

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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peace of God,

WHICH TRANSCENDS
ALL UNDERSTANDING,
WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS
AND YOUR MINDS IN

Christ Jesus.

Welcome to our worship service at Alexanderwohl!

Philippians 4 is an often quoted and beloved passage.

The apostle Paul teaches about discovering peace within even in difficult circumstances.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Preludio from Violin Sonata, Op. 2, No. 1 ~Vivaldi
Allegro from Sinfonia No. 12 ~Vivaldi

Jared Janzen

Welcome

EIRoy Wiens

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation

One: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

Many: Again we say, rejoice!

One: Rejoice in God's continual presence.

Many: Again we say, rejoice!

One: Rejoice in the Creator's wonderful works.

Many: Again we say, rejoice!

One: Rejoice in God's peace that surpasses all understanding.

Many: Again we say, rejoice!

One: Let us sing praises to God as we worship together.

Many: Again we say, rejoice!

*Gathering Hymns

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing (vv. 1,2,4)

VT 7

Joys Are Flowing like a River (vv.1,3,4)

VT 375

Peace Prayer+

Levi and Noah Schrag

Children's Story

Ann Hiebert

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Pastorale ~Wagner

Jared Janzen

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Caleb Yoder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-13

Youth

Sermon

"Living in peace with our hearts and minds"

Pastor Caleb

Song of Response

Healer of Our Every Ill

VT 644

Responding to the Gospel (open sharing)

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song** *Be Still, My Soul* VT 664

***Benediction** Pastor Caleb

***Postlude** *Ye Servants of God* ~arr. by John Wilson Jared Janzen

*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.

This service used resources from *Current: Seeking Peace Together* from the Shine Curriculum, written by Joanna Harader.

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Greeters: North – Bonnie and Rosie Gaeddert
South – Kevin and Eli Gaeddert

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Bri Combs, Mallory Schroeder, Tammy Flaming

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

June 25 Attendance: Sunday School – 100; Worship -- 139 in person, 9 Zoom Households

June 25 Offering: Sunday School -- \$28.57; First Fruits – \$3,483.00

Questions for Reflection – Philippians 4:4-13

1. What does it look like to “rejoice in the Lord” even in difficult circumstances? Is there a way to do this authentically (not because we “should”)?
2. How can prayer help us with our anxiety?
3. What is the connection between internal peace and working for peace externally?
4. (Sharing joys and concerns in your own life)

Next Sunday we will hear sharing about the Mennonite convention from youth and adult participants. Pastor Caleb will reflect on God's intent for humanity to live in peace with creation (Genesis 2:4-23).

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Cambry Duerksen, Natalie Gaeddert, Colby Nafziger, Levi Schrag, Tina Schrag, Kris Schmucker, Nathaniel Schmucker, and Pastors Caleb and Lois as they all participate in various facets of the Mennonite Convention in Kansas City this coming week.
- ❖ We give thanks for the birth of Ronda Lee's grandson, August Edward, born on Friday morning this past week. We pray for health and recovery

for both mom and baby and especially for Maty as she anticipates major surgery to remove a tumor in less than two weeks.

- ❖ We pray for Braxton Church as he encounters new health challenges. Braxton and Amanda will travel to Colorado Children's Hospital in the coming days for treatment. We pray for safe travels, courage for Braxton and wisdom for the physicians. We also thank God for the past several months during which Braxton has felt good!
- ❖ We are grateful for the 5-week study of the book *East of Liberal* and the time we had this past Wednesday with author Raylene Hinz-Penner. Each session was a time of listening, sharing and discussing together.

+*This week pray for: Greg and Kim Bergen family, Kevin and Kendra Friedberg family, DeLora Funk, Janett Wiebe, ElRoy and Loretta Wiens*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 2

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Caleb

Monday, July 3

Pastors & youth at MennoCon23 at the KC Convention Center

Tuesday, July 4

Church offices are closed for 4th of July holiday

Pastors & youth at MennoCon23 at the KC Convention Center

Wednesday, July 5

Pastors & youth at MennoCon23 at the KC Convention Center

Thursday, July 6

Pastors & youth at MennoCon23 at the KC Convention Center

Sunday, July 9

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

- July 21 Senior Coffee – See announcement for details
- July 19-22 Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton
- July 28 AMC Library Children's Reading Night
- July 30 Pastor Caleb's farewell Sunday | Noon potluck meal
- Aug 11-13 WDC Annual Assembly at Tabor Mennonite Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning today (for the month of July) children ages 3 years through high school will meet all together at the shelter house for Sunday school to have a time of inter-generational learning. The 2-year olds will meet for Sunday School in Room 18 as usual.

Please note that Pastors Caleb and Lois are attending the Mennonite Convention in Kansas City July 3-6. Should you need pastoral assistance

during this time, contact the church office or one of the deacons. Note the church office is closed July 4.

The Alexanderwohl Board of Christian Education is looking for someone to head up our Mentor/Mentee Program. The Mentor/Mentee Program Coordinator helps to match up junior high youth with adult mentors and provides overall support to all mentor/mentee pairs. There are many resources available to draw from in the coordinator book that will be passed on to the next coordinator, including timelines, previous forms used, and activity ideas. At the same time, in this role, there is freedom to shape the program as you would envision it! Contact Gretchen Schrag or anyone on the Alexanderwohl Board of Christian Education if interested. We hope to have this position filled by September.

The garden sharing table is in the south lobby. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others - just leave it on the table when you come each Sunday morning. See Megan Duerksen for more information.

Our guests for Senior Coffee on Friday, July 21 will be Doug Neufeld and Loren Balzer. They will be sharing about the origins of the Harvest Brigade and the custom harvesting industry in the Inman/Buhler area. Plan to join us at 10:00 am for a great morning!

Reading Under the Stars! AMC summer reading program June 1 – August 31 for preschool through adult. Keep reading!

A big thank you for the gift of \$941.05 from the Goessel Community Bible School. Mennonite Disaster Service Cabinet Shop will use this money to continue the ministry of bringing hope to people who have suffered disaster. Making kitchen cabinets by volunteers in Goessel, KS that can be installed in new homes across the country by volunteers, brings fulfillment to the ministry of Jesus; “do for others as you would have them do for you.” - MDS Cabinet Shop