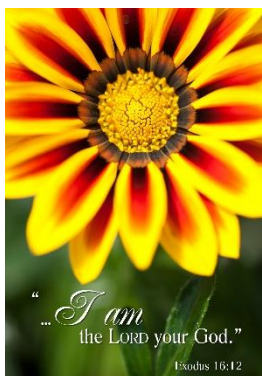


# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning as we take Communion together along with believers all over the world, we're using resources from Mennonite Central Committee focused on World Food Day. "Food is a human right and a blessing from God..."

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**      *Diapason Dialogue* ~Gordon Young      Jared Janzen  
   *Prelude in F* ~Gordon Young

### Welcome

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

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

### Call to Worship and Invocation+

Psalm 95

One: O Come, let us sing to the Lord;

**Many: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**Many: let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

One: For the Lord is a great God,

**Many: and a great King above all gods.**

One: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**Many: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

### \*Gathering Hymn

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

VT 28

### Peace Prayer

Jerod and Julianna Kaufman

### Children's Story

Delbert Peters

### Worship Music

Kevin Gaeddert and friends

*Walls of Time | Amazing Grace*

### Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

### Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory**

*Reflection* ~Douglas Wagner

Jared Janzen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Lois

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>Scripture</b>	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Matthew 25:34-46	
<b>Message</b>	<i>Asking, "What's for Dinner?"</i>	Pastor Lois
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>Longing for Light</i>	VT 715

## COMING TO GOD'S TABLE

<b>Words of Invitation and Preparation</b>		VT 936
<b>Celebrating the Lord's Supper</b>		
<b>Song of Response</b>	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	VT 474
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

<b>*Song of Sending</b>	<i>This Is My Song</i>	VT 710
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Lois
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Intermezzo ~Pietro Mascagni</i>	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:** Marcia Brubaker

**Greeters:** North – Eric and Gretchen Schrag  
South – Brian and Nancy Stucky

**Visual Arts:** Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Kara Burkholder, Kim Voth

**Worship Technology:** DJ Flaming, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

**September 22 Attendance:** Sunday School – 95; Worship -- 139 in person; 17 Zoom Households

**September 22 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$65.97; First Fruits -- \$14,187.68

**September 29:** Worship at Camp Mennoscah; First Fruits -- \$8,636.00

**Next Sunday:** The texts will be Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Mark 10:17-31. These will be the focus for the Bible study led by Pastor Lois on Wednesday evening in the Conference Room.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We are grateful, God, for all who attended and those who planned and led the events last weekend – the Immigrant House site and church tours as well as our Camp Mennoscah weekend.
- ❖ We pray for The Spirit's wisdom and guidance as we prepare for the next congregational gathering during the Sunday school hour on October 20.

- ❖ We pray for Kim Voth and her parents, Tim and Jolynn, as they continue to navigate Jolynn's cancer treatments.
- ❖ We pray for those who are suffering in the wake of Hurricane Helene.
- ❖ We pray for those around the world who are suffering in the midst of war, famine and drought. As we mark one year since the most recent bloodshed began in Israel/Palestine we pray for your mercy, God, that your Justice will prevail.

+*This week pray for: Dwight J. and Marilyn Unruh Flaming, LaVern and Arlene Goossen, Lois and Tom Harder, Ann Hiebert, Sherie Klassen, Verney and Janice Voth*

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, October 6**

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship – World Communion | World Food Day
- 1:30 pm – Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

### **Monday, October 7**

- 1:00-6:00 pm – Goessel Community Blood Drive
- 4:00 pm – Prayer Team
- 5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

### **Tuesday, October 8**

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 9**

- 5:45 pm – Midweek fellowship meal served
- Midweek Activities – See schedule

### **Sunday, October 13**

- 9:30 am -- Sunday School
- 10:30 am -- Worship
- 3:00 pm – Book Chats hosted by the Library committee, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00-8:00 pm – Area-wide Jr. High Fall Party, Meet at Tabor Church

## COMING EVENTS

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| Oct 18      | Senior Coffee with Sharolyn Flaming Jackson presenting  |
| Oct 20      | Sharing the Congregational and Pastoral Priorities surveys during Sunday School; identifying search committee members |
| Nov 3       | Bethesda Home Pillar's Banquet  |
| Nov 4, 5, 6 | Meat Canning at MCC Center, N Newton  |
| Nov 24      | Community Worship Service at AMC sponsored by Goessel Ministerial Alliance (no Sunday School)                         |
| Dec 7       | Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch   |
| Dec 8       | McPherson Brass Concert   |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Gifts Discernment sheets are due TODAY** – Please return your completed form to the designated box in either lobby.

We will be sharing the results of the **Congregational and Pastoral Priorities surveys during the Sunday School hour on October 20**. We will also be introducing the Search Committee Affirmation Form to begin the process of identifying those who will be serving on the Search Committee. We hope you can attend on October 20. ~Church Council

**Check out the youth version of “Church as a Person”** on the east wall in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday night meals – If you are willing to bring dessert, help serve or clean up** sign up in the south lobby for dates that work for you.

### **Midweek Schedule - Begins Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

5:45 – 6:30 pm	Fellowship meal served
6:30 – 7:50 pm	Supervised child care for ages 0-2
6:30 – 7:45 pm	Children’s activities and music (ages 3 to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
6:45 – 7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
7:00 - 8:00 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade activities (youth house)
7:50 – 8:30 pm	Adult Bible Study



**The library committee invites you to Book Chats on Sunday, October 13 at 3 pm.** Join us for an afternoon of books and snacks. We will talk about a few books from our library and new releases for fall. We'll also have a chance to share your favorite recent reads, so bring a title or two and we can all get some new ideas! Please RSVP to Laura Unrau at [lauraelaine25@gmail.com](mailto:lauraelaine25@gmail.com) by October 6.

**Senior Coffee presentation on Friday, October 18, at 10:00 am** will be presented by Sharolyn Flaming Jackson, K-State Research and Extension on “Blue Zones: Keys to Living Longer and Better”. Sharolyn will help you discover the "Power 9" lifestyle habits of the world's longest-living communities, known as Blue Zones. Explore what is unique about these five unique regions and hear about her experiences when visiting Ikaria, Greece.

**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!