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### Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we welcome Cleo Koop as he brings us the message from Genesis 6 and 8. We are reminded of God's creation and love for all that has been created. What is our role in caring for the earth and her inhabitants, especially after disasters? We'll hear about the work of MDS.

# **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Gathering Music Processional ~ Douglas Wagner Jared Janzen

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+ adapted from VT 915

People: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you

made all things.

Leader: You spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and

brought life into being.

People: For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: By your Word you called your faithful people to tell of your

wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

People: For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call

us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

People: For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Leader: Send your Spirit of truth, O God. **People: Rekindle your gifts within us.** 

Leader: Renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the

sake of a world in need.

All: Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on

you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

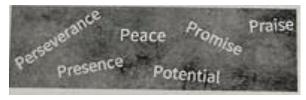
\*Gathering Hymns What Is This Place VT 22 Ehane he'ama VT 59

Children's Story Cleo Koop

Worship Music VBS Songs Morning Prayer Pastor Lois

# **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

ScriptureGenesis 6:5-9; 8:15-22Steve BanmanMessageNoah... A Disaster ManagerCleo Koop



Sharing of Experiences in Red Lake, MN

Eddie Gaeddert

Song of Response How Great Thou Art (vs. 1, 2, 4)

VT 436

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings** 

Offertory Meditation ~Douglas Wagner Jared Janzen \*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Lois

# **SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*Song of Sending This Is My Song VT 710

\*Benediction Pastor Lois

\*Postlude Prelude on a Theme of Brahms ~Gordon Young 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 that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Renae Peters

**Greeters:** North – Karl and Marcia Brubaker

South - John and Jenny Fast

Visual Arts: VBS

Nursery Staff: Kim Voth, Tammy Flaming

**Worship Technology:** DJ Flaming, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth **June 2 Attendance**: Sunday School – 101; Worship -- 141 in person;

11 Zoom Households

June 2 Offering: Sunday School -- \$18.20; First Fruits – \$4,666.00

Next Sunday Travis Duerksen will reflect on fatherhood. Our High School youth will also share about their experiences in Kentucky with Appalachia Build.

# Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

We thank you, God, for a full and wonderful week of VBS! Thank you for each student, teacher, helper and everyone who participated in sharing the good news of Jesus this week.

- ❖ We're grateful for the mini "service assignments" that our 6<sup>th</sup> graders did as part of VBS with the Tabor Church 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- We pray for Norman Schroeder who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- We pray for safe travels as our youth and Ben and Tina travel back home.
- Thank you for the recent rains and now for hot, windy days as farmers prepare for wheat harvest.
- +This week pray for: Roger and Fern Bartel, Mike and Mandi Brouillette, Mark and Anne Burch, Preston, Brianna and Silas Combs, Tim and Judy Goertzen, June Hiebert, Jordan Schmucker, Jeremy W. Voth, John and Kristin Womack

#### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, June 9

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

4:00 pm -- MDS Cabinet Shop Open House & Dedication

7:00 pm -- Heritage Talk - "Roots & Fruits" Arlin Buller presenter

#### Monday, June 10

4:00 pm - Prayer Team

5:45 pm - Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm - Church Council

# Tuesday, June 11

9:15 am – Staff Meeting

5:00 pm - Board of Worship

5:30 pm - Board of Christian Education

# Sunday, June 16

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

#### **COMING EVENTS**

June 17-Aug 11 Sabbatical time for Pastor Lois

June 20 Pastor Luann meet with Bethesda residents at 9:30 am
June 21 Senior Coffee with Brian Stucky, "Goessel area rural graves"
July 19 Senior Coffee with Tim Schrag presenting about MDS
Aug 2-4 WDC Annual Assembly, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At the recommendation of the Board of Deacons, and as part of the transitional work of the congregation, Pastor Lois will take the remainder of her sabbatical time this summer that was not completed last summer. She will be on sabbatical for 8 weeks beginning June 17 through August 11. The Board of Deacons has secured pastoral coverage for this time with Robert Yutzy agreeing to serve with us at .5 FTE. Pastor Luann will continue with us in her Transitional Pastor role, also at .5 FTE.

Office hours for Pastor Robert Yutzy will be Wednesday and Friday from 9:00-12:00.

Pastor Robert Yutzy will be teaching several classes using material from the "Managing Differences in the Faith Community" that he cotaught in April for KIPCOR and Bethel College. These sessions will help persons to examine communication dynamics, gut theologies about differences and conflicts, as well as the connection between community, creativity, and conflict and the transformation God's Spirit may be inviting us to. This will be offered three consecutive Sundays starting July 7.

Today -- Dedication and celebration of the new Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Cabinet Shop and Warehouse in Goessel, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Today -- June 9, at 7:00 pm at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Arlin Buller will present "Roots & Fruits: A Timeline of History." Buller will place the story of the Przechowko Mennonites, later the Alexanderwohl, Hoffnungsau and Lone Tree congregations, in historical context through the use of a timeline he created. A 150th Celebration Event -- All are welcome!

Brian Stucky will present "Goessel Area Rural Graves" for Sr. Coffee on Friday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This 55 minute presentation offers additional insight into the migration story of 150 years ago and tells about the research Brian has done to discover and honor the 70+ rural graves in this area.