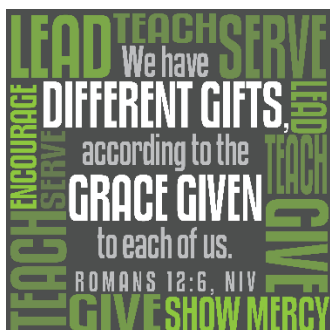


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to our worship service at Alexanderwohl! This Sunday we begin taking several weeks to understand the gifts that each of us has to build up the church. God has blessed us all with gifts to share in love for one another.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering	<i>Kinderstück, Op. 72, Nrs. 2 and 5 ~Mendelssohn</i>	Karen Unruh
Welcome		Nancy Stucky
Opportunities for Celebration and Service		
Call to Worship and Invocation	(excerpts of Psalm 104, VT 185)	
*Gathering Hymns	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	VT 182
	<i>Summoned by the God Who Made Us (v. 1-3)</i>	VT 1
Children's Story		Karl Brubaker
Morning Prayer		Pastor Lois Harder
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
Offertory	<i>Andante cantabile ~Mendelssohn</i>	Karen Unruh
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Romans 12:1-13	Megan Duerksen
Message	"Bringing our differing gifts"	Pastor Caleb Yoder
Song of Response	<i>May You Be Rooted and Grounded</i>	VT 396
Responding to the Gospel	(Open sharing)	

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Sending Song	<i>New Earth, Heavens New</i>	VT 377
*Benediction		Pastor Caleb
*Postlude	<i>Kinderstück, Op. 72, Nr. 1 ~Mendelssohn</i>	Karen Unruh

*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: Braden Unruh

Greeters: North – Weston and Courtney Hiebert

South – Carol and Donley Duerksen

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Susan Nafziger, Beth Yoder, Kim Voth

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

June 19 Attendance: 126 In person, 7 Zoom households

Questions for Reflection – Romans 12:1-13

1. Do you feel empowered to serve out of your God-given strengths?
2. How do we discern what to say yes to and what to say no to or let go of, as individuals or as a congregation?
3. How do we balance serving out of our understanding of our gifts with a willingness to do what is most needed in a given moment?

Next Sunday, we will continue our series on offering our gifts. Pastor Caleb will preach from the story of Gideon found in Judges 6-7 about finding the courage to follow our gifts and calling.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Rebecca Hein who will be attending 1st Camp at Camp Mennoscah June 23-25. Peter Voth will be a counselor.
- ❖ We pray for Lois Janzen as she continues to heal from her hip repair surgery. May the rehab she's receiving at Newton Medical help her to regain as much strength and mobility as possible.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Steve Banman in his ongoing chemo treatments.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Diana Schunn as she waits in Kansas City for a heart transplant.
- ❖ We pray for the people of India and Bangladesh, God, who are suffering because of the flooding there.
- ❖ We pray for those in Afghanistan trying to recover from the devastating earthquake this past week.
- ❖ We continue to pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters as the war drags on.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, June 27

2:00 pm Prayer Team

Tuesday, June 28

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, July 3

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

COMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- July 4 Church Offices Closed
- July 13 Health Ministries Mobile Unit in Goessel, 1:30 – 4:30 pm
- July 15 Senior Coffee at 10:00 am – Carol Duerksen will talk about the exchange program/students she's been involved with over the years.
- Jul 29-31 WDC Assembly, Camp Copass, Denton, TX
- Aug 3-5 Serve at New Hope Shelter
- Aug 19 Senior Coffee at 10:00 am – Chris Allen, Outreach Coordinator for Health Ministries will join us to discuss their services right here in Goessel!
- Aug 24 Health Ministries Mobile Unit in Goessel, 1:30 – 4:30 pm
- Aug 28 Outdoor Concert sponsored by Board of Mission & Service on the church yard. Music by Kevin Gaeddert and The Flannelbacks.
- Sept 5 Church Offices Closed for Labor Day
- Sept 16 Senior coffee – Bring your Collections 2.0. We had such a good time learning about each other's collections we're going to do it again!
- Sept 24-25 AMC Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship applications for all full-time students attending a Mennonite College for the 2022-23 school year are due JULY 1, 2022. The application form is on the church website (under resources). Please return to the church office or Carol Reimer Duerksen now.

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/>

Need something to do on these hot summer days? Come to church and help tie a comforter for MCC. It is set up on the west side of the chapel. You may come any time the south office door is open (Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm) or make arrangements for an evening work time. Supplies are there for you but you might want to bring a scissors. If you let us know you are coming to work, we will turn on the AC.

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.

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