

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to worship at Alexanderwohl! What does it mean to find mental, emotional, and spiritual wholeness? Today we'll wrap up this series as we consider the notion that God is as close and present to us as our very breath.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

	Unruh Family
<i>When Pain or Sorrow</i>	VT 612
<i>My Latest Sun is Sinking Fast</i>	VT 662
<i>Come, We That Love</i>	VT 31
<i>I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy</i>	

Welcome

Nancy Stucky

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation+

Psalms 100 VT 20

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

People: we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

People: give thanks and bless God's holy name.

All: God indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Gathering Song

All People That on Earth Do Dwell VT 5

Children's Story

Aileen Esau

Morning Prayer

Duane Unruh

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

Karen Unruh

*Prayer of Dedication

VT 1022

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Nancy Stucky

Message

"Don't Forget to Breathe"

Pastor Lois Harder

Song of Response

Far Above the Noise of Life

VT 625

Responding to the Gospel (Open sharing)

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** 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 – Lynell and Vickie Hiebert
South – Arlin and Mareta Buller

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Kim Voth, Mallory Schroeder, Laura Voth

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Colby Nafziger, Steve Unruh

July 24 Attendance: Sunday School – 102; Worship --130 In person, 11 Zoom households

July 24 Offering: Sunday School - \$37.04; Worship - \$12,313.81

Questions for Reflection –

1. Are there practices you have found helpful in coping with fear or uncertainty?
2. What are some ways we can help to de-stigmatize and respond compassionately to mental illness?

Next Sunday, we will begin a new series on *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*.+ The first three articles are about the Trinity: God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Our scripture texts will be Exodus 34:5-6, Colossians 1:15-20, and John 14:15-17. Pastor Caleb will be preaching.

+ You can find the entire text of the Confession of Faith here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/who-are-mennonites/what-we-believe/confession-of-faith/>

There is a link to purchase a print copy, or you can let the office know if you would like a print copy.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Rosalie (Ratzlaff) Duerksen and Norman Ratzlaff and their families as they grieve the passing of their brother Marlin. Marlin died on Monday, July 25 at his home in Arvada, CO. Funeral will be Saturday, August 13. May God grant comfort to this family.
- ❖ We pray for Janett Wiebe as she grieves the loss and celebrates the life of her husband, John Wiebe. A graveside service was held for John on Tuesday, July 26.

- ❖ We pray for our Alexanderwohl delegates, Delton and Janice Voth, Lynel and Vickie Unrau, Caleb and Beth and their boys as they attend the worship service at Luz del Evangelio and then return from the Western District Annual Assembly.
- ❖ We pray for those who are fighting fires in California and for those who have sustained losses from the fire. We pray for those in Kentucky who are suffering losses from the flooding there.
- ❖ We pray for those in our community and those around the globe who don't have enough food to eat – MCC is working in South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria with food assistance programs.

THIS WEEK...

Monday, August 1

1:00-6:00 pm Goessel Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 2

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 3

7:00 pm Board of Trustees

Serve at New Hope Shelter – Evening meal by Friends & Followers SS

Thursday, August 4

Serve at New Hope Shelter – Evening meal by Upper Room SS

Friday, August 5

Serve at New Hope Shelter – Evening meal by Young Adults SS

Saturday, August 6

Goessel Threshing Days

Sunday, August 7

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

COMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 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.

The New Hope Shelter is running low on their supply of toilet paper and paper napkins. If you are able to make a donation this week they would be grateful. Place items in the box in the south lobby. Thank you!

Would you like to receive email updates from the Alexanderwohl Peace Committee? Receiving these emails would not obligate you to anything! It would simply be a way of staying informed and being able to participate in activities or discussions. Please let Pastor Lois know if you would like to be added to the Peace Committee email list.

Pastor Lois will be on vacation August 5-11.

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

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!

Thank you -- Over the past years with your support, New Hope Shelter has given people in crisis a new chance to be employed, find stable housing, rebuild their families and contribute to the community. Thank you for investing in this work! ~New Hope Shelter and Staff, Edee Buller-Breer, office manager

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