

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**HEAR, O ISRAEL:**  
**The LORD**  
**Our God,**  
**the Lord is**  
**ONE.**  
**Deuteronomy 6:4**

## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we'll be reminded of the Ten Commandments as they were given to Moses and the Hebrew people and all people for all time who wish to be in covenant with Yahweh - including us! Hear! Obey! Live faithfully! And receive God's grace.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* ~arr. Page  
*Come, Thou Fount* ~arr. Payne

Mary Schmidt

### Welcome

Eric Schrag

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

### Call to Worship and Invocation+

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

One: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**Many: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.**

One: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

**Many: Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

One: Bind them as a sign on your hand,

**Many: fix them as an emblem on your forehead,**

**All: and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

### \*Gathering Hymns

*We Sing to You, O God* VT 80  
*Come, Now is the Time to Worship* VT 29 (SWJ 75)

### Children's Story

Eric Schrag

### Worship Music

Renaë Schmidt Peters, mountain dulcimer

### Morning Prayer

Brian Stucky

### Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory* *Simple Gifts* ~arr. Barr

Mary Schmidt

**\*Song of Dedication** *Now Thank We All Our God*

VT 114

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>Scripture</b>	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Nathaniel Schmucker
<b>Message</b>	"Devotion, Ethics and one more" Pastor Tim Schrag	
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>The Word of God Is Solid Ground</i>	VT 399

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

<b>*Sending Song</b>	<i>We Praise the Word of God</i>	VT 404
<b>*Benediction</b>		Brian Stucky
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Hallelujah! schöner Morgen</i> [VT 497]	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:** Kyle Unruh

**Greeters:** North – Eric and Gretchen Schrag  
South – Brian and Nancy Stucky

**Visual Arts:** Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Tammy Flaming, Laura Voth

**Worship Technology:** DJ Flaming, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

**October 1 Attendance:** Sunday School – 104; Worship -- 146 in person, 2 Zoom Households

**October 1 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$88.68; First Fruits – \$19,699.02

**Next Sunday** the story comes from Ruth 1:1-17; 4:13-17. This will be the focus for Tim's Bible study on Wednesday evening in the conference room.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for those who are sick with flu and other viruses; we ask for your hand of healing on them.
- ❖ We are grateful for our children and youth and the opportunities they have for education, play and growth; guard and guide them in their full and busy lives.
- ❖ We pray for those who live in the midst of war as they seek safety and security.

+*This week pray for: David and Aileen Esau, Leanne and Byron Githens, Myron and Ruth Goertzen, Phyllis Nickel, Jolene Peoples*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 8

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

### **Monday, October 9**

1:00 – 6:00 pm – Goessel Community Blood Drive  
5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service  
7:00 pm – Church Council

### **Tuesday, October 10**

9:00 am – Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 11**

5:45 pm – Fellowship meal served  
Midweek Activities

### **Sunday, October 15**

9:30 am – Sunday School  
10:30 am – Worship  
1:30 pm – Harvest Giving Walk, Alexanderwohl's Shelter House

## **COMING EVENTS**

Oct 20	Senior Coffee
Oct 22	Area Junior High fall event – Patchwork Farms Pumpkin Patch
Oct 26-27	MCC Meat Canning
Oct 29	Mission Sunday
Nov 5	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov 5	Bethesda Pillar's Banquet
Nov 19	GMA's Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Service (no Thanksgiving Day service)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Discernment of Congregational Leadership** sheets are due today, **Sunday, October 8**. Place them in the blue boxes in either lobby.

**Area-wide Junior High students (grades 6-8) - You are invited to our first event of the school year on October 22, from 7-9 p.m.** We will enjoy a hayrack ride out to Patchwork Farms Pumpkin Patch with games, s'mores, and fellowship. Drop off and pick up will be at Tabor Mennonite Church. Contact sponsors with questions: Chelan and Megan Duerksen or Brandon and Kristi Unruh.

**Do you enjoy providing that "one thing" people wait for every year?** Do you have memories of eating New Year's Cookies with family or friends? Well, this coming Saturday is your opportunity to fulfill people's dreams and share your memories. Come help serve New Year's cookies and coffee at Bethel College's Fall Festival this Saturday, October 14. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the south lobby by the end of day today! Questions? Contact Bonnie Gaeddert.

**The Co-Workers of Faith Sunday School Class** extends an invitation to come to the table where fellowship, study of the "Salt and Light" Sunday School series, and discipleship principles are served. Life changes have caused a dwindling attendance. Rather than disbanding, the class is seeking growth, including those who might have interest or willingness to teach/lead in our studies and discussions. The location is the chapel on the same floor

as the sanctuary. A sound system is in place for better hearing. People who desire a smaller group, full of wisdom and life experience, or have mobility or hearing issues might find a fit here. If interested contact Anita Boese at [dayle4719@gmail.com](mailto:dayle4719@gmail.com) or 620.947.2067 by Sunday, October 22.

**Pastor Lois is on vacation** from October 4-12, back in the office on Friday the 13th. Please contact one of the deacons for pastoral concerns. Gail Graber is on-call for emergency situations.

**Blood Drive Monday, October 9:** Blood shortages are making the nationwide news! Let's do our part to donate and help make a difference! Sign up at [recrossblood.org](http://recrossblood.org) to donate between 1-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. For more information, contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

The **Harvest Giving Walk** will take place at Alexanderwohl's shelter house **Sunday, October 15 at 1:30 p.m.** It's not too late to pick up a donation envelope on the literature table today or find someone who is participating and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's clean water initiatives. Current walkers from our church are Steve Goertzen & Rosi Reimer, Dave & Aileen Esau, John Janzen, and Tim & Judy Goertzen. Walkers are also invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on the day of the event.

**Senior Coffee – Friday, October 20, 10:00 am** – Brian Stucky will present "Mennonite Flour Mills of Central Kansas". Join us for an interesting morning!

**MCC Meat Canning** – Workers are needed October 26 and 27. Sign up in the south lobby.

**The Trustees are planning a campus-wide work day on Saturday, November 4, starting at 8:00 am.** Projects that will be included: residing the shelter house, tree trimming, and campus-wide clean up. All ages from junior high and up are encouraged to come help. A hamburger and hot dog lunch will be provided. Please sign up by October 29 in the south lobby.

If you know where the church's laptop computer is, please contact the church office.

**Thank you to our church family** for the many expressions of sympathy that were extended to us after the sudden loss of our brother and uncle, Bruce Schmidt. We are grateful for your prayers, words of comfort, and the support we experienced at the visitation and memorial service. Thanks be to God for our loving and caring community! -- Jim and Mary Schmidt family; Karen and Duane Unruh family

**MIDWEEK SCHEDULE**  
**Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church**

5:45 – 6:30 pm	Fellowship Meal Served
6:20 – 7:50 pm	Supervised Child Care for 0-2 year olds
6:30 – 7:45 pm	Children's Activities & Music (ages 3 years old – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
6:30 – 7:45 pm	Jr. High Youth Activities (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades)
6:45 – 7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
7:00 – 8:00 pm	High School Youth Activities
7:50 – 8:30 pm	Adult Bible Study

*Join us this Wednesday!*

