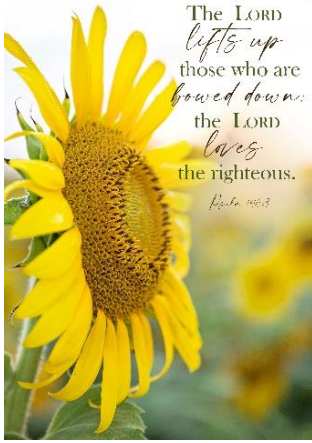


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we hear two stories of Jesus healing Gentiles in the region of Tyre - those well outside the boundaries of Jewish Galilee. James exhorts us not to show favoritism but to extend God's hospitable love to all! What do we have to learn from these texts?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *This Is My Father's World* ~Payne Mary Schmidt
 Jesus Shall Reign! ~Wagner

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+ Psalm 146 (adapted)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help...

People: **Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;**

Leader: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

People: **The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

All: Praise the Lord!

***Gathering Hymns** *Mountain of God* VT 11
 We Praise the Word of God VT 404

Children's Story		Lynel Unrau
Worship Music	<i>Menuet en Rondeau</i> ~Rameau <i>We Gather Together</i> ~arr. Nancy Lau	Celia Peters
Morning Prayer		Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture	James 2:1-10, 14-17 Mark 7:24-37 CEB	Nathaniel and Judy Glen Unrau
Message	<i>Jesus and the Gentiles</i>	Pastor Lois
Song of Response	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	VT 644
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> ~arr. Bock	Mary Schmidt
*Prayer of Dedication		

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>Christ Has Broken Down the Wall</i>	VT 174
*Benediction		Pastor Lois
*Postlude	<i>Christ Has Broken Down the Wall</i> (VT 174)	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: Marcia Brubaker

Greeters: North – DeAlan and Alma Unrau
South – Duane and Karen Unruh

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Ann Hiebert, Tammy Flaming

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Caiden Duerksen, Steve Unruh

September 1 Attendance: Sunday School – 92; Worship -- 134 in person; 13 Zoom Households

September 1 Offering: Sunday School -- \$33.99; First Fruits – \$4,595.00

Next Sunday Pastor Lois will preach on the topic of wisdom as we celebrate Education Sunday, honor our teachers and give Bibles to our 1st grade students. Texts will be from Proverbs 1 and James 3.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ Oh, God, we pray for your mercy for all who live with the horrifying and tragic consequences of gun violence.
- ❖ We're grateful, God, for lovely autumn days and all the ways we can see your goodness in them... sunrises and sets, the bounty of harvest, settling in to school schedules and so much more.

- ❖ Thank you for wellness that has come for those who've been sick with viruses, coughs, colds, covid, etc. We pray for continued healing.
- ❖ Pray for Pastor Luann and Robert as they travel to Ohio this weekend to go to Robert's family reunion. They will also get to see some of their grandchildren!

+This week pray for: Arlin and Maretta Buller, Josh Hein, John and Janell Janzen, Greg, Suzanne and Grace Meier, Marjorie Shoemaker, Delton and Janice Voth

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 8

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, September 9

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, September 10

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

7:00 pm – Youth | Parent Meeting at the Youth House

Sunday, September 15

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Noon Teacher Appreciation Lunch

COMING EVENTS

Sept 11-14	Serve at New Hope Shelter
Sept 15	Hand out First Grade Bibles
Sept 18	Youth Trivia Night at Bethel College
Sept 20	Senior Coffee with John Ens, Inman Museum
Sept 22	Immigrant Site Pilgrimage
Sept 28-29	Church Retreat at Camp
Oct 5	Goessel Harvest Festival
Oct 6	Harvest Giving Walk
Oct 9	Midweek fellowship meals and classes begin at AMC
Nov 3	Bethesda Home Pillars Banquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Today is the deadline to sign up.

Pastor Fred Hayes Jr., from The New Life Church of Wichita, shared with Ken Regier, CFO of the Kansas Food Bank, that the church needs help with **food distribution on Friday September 27th from 3-6 pm**. The Board of Mission and Service has placed a sign-up sheet in the south lobby.

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](#) by Sunday, September 22 (see the weekly email from amc@alexanderwohl.org) OR the registration form that was in church mailboxes. Feel free to invite friends!

The garden sharing table is available in the south lobby. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others. The last day for sharing produce will be September 22.

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!

Volunteers Needed! The 150th committee needs 6-8 volunteers to help at the Immigrant Site Pilgrimage on September 22 at 3:00-5:00 pm. This would be for a 1-hour shift, so you can still have the opportunity to visit the immigrant site. Please contact Sandy Duerksen 620-386-4434 or sandyduerksen@hotmail.com by Sept. 16. Thank you!

Junior High and High school youth and parents: This year we are joining forces for both midweek and Sunday school. Midweek will be led by Jared and Laura Unrau with special events each month by Ben and Tina Schrag. Come to our parent meeting on **Wednesday, September 11 at 7 pm** in the youth house to learn more and ask any questions you might have. After a short parent meeting we will have a kickoff for the year with the youth. Youth, feel free to invite friends and their parents to join us. Church members, if you know of anyone, please invite them to join us as well! We ask that you pray for a meaningful and fun year for the youth of our congregation and community. Thanks!

The annual **Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** is less than a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will begin at Goessel Church on **Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 p.m.** Find a donation envelope from Karl Brubaker or on the table at the back of the sanctuary and start your fundraising today! Donations go to support MCC and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

Bethesda Pillars Banquet – Mark your calendars now for November 3 at Tabor Mennonite Church – There will be a drive thru option as well as a plated meal with entertainment. More details to come!

The new Anabaptist Community Bible uses the Common English Bible translation, presented in a uniquely Anabaptist context. Check out the sample of the book of Psalms and pick up an informational flyer from the table in the south lobby. Discounted prices are available on orders placed by October 15. **To see if there is enough interest for a group order (13 or more copies), please sign up by September 22 on the group order form on the table or let the church office know.**

We have received minutes of the August 2-4 Western District Conference Assembly held at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. They are available in the library for your perusal.

Immigrant House Pilgrimage

Step in the footsteps of the early Mennonite immigrants on the Immigrant House Pilgrimage Tour September 22, 2024, 3:00-5:00 pm

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, 1304 K-15 Hwy, Goessel, Ks.

The tour to the site of the Immigrant Houses will be offered 2 times, at 3:00 pm & at 4:00 pm. Meet at the church and carpool to the site following a pilot car.

Brian Stucky will present information about the immigrant houses and there will be time to explore.

Other activities will take place on the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church campus. View an outline of the *SS Cimbria*. Experience food eaten on the ships, explore the church cemetery.

Tours of the Church will also be given and will include an exhibit of the church record books from Przechowko, West Prussia, Russia, and Kansas.

Church Tours will take place at 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 pm
Register to attend by September 15 to goesselmuseum@gmail.com or call the Mennonite Heritage Museum at 620-367-8200
Registration appreciated but not required.

(Inclement Weather Date - September 29, 2024)
Check Facebook or museum web site for more info
www.goesselmuseum.com

