

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we'll hear from the prophet Micah along with the Apostle Paul in his writing to the Romans... important reminders of how God wants us to live in this crazy world!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ~Burkhardt Karen Unruh
Christ is Our Cornerstone ~Callahan

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

(raise your hand for the microphone or come to the front)

Call to Worship | Opening Prayer+ VT 869

***Gathering Hymns** *Praise with Joy the World's Creator* VT 428
Christ Is Our Cornerstone (vs. 1 and 4) VT 4

Children's Story Aileen Esau

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Nathaniel Schmucker
Micah 6:6-8; Romans 15:1-6

Message *Just Do It* (with apologies to Nike) Pastor Lois

Song of Response *Kyrie eleison, Have Mercy* VT 796

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Musical Sketch* ~Mendelssohn Karen Unruh

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *Renew Your Church* VT 717

***Benediction** Pastor Lois

***Postlude** 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 that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Julianna Kaufman

Greeters: North – Tina and Ben Schrag
South – David and Aileen Esau

Visual Arts: Anita Boese | Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Travis Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth

August 18 Attendance: Sunday School – 112; Worship -- 158 in person;
14 Zoom Households

August 18 Offering: Sunday School -- \$22.20; First Fruits – \$6,607.18

Next Sunday Pastor Luann will preach from Matthew 25 and Wisdom of Solomon 16 on how to stay rooted in God in the long wait times and spiritual practices that can sustain as well as aid in restoration and re-creation.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for teachers and students, parents and all whose lives are impacted by the transition of going back to school.
- ❖ We pray for the family of Irvin Goertzen, who passed away in his room at Bethesda Home last Sunday morning (August 18). Thank you, God, for Irvin's long life!

+*This week pray for: Donley and Carol Duerksen, Sandy Duerksen, David and Aileen Esau, Myron and Ruth Goertzen, Phyllis Nickel, Kim Voth, James and Shari Wiens*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 25

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, August 27

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

4:30 pm – Peace Committee

Sunday, September 1

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

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| Sept 2 | Church Offices Closed for Labor Day |
| Sept 7-8 | WDC Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah |
| Sept 11-14 | Serve at New Hope Shelter |
| Sept 15 | Hand out First Grade Bibles |
| Sept 15 | Teacher Appreciation Lunch |

Sept 20 Senior Coffee with John Ensz, Inman Museum
Sept 22 Immigrant Site Pilgrimage
Sept 28-29 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
Oct 5 Goessel Harvest Festival
Oct 6 Harvest Giving Walk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The garden sharing table is available in the south lobby. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others.

Tabor Mennonite Church invites you to join us for our annual Mennograss event on Sunday, August 25! A supper consisting of grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and homemade ice cream will start at 5:45 and music will start around 6:00. This event is free to the Goessel community, but donations to help cover costs are welcome. We hope that you will join us at the Tabor Church park for this evening of food, fellowship and live music.

MCC School Kit Blitz

Alexanderwohl Church and Bethesda Home are collaborating to provide MCC School Kits to those in need in the US and around the world. AMC will provide the supplies and Bethesda residents will be putting the kits together. Please bring any of the following supplies (new) by Sunday August 25th:

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks; about 21.5 cm x 27.5 cm (8.5 in x 11 in); approx. 140 pages (70 sheets) each, totaling 500–600 pages (250-300 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

Teacher Appreciation Lunch - September 15, 2024 following the worship service. This is for all teachers/helpers who have taught Elementary, Youth, and Adult Sunday School classes or Midweek classes during the 2023-2024 year. Sign-up sheets are in both the north and south lobbies, where you can indicate how many from your family will attend. Deadline to sign up is September 8.

2024 Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Retreat: Come to Camp Mennoscah September 28-29 and enjoy God's creation, fellowship, tasty meals, and worshipping our Maker! Come for one day or both days. Thanks to First Fruits giving throughout the year, most of the retreat fees are covered. Opportunity will be given for donations to assist with expenses. For planning purposes, please complete the [online registration form](#) (see the weekly email

from amc@alexanderwohl.org) OR the registration form that is in church mailboxes by Sunday, September 22. Feel free to invite friends!

Newton Et Cetera Shop Volunteer Experience – Saturday, August 31, 9:00 – 11:00 am, 619 North Main Street, Newton. See flyers on either lobby board or contact Rod Peters for more information.

Your next opportunity to serve at New Hope Shelter is Wednesday, September 11 - Saturday, September 14. The sign-up sheet for evening volunteers is on the south lobby bulletin board. These are the Sunday school classes that will be serving during this time: Friends & Followers, Route 15, Seekers & Sojourners, and Young Adults. The current needs list is also on the bulletin boards in both lobbies. Thank you for your support!