

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>Rain Down</i>	VT 703
*Benediction		Pastor Luann
*Postlude	<i>I Must Tell Jesus ~Hoffman</i>	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: Julianna Kaufman

Greeters: North – John and Jenny Fast

South – Tammy and Dwight Flaming

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Tina Schrag, Levi Schrag

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

October 13 Attendance: Sunday School – 116; Worship -- 143 in person; 9 Zoom Households

October 13 Offering: Sunday School -- \$21.79; First Fruits -- \$4,019.00

<p>Next Sunday: Julianna Kaufman will preach from Job 42 and Mark 10, wrapping up the mini-series on Job.</p>
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Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ As the violence and retribution continues to escalate in the Middle East, we pray for your compassion and mercy, God. In this "Holy Land" into which you sent your Son 2,000 years ago, may His ways of Justice with Peace be sought.
- ❖ O God, we pray for our college students; may they have inspiration and energy to keep working hard as the semester progresses.

+*This week pray for: Alvin Banman, Ilene Franz, Myron and Pat Schmidt, Peter Voth, Elsie Unruh, Phyllis Voth, Larry Voth*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 20

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

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, October 21

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

Tuesday, October 22

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

7:00 pm – Musical Souvenir from Goshen College – Hillary Harder & Solomia Soroka

Wednesday, October 23

5:45 pm – Midweek fellowship meal served
Midweek Activities

Saturday, October 26

7:00 pm -- Dr. Michal Targowski from Poland will present a program “The Przechowko Mennonite Cemetery: Its History and Restoration”

Sunday, October 27

9:30 am -- Sunday School
10:30 am -- Worship

COMING EVENTS

- 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 7 Tabor Church Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ
- Nov 9 Comforter tying at Tabor Church
- Nov 10 Bethel College Concert Choir will provide music and Trent Voth will bring the morning message
- Nov 24 Community Worship Service at AMC sponsored by Goessel Ministerial Alliance (no Sunday School)
- Nov 28-29 Church offices closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec 7 Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch
- Dec 8 McPherson Brass Concert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at 9:30 we will be sharing the results of the Congregational and Pastoral Priorities surveys during the Sunday School hour. We will also be sharing the discernment form for the Pastoral Search Committee.
~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.

On Sunday, November 10, the Bethel College Concert Choir will be providing music and Bethel College professor of religion, Trent Voth, will be providing the message for our worship service. The church will be having a potluck following the service for our congregation and guests. Start thinking of your great potluck dishes that you can provide for the lunch and help our kind, supportive and dedicated fellowship committee! It should be a wonderful morning of worship, and fellowship together.

Alexanderwohl Spending Plan Update: After completing 9 months (75%) of the year, the expenses for our local church personnel, local church operations and ministries & boards remain within our spending plan goals. The support for these ministries through your First Fruits offerings has been able to fully fund these ministries. Currently we have received 70% of our First Fruits giving goal for 2024. We have also sent a proportionate

amount to our Mission Partners as the church's First Fruits. Your continued generosity through the final quarter can make it possible to fully fund our local church operations as well as support our mission partners. Thank you.

On October 16 and 23, children, junior high, and high school students will be participating on Wednesday nights in the *Circle of Grace* curriculum lessons about personal safety and abuse prevention. A display that features our church library books on these topics has been set up at the back of the sanctuary. There are many helpful parenting books, as well as informational books for all ages on this topic. Books may be checked out from the library check-out sheet provided on the table. Please take time to check out this book display!

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 public is invited to attend "The Przechowko Mennonite Cemetery: Its History and Restoration" by Dr. Michal Targowski, October 26, 7:00 pm at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Dr. Targowski will share about the work being done to preserve the Przechowko village cemetery, one of the oldest Mennonite cemeteries in Poland and the resting place for the ancestors of many Low German descendants that migrated in 1874. The event will be livestreamed from the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's Facebook page. If you have questions, contact Kris Schmucker, AMC Historian at 620.747.2872.

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.

Tabor Church Mennonite Men Chicken Barbeque – Dine in or carry out will be Thursday, November 7, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the church. Menu: special recipe chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, roll, ice cream. Donations received will go to the Tabor Church food pantry and Mennonite Central Committee.

Tabor Mennonite Women will be tying comforters for MCC Relief on Saturday, November 9, from 1 to 5pm in the Hospitality Hall, and you are invited to join us! Come together for the whole afternoon, or part, and let's see how many comforters we can tie! A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but a tangible reminder of hope and care to people when they need it most.

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Tabor Church Food Pantry! They are very much appreciated. It feels good to have the shelves full when clients come for food. ~Tabor Food Pantry Committee

Many thanks from the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum for sharing your First Fruits gifts with us! We have partnered together with you in many ways this year to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the migration of our Alexanderwohl forbearers, and the faithful financial support of the congregation has encouraged and assured us that preserving and sharing the stories of this community is important work. ~With gratitude, Aileen Esau, treasurer