Staff:** Chrystiana Miller, Jayley Schmidt, Aileen Esau

**Worship Technology:** Myron Goertzen, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth

**June 12 Attendance--VBS Program:** 245 In person, 16 Zoom households

Samuel Sarpiya, D.Min. is the executive director at the *Center for Nonviolence and Conflict Transformation* in Rockford, IL, and is a member of the Church of the Brethren denomination. He was an inspirational speaker at the special assembly in Kansas City.

**Questions for Reflection** – Romans 12:1-2 and Hebrews 12:14  
(due to time constraints we won't have a sharing time)

1. How does centering our identity in Christ rather than other loyalties expand our vision to see the image of God in those we disagree with?
2. How can we together read scripture faithfully and follow the leading of the Spirit in the questions of holiness and moral accountability of our day? How will we relate to one another if we do not all come to the same conclusions?
3. What does it look like for us to live as "miniature Christs" in our community?

Next Sunday pastor Caleb will preach on Romans 12:1-13. We hope to learn how we can each grow as individuals and as a congregation to identify our "best yeses" and become more energized to offer our gifts in the church.

## *Praying for our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for farmers harvesting or planting and for everyone to stay safe when outdoors in the heat.
- ❖ We pray for our leaders – local, national and global, as they make decisions that will impact many people.
- ❖ We pray for our children and youth as they fully embrace this summer season. May they experience rest and rejuvenation.

- ❖ We pray for safety and fun as folks venture out on vacations or other travels.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, June 20

7:30 pm Board of Worship

### Tuesday, June 21

9:30 am Staff Meeting

### Thursday, June 23

7:00 pm Board of Deacons

### Saturday, June 25

Guess Who's Coming for Dessert

### Sunday, June 26

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Guess Who's Coming for Dessert

## COMING EVENTS

July 29-31 WDC Assembly, Camp Copass, Denton, TX

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today you have the opportunity to sign a letter written by the AMC Peace Committee to our two KS Senators** to let them know of our support for the upcoming gun reform vote. The letters are in the south lobby; remember to sign both letters.

**Marcella (Buller) Ediger died at Parkside Homes** in Hillsboro on December 25, 2021 at age 99. A memorial service for Marcella will be held at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro on Saturday, June 25 at 4:00 p.m. Marcella's children are Warren Ediger, Chris Smith and DaLene Unruh. Marcella was born in Goessel and grew up near Lehigh. She married Paul Ediger and they spent their married life in Hillsboro.

**The AMC Covid Task Force continues to pay attention to local Covid transmission and hospitalizations.** Most people are aware of reports of covid cases rising in our area. We encourage everyone to make thoughtful decisions about their own health needs. We will continue to livestream services via Zoom. Though the task force does not expect to be as active as in the past, we are available for consultation. Please feel free to reach out to any task force member to offer feedback, tell us your needs, or ask any questions about vaccinations or Covid-related information.

**This year's Western District Annual Assembly will be held at Camp Copass, Denton, TX July 29-31.** This is an opportunity to connect with others from our conference as well as folks from our sister church, Luz del Evangelio. There will be activities for families, kids, and youth. Please let the church office know if you would consider attending or representing AMC. Our church can reimburse registration costs. Click on the link for more

information about WDC Assembly: <https://mennowdc.org/2022-wdc-annual-assembly/>

**Groceries Needed: The Tabor Food Pantry welcomes donations of non-perishable food items** as well as personal hygiene items and household cleaning/laundry products. Paper grocery bags are also needed. Donations of frozen meat in 1-2 lb. packages are also accepted. Groceries may be left in the tub by the kitchen door. *For donations of frozen meat, please call Tabor Church (367-2381) to schedule a time for drop off.* Cash donations are also accepted. Thanks for your continued generosity and support of this community ministry.

**A big “thank you”** to you for making my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday special. I appreciated you coming and helping me celebrate as well as all the cards, and words of encouragement. Thank you! ~Lois Janzen

Thank you for the prayers, monetary donations, and hours of volunteer time given for the Goessel Community Vacation Bible School this year. We had about 46 children attend, with Alexanderwohl, Goessel, and community children attending. The church was filled with laughter, conversation, song, prayer, and discovery as the children learned about God's monumental love for them. Thank you for helping in this valuable ministry!

~Christiana Miller, Brianna Combs, and Gayle Voth, VBS Directors

**Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.**  
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