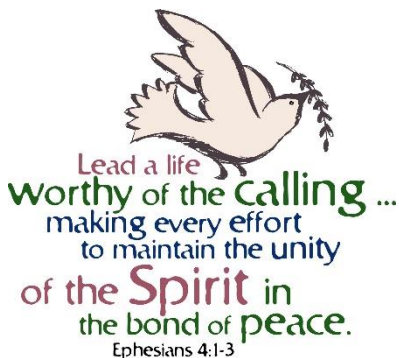


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to worship at Alexanderwohl! This morning we'll wrap up our series on God-given gifts. We'll look at the letter to the Ephesians to learn more about how we have each been gifted for the purpose of faithfully following Jesus together as we serve one another, our communities and the world, visibly bringing God's kingdom to earth.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering		Renae Peters
	<i>Oh, How Great Is Christ the Lord</i> ~arr. James Clemens [VT 351]	
	<i>More Than You Know</i> ~Connie Johnson-Evers [VT 598]	
	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i> ~arr. Duane Funderburk [VT 660]	
Welcome		Pastor Lois Harder
Opportunities for Celebration and Service		
Call to Worship and Invocation	(Colossians 1:15-20 adapted)	VT 189
*Gathering Hymns	<i>Christ, We Do All Adore Thee</i>	VT 138
	<i>Christ Is Our Cornerstone</i>	VT 4
Children's Story		Delbert Peters
Morning Prayer		Jim Schmidt
Worship Music	<i>Waterfall</i> ~Jonathan Reuel [VT 763]	Peters Family
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
Offertory	<i>A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing</i> ~arr. Michael Larkin [VT 81]	Renae Peters
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16	Phyllis Voth
Message	"Becoming who we already are"	Pastor Lois
Song of Response	<i>Christ Has No Body Here But Ours</i>	VT 568
Responding to the Gospel	(Open sharing)	

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song** *May You Be Rooted and Grounded* VT 396

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** Jason Peters

*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: Renae Peters

Greeters: North – David and Aileen Esau

South – Steve and Sandy Banman

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Myron Hiebert, Ann Hiebert, Liz Schmucker

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth, Steve Unruh

July 3 Attendance: 112 In person, 11 Zoom households

Questions for Reflection – Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

1. What are some ways you individually or we together can be attentive to "becoming who we already are", i.e. nurturing and calling out the gifts given to us by God?
2. How do you imagine our gifts being best used for both discipleship (inward spirituality that focuses on our own growth and maturity in our faith) and ministry (outward spirituality that focuses on service and evangelism)?

Next Sunday, we will begin a series on Mental, Spiritual, and Emotional Wholeness. Pastor Caleb will bring the message on the story of Elijah on Mount Horeb with the scripture text of I King 19:1-18.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Gage Maley who will be attending Camp Mennoscah July 10-14 and for Lizzie Schmucker, Nathaniel Schmucker, and Peter Voth who will be counseling at Camp Mennoscah this week.
- ❖ We pray, once again, for the families and loved ones of those who have been killed in mass shootings or other senseless violence.
- ❖ We continue to pray for those embroiled in and displaced by war in Ukraine.
- ❖ We give thanks for the gifts you've given us here in the Alexanderwohl congregation, God.
- ❖ We pray for wisdom and willing hearts to know how to use these gifts in ways that glorify you and reflect your love to others.
- ❖ We thank you for family and friends, those who help us grow, support and encourage us.

THIS WEEK...

Monday, July 11

9:30 am Vision Team
2:00 pm Prayer Team

Tuesday, July 12

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 13

1:30 – 4:30 pm Health Ministries Mobile Unit in Goessel
7:00 pm Board of Deacons

Friday, July 15

10:00 am Senior Coffee
6:30 pm Midweek Planning Meeting

Sunday, July 17

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service

COMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 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
- Sept 5 Church Offices Closed for Labor Day
- Sept 11 Outdoor Concert sponsored by Board of Mission and Service on the church yard. Music by Kevin Gaeddert and The Flannelbacks.
- 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

Join us for Senior Coffee on Friday, July 15, at 10:00 am when Carol Duerksen will visit with us about the student exchange program she has been involved with for many years.

Stop by and check out a book on loan from the Western District Resource Library. AMC library is participating in their "Box of Books" program; these books are available for check out and will also give you credit towards the AMC Summer Reading Program. Books need to be returned to the AMC library by August 28.

Do you have suggested titles and/or subjects that you would like to see added to the shelves in the library? Leave your suggestions in the “Library Suggestion Box” found in both lobbies and in the library.

Plan ahead and sign up to volunteer at New Hope Shelter August 3–5!

The signup sheet is posted in the south lobby. Evening meals will be served by Friends and Followers, Upper Room and Young Adult Sunday school classes.

Country Threshing Days is the Goessel community's celebration!

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 6. Please see the volunteer sheet in your mailbox and respond by July 24. For further questions, contact Aileen Esau (367-2358 or daesau@gmail.com).

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. Registration is due this week.

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.

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