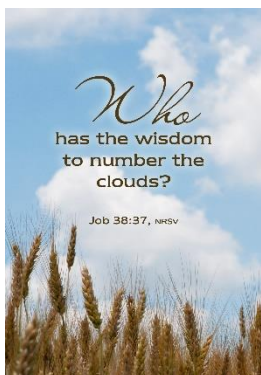


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we begin a mini series from the book of Job, a book of Wisdom literature. For three Sundays we'll look at how this book "responds to some of the basic questions of our life before God".

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Holy, Holy, Holy ~Hayes
Prelude ~Franck

Marcia Brubaker

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

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

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+

Psalm 90:12-17 NRSV

Leader: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

People: Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

People: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands -

All: O prosper the work of our hands!

*Gathering Hymns

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
All People That on Earth Do Dwell

VT 203
VT 5

Children's Story

Karl Brubaker

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

OT Hebrew Scripture

Job 23:1-17

Nathaniel Schmucker

Worship Music

Chancel Choir

The Lord's My Shepherd ~arr. John Carter

HEARING GOD'S WORD

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| NT Scripture from the Gospel | Mark 10:17-31 | Nathaniel Schmucker |
| Message | <i>When God doesn't play by the rules</i> | Pastor Lois |
| Song of Response | <i>What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring</i> | VT 623 |
| Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings | | |
| Offertory | <i>Come, Ye Disconsolate</i> ~Wood | Marcia Brubaker |
| *Prayer of Dedication | | |

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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| *Song of Sending | <i>Move in Our Midst</i> | VT 827 |
| *Benediction | | Pastor Lois |
| *Postlude | <i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> ~Croft | Marcia Brubaker |

*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 and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Greeters: North – Jim and Mary Schmidt

South – Matt and Laura Voth

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Maryanne Esau and Myra Peters

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

October 6 Attendance: Sunday School – 95; Worship -- 148 in person; 13 Zoom Households

October 6 Offering: Sunday School -- \$17.64; First Fruits -- \$7,586.84

Next Sunday: Come and learn together as Pastor Luann engages scripture from Job 38:1-7 and Mark 10:35-45 where we see God putting Job and us? in our place and Jesus asking James and John, "Do you really want to ask to sit on my right and my left?"

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We continue to pray for those impacted by recent hurricanes.
- ❖ We are grateful, God, for the opportunities we have to gather for worship, fellowship and learning together. We give thanks for all who are willing to use their gifts and offer their time to make these opportunities happen.
- ❖ We thank you, God, for the birth of Eden Friedberg to Kendra and Kevin on October 4. She is welcomed by her siblings Levi and Aubryn and grandparents Dwight and Tammy Flaming.

+This week pray for: Karl and Marcia Brubaker, Lee and Mary Alice Hertzler, Ruben and Analene Klassen, LaWanda Oblander, Lavina Schroeder, Nelson and Clarice Voth

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, October 14

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, October 15

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:00 pm – Board of Worship

Wednesday, October 16

5:45 pm – Midweek fellowship meal served

Midweek Activities – See schedule

7:00 pm – Board of Trustees

Friday, October 18

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Sharolyn Flaming Jackson presenting

Sunday, October 20

9:30 am – Sunday School – Sharing the Congregational and Pastoral
Priorities surveys; Discerning search committee members

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

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| Oct 26 | Dr. Michal Targowski from Poland will present a program “The Przechowko Mennonite Cemetery: Its History and Restoration” |
| Nov 3 | Daylight Saving Time Ends |
| 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

Area 6th-8th graders: We will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church for a hayrack ride to Patchwork Farms, where we will enjoy roasting hot dogs, making s'mores, and enjoying the outdoors together! Students may be picked up at the pumpkin patch at 8:00 p.m. Questions? Contact: Megan Duerksen or Kristi Unruh.

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. Plan to attend! ~Church Council

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.

Transition work update: Check out our 1st grader's work on a variation of "Church as a Person" they did in their Sunday School class. You can view it on the Fellowship Hall east wall. The hearts represent things they love about AMC and the light bulbs are ideas the 1st graders have for AMC to consider. Thank you to the first graders and to Pat Schmidt and Chrystiana Miller!
~Pastor Luann

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.

From the Board of Worship – There will not be services here at Alexanderwohl on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. As you make your holiday plans, we hope this allows time to spend with family and friends.

Bethesda Home's Annual Pillars Banquet – Bethesda is celebrating 125 years and there is no better way to commemorate this milestone than joining us for our Pillar's Banquet on November 3, 2024. This year there will be 2 options – a drive thru from 5:00 -5:30 **OR** a dine-in experience with seating starting at 6pm. For those eating at Tabor, a story-telling presentation by Kris Schmucker will start at 6:45pm. Please RSVP by October 25 and when doing so, please indicate if you will be attending in person or drive thru. This year's proceeds will go towards a new generator that is estimated to cost \$300,000. Help us reach our goal of \$100,000 this year!! For donation suggestions, please see flier in your mailboxes. Thank you!

The Peace Committee here at Alexanderwohl thanks you for your generosity; the donation table was FULL! Special thanks to DJ Flaming (and those who helped load up his truck) for delivering the items to the Tabor Church Food Pantry.

The 2024 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk took place on Sunday, October 6 beginning and ending at Goessel Church. Forty participants enjoyed a beautiful, fall afternoon and completed a route between 1 and 6 miles. Over **\$6,000** was raised for this event and will be dispersed to MCC's global food projects and the Tabor Church Food Pantry. Additionally, over **35 items** were collected for the Tabor Food Pantry. Thank you for your support of this annual community event – by walking, donating money or non-perishable items, and praying for us! ~Kevin & Yvette Nickel, area coordinators

A Musical Souvenir from Goshen College: On Tuesday, October 22, Goshen College music professors Solomia Soroka and Hillary Harder will share an evening of music, conversation, and information about the many musical opportunities that Goshen College has to offer. High school students are invited to join us for a pizza supper and Q and A at 6:00 p.m. followed by a duo violin recital at 7:00 p.m. open to all, at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Free and open to the public.

Midweek Schedule

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