

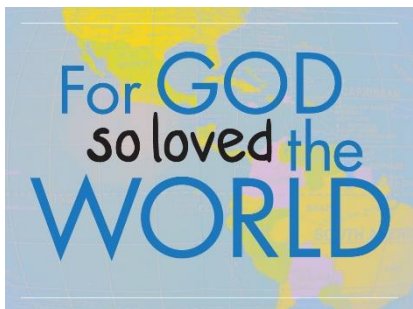
Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

Volume LXX

May 26, 2024

No. 21

Welcome to Alexanderwohl!



This morning we welcome Norma Peters Duerksen as she brings us the message from John 3, the story of Nicodemus coming to Jesus under the cover of night to ask questions. He learns that God wants to save the world, not condemn it!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Trumpet Tune ~Payne
Ellacombe ~arr. Payne

Mary Schmidt

Welcome

Eric Schrag

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+ adapted from Psalm 121 CEB

Leader: I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?

People: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: God won't let your foot slip. Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

People: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord is your protector; the Lord is your shade right beside you.

People: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life.

People: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord will protect you on your journeys – whether going or coming – from now until forever from now.

All: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

*Gathering Hymns

The Love of God

VT 162

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

VT 419

(a favorite hymn of Lois Janzen – in celebration of her 92nd birthday)

Children's Story

Kyle Unruh

Morning Prayer

Eric Schrag

Worship Music

Renae Peters, mountain dulcimer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture	John 3:1-17	Gretchen Schrag
Message	<i>How is it possible?</i>	Norma Duerksen
Song of Response	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	VT 638
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>In the Rifted Rock</i> ~arr. Davies	Mary Schmidt
*Prayer of Dedication	<i>God, Whose Giving</i> (vs. 1)	VT 745

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	VT 84
*Benediction		VT 1056
*Postlude	<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i> ~arr. Davies	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 that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Renae Schmidt Peters

Greeters: North – Marvin and Rosalie Duerksen
South – Eric and Gretchen Schrag

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Travis Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

May 19 Attendance: Sunday School – 102; Worship -- 122 in person;
11 Zoom Households

May 19 Offering: Sunday School -- \$11.51; First Fruits – \$4,220.00

<p>Pastor Luann will bring the message on the first Sunday in June. Join us as we worship together!</p>
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Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for the family of Otto Lehrman who passed away May 1. Otto is the father of Robin (Susan) Lehrman, and grandfather of Jody (Craig) Schmidt.
- ❖ Thank you, God, for the beautiful spring days there have been this week.
- ❖ We pray for those who sustained damage in the storms the other night.
- ❖ We pray for the Junior Hi youth at Camp Tawakoni this weekend. May they know the presence of your Holy Spirit in their lives.
- ❖ We pray for the ongoing VBS preparations and for each child and adult involved in VBS. May the good news of your love be shared.
- ❖ We pray for our youth and Ben and Tina as they prepare for their service trip next week to Kentucky.

+This week pray for: Marlo and Lynette Duerksen, Nicole Hein and family, Brooke Nafziger, James and Ashley Nuss family, Jake and Aimee Smucker family, Keenan Stultz, James and Gayle Voth, Jennifer Voth, Lloyd and Marlene Voth

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 26

9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
3:00 pm – Talking Tombstones Tour

Monday, May 27

Church Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

9:15 am – Staff Meeting
10:30 am – Stay Strong Stay Healthy class in the Chapel

Wednesday, May 29

7:00 pm – Bethesda Home's Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 30

10:30 am – Final Stay Strong Stay Healthy class in the Chapel

Sunday, June 2

6:00 am – HS youth leave for summer service trip
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
5:00-7:00 pm – Bethesda Home's Annual Summer Fundraiser

COMING EVENTS

May 24-27 Junior High to Camp Tawakoni
June 2-9 HS Youth Summer Service Trip
June 3 Goessel Community Blood Drive
June 3-7 Vacation Bible School
June 9 MDS Cabinet Shop Open House & Dedication
June 9 Heritage Talk – "Roots & Fruits"
June 17-Aug 11 Sabbatical time for Pastor Lois
June 21 Senior Coffee with Brian Stucky, "Goessel rural graves"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For emergency pastoral care needs over the Memorial Day weekend, Pastor Karen Andres will be on call on Friday and Saturday, May 24-25. She may be reached at 316.212.1029. Pastor Gail Graber will be on call on Sunday and Monday, May 26-27. Contact her at 620.386.0376.

Vacation Bible School – Scuba Diving into Friendship. June 3-7 from 8:30 – 11:30 am; Preschool – 5th grade; 6th grade – Serve & Learn. Hosted by Alexanderwohl Mennonite and Goessel Church at Alexanderwohl.

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum invites everyone to remember the immigrants of 1874 and the sacrifice they made coming to America. The immigrant flags are back in the church cemeteries recognizing the FAITH, COURAGE, and ACTION of the 1874 immigrants. The flags will be displayed in the Alexanderwohl, Tabor, Goessel, and

Lehigh church cemeteries from May 23 - June 5. Come and listen to their voices flutter in the breeze!

Join us for a VBS decorations work night on Friday, May 31, at 6:30 pm. Projects for all skill levels, men and women welcome! Meet in the Foundation Room. Questions? Text Chrystiana 620-747-2392. Many hands make light work, and if you can give your time to help transform our church spaces into an underwater creation, we'd be so grateful!

Bethesda Home's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. in Bethesda's Chapel. An update of Bethesda, election of board members, financial report, AND a piece of pie – you won't want to miss! It's a time to celebrate the ministry of Bethesda. We hope you can join us!

Mark your calendars for Bethesda's Annual Summer Fundraiser which will be held from 5p-7p on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at the White Owl Barn. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches with all the fixings, including homemade ice cream. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening by the creek. Flier located on bulletin board for more details.

Blood Drive: Start your summer with giving a gift of life! **Donate blood on June 3, between 1:00-6:00 pm** at Goessel Church. Sing up at redcrossblood.org to donate. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

You are invited to join us for the dedication and celebration of the new Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Cabinet Shop and Warehouse. The event will be held on **Sunday, June 9th** at 604 E. Main Street, Goessel, Kansas from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Admission is free.

We Remember...

Evelyn (Evie) Schmidt – March 31, 2023

Myron Hiebert – December 1, 2023

Rannie Schmidt – December 20, 2023

Ann (Schroeder) Boese – December 28, 2023

Les Flaming – April 21, 2024

We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have recently died. We thank God for these saints and for the richness they added to our lives. On this Memorial Day weekend, we grieve their loss and continue to remember and give thanks for them.

Memorial Services

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Cemetery – No service

Goessel Church – No service

Tabor Mennonite Cemetery – Monday, May 27, 10:00 am