

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning Pastor Tim Schrag brings his final message for the month. We'll hear about David becoming King of Israel, flawed as he was, and what it means to put God at the center of our lives and our community.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *All Glory Be to God on High* ~Burkhardt Karen Unruh
O God, Beyond All Praising ~Callahan

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation+ Psalm 150

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: Praise God in his sanctuary! Praise God in his fortress, the sky!

One: Praise God in his mighty acts!

Many: Praise God as suits his incredible greatness! Praise God with the blast of the ram's horn!

One: Praise God with lute and lyre!

Many: Praise God with drum and dance! Praise God with strings and pipe!

One: Praise God with loud cymbals!

Many: Praise God with clashing cymbals!

One: Let every living thing praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

***Gathering Hymns** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* VT 88
I Will Call Upon the Lord SWJ 45

Peace Prayer – A Prayer for Palestine and Israel (from MCC) Marj Shoemaker

Children's Story Delbert Peters

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture 2 Samuel 5:1-5

Message "King | Murderer | Fool for God" Pastor Tim Schrag

Song of Response *God's Glory Fills the Heavens* VT 197

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ~Miller Karen Unruh
***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song** *Be Thou My Vision* VT 549
***Benediction** Pastor Lois
***Postlude** *Toccata in Seven* ~Rutter 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 – John and Jenny Fast
South – Karl and Marcia Brubaker

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Kara Burkholder, Kim Voth

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

October 15 Attendance: Sunday School – 93; Worship -- 142 in person, 11 Zoom Households

October 15 Offering: Sunday School -- \$27.02; First Fruits – \$5,684.58

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. We'll hear from Tim Goertzen and Delbert Peters about their experiences working with MDS. The texts are Matthew 5:13-16; 25:31-40.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for those who are sick. Grant that your healing would come quickly and completely.
- ❖ We pray for the Church family as Braxton returns to the Colorado Children's Hospital this week for tests and treatment.
- ❖ We pray for those who are traveling. Grant safety and blessing in the time away.
- ❖ We pray for those in Israel/Palestine and Ukraine who continue to endure war and insecurity.
- ❖ We celebrate with Susan Voth as her granddaughter Cassandra Voth (daughter of Mike and Dawn) completed her degree from KU Med Center; she is "officially a doctor"! Thank you, God, for your faithfulness to Cassandra in her studies.

+*This week pray for: Alan and Sharon Boese, Marvin and Rosalie Duerksen, Delica Ewert, Ted and Joan Nikkel, Joel Schmidt*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 22

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

7:00–9:00 pm – Area Junior High Fall Event – Meet at Tabor Church

Monday, October 23

New sound system installed this week

3:30 pm – Prayer Team

Tuesday, October 24

9:00 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

5:45 pm – Fellowship meal served

Midweek Activities

Thursday, October 26

Pastor Lois will be at an all-day training at WDC

1:30-5:30 pm – MCC Meat Canning, N Newton

5:50 pm – Board of Deacons

Friday, October 27

9:30-1:30 pm – MCC Meat Canning, N Newton

Sunday, October 29 – Mission Sunday

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

Nov 4	Campus-wide Work Day at AMC
Nov 5	Daylight Saving Time Ends – Set clocks back one hour
Nov 5	Bethesda Pillar's Banquet
Nov 8	Pizza fundraiser meal for Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum
Nov 19	GMA's Community Thanksgiving Meal
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Service (no Thanksgiving Day service)
Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent
Dec 9	Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. If you are interested in joining us in the chapel, contact Anita Boese at dayle4719@gmail.com or 620.947.2067 by Sunday, October 22.

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.

Going, going...almost gone: Plans are to remove the shelter house piano on November 1. If you would like to give this piano a new home or repurpose

it, it is free for the taking (that means YOU get to move it!). Let Karen Unruh know (620-755-0211) if you are interested. It must be spoken for and removed by November 1.

The children's midweek will have a fun time together at our Fall Harvest Party on Wednesday, November 1st, from 6:30-7:45 pm. The evening will feature a hayrack ride in the country and fall activities planned by the Junior High Students and assisted by the High School students. Each child must bring a signed permission slip to participate, which will be passed out on 10-25. Extra forms are available in the Sunday school office. Children will meet and be dismissed from their regular class locations: 3s, 4s, Kindergarten—Rm #15, 1st-5th grades—Foundation Room, 6th-8th grades will meet with Kevin and Bonnie as usual. Please have your child dress warmly! If you have questions, contact Maryanne, Chrystiana, Justine, Kevin or Bonnie. We hope to see you there!

As families begin to make plans for the upcoming holiday season, we wanted all to be aware of the schedule for Thanksgiving and Christmas services. We will celebrate **Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 26**, with no service on Thanksgiving Day. This service will include a special offering time where we are encouraged to symbolically express our thanks to God through gifts of money, grains, creative work, tools, and any other ways that are unique to us. On Sunday, December 24, we will meet as usual for Sunday School and worship service at the regular times. The Christmas Eve program and Candlelighting Service will be held that evening, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. There will be no service on Christmas Day.

Thank you notes from Hesston College, Peace Connections, Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary and Bethesda Home are posted on the south bulletin board from our 3rd quarter distributions to our mission partners.

Thank you from the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum. It is a tremendous blessing to receive a check with your First Fruit Gifts each quarter. Not only does it fill needs for us financially, it is a tangible reminder of our connection and relationship with Alexanderwohl. Thank you for allowing us to share this congregation's story and for your faithful support to make it happen. ~Aileen Esau, Treasurer

The 2023 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk took place on Sunday, October 15 beginning and ending at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Twenty-nine participants enjoyed a cool, fall afternoon and completed a route between 1 and 6 miles. Over **\$5,000** was raised for this event and will be dispersed to MCC's clean water initiatives and the Tabor Church Food Pantry. Additionally, over **35** items were collected for the Tabor Food Pantry! Thank you for your support of this annual community event – by walking or running, donating money or non-perishable items, and praying for us!
~Kevin & Yvette Nickel, area coordinators