

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to worship at Alexanderwohl! What does it mean to find mental, emotional, and spiritual wholeness? This week we sing, pray, and listen to the Psalms, and seek to learn how to bring our grief and pain into the presence of God.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering

Mary Schmidt

Be Unto Your Name | Holy, Holy, Holy ~arr. Tornquist

Be Thou My Vision ~arr. Tonioli

Welcome

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation+

(Psalm 126:1-3, 5 NIV)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

**People: Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.**

Leader: Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**People: The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.**

All: Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

***Gathering Songs**

God of Our Strength

VT 47

As the Deer

SWJ 17

Children’s Story

Bonnie Gaeddert

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship Music

Nelson Voth, harmonica

AMC members – photos | Fern Bartel – photo editing

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

When Memory Fades [VT 649]

Mary Schmidt

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Caleb

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 42

Gretchen Schrag

Message

“Put your hope in God”

Pastor Caleb

Song of Response *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653
Responding to the Gospel (Open sharing)

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *Be Still, My Soul* (v. 1, 3) VT 664

***Benediction** Pastor Caleb

***Postlude** *For We Are Strangers No More* [VT 409] 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: Renae Peters

Greeters: North – Brody and Emmalyn Schroeder
South – Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Janice Voth, Emma Schroeder, Beth Yoder

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

July 17 Attendance: 134 In person, 14 Zoom households

Questions for Reflection – Psalm 42

1. What were you taught about grief? Why do Christians sometimes feel God wants us to always be upbeat and "get over it"?
2. How have the Psalms spoken to you in your own life experiences?
3. What can we learn from the raw honesty of the Psalms?

Next Sunday, we will continue our series on Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual wholeness. Pastor Lois will preach from Luke 21:25-36. Don't forget to breathe!

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Noah Schrag who will be attending Camp Mennoscah July 24-29 and for Peter Voth who will be counseling at Camp Mennoscah this week.
- ❖ We pray for safety and energy for all who work outdoors in the hot temperatures.
- ❖ We pray for Delton and Janice Voth, Lynel and Vickie Unrau, Caleb and Beth and their boys as they travel to Denton, TX next weekend for the Western District Annual Assembly. We pray for the Spirit to work through this gathering.
- ❖ We give thanks for some good news for Pastor Caleb's mom, Gloria, as she received her second chemo treatment this past week and pray for her in the continuation of her treatment.
- ❖ We pray for local, national and global leaders as they make decisions in these fraught times. Give them wisdom and compassion.

THIS WEEK...

Tuesday, July 26

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Friday, July 29

WDC Assembly, Camp Copass, Denton, TX

Saturday, July 30

WDC Assembly, Camp Copass, Denton, TX

Sunday, July 31

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

WDC Assembly, Camp Copass, Denton, TX

COMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Aug 1 Goessel Blood Drive, 1:00 – 6:00 pm
- Aug 3-5 Serve at New Hope Shelter
- Aug 5-7 Goessel's Country Threshing Days
- 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, Eric Schrag, 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 18 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk, 1:30 pm, begins at Tabor Mennonite Church
- Sept 24-25 AMC Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next opportunity to volunteer at New Hope Shelter is August 3-5.

You can sign up in the south lobby for evening shifts. If you have questions, call or email Janice Voth or any of the others that have served during the evening shift. They include David and Aileen Esau, Anthony Esau, Rosi Reimer, Kris Schmucker, Arlie Schroeder, or Myron Schmidt.

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? Still needed are zwieback bakers, cashiers, and food service workers in the Preparatory School (both shifts) and for the Low German meal (second shift) at the Goessel Elementary School 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).

Blood Drive: In your busy summer make time to donate blood on August 1, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Make a single unit donation or a Power Red donation to help meet the needs. The need continues! Sign up for your appointment time online at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081 or Rosi Reimer 620-367-2418. Thanks for helping save someone's life!

Garden Produce exchange is in the south lobby. Check it out.

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