



**Old Testament Reading**      Job 42:1-6; 10-17      Lynel Unrau  
**Message**      Julianna Kaufman  
*Sowing, Reaping and the Valley of Stagnation*  
**Song of Response**      *Sing to the God of Harvest*      VT 122  
**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**  
**Offertory**      *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* ~Bach      Karen Unruh  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**      Pastor Lois

**SENT AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

**\*Song of Sending**      *Lead Me Forth*      VT 837  
**\*Benediction**      Pastor Lois  
**\*Postlude**      *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ~Fleischer      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:** Braden Unruh

**Kids Praise Leaders:** Eric Schrag, Kevin Gaeddert, Jason Peters

**Greeters:** North – Alan and Sharon Boese  
 South – Denise Duerksen

**Visual Arts:** Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Susan Nafziger, Laura Voth

**Worship Technology:** DeAlan Unrau, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth

**October 20 Attendance:** Sunday School – 109; Worship -- 134 in person; 9 Zoom Households

**October 20 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$71.54; First Fruits -- \$4,280.00

**Next Sunday Pastor Lois will bring the message from Deuteronomy 6 and Mark 12.** Which is the greatest commandment? Jesus clarifies and challenges the scribe – and us!

***Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond***

- ❖ We pray for Steve and Sandy Banman who are headed back to the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix for some tests and assessments. We ask for safe travels and wisdom for Steve’s medical team there.
- ❖ O God, help us to be good stewards of all that you’ve lent us while we’re here on this earth – time, treasures, responsibilities, all the resources at our disposal; may we make wise and compassionate choices that honor you.

+*This week pray for: Anita Boese, Eddie Gaeddert, Brendon, Susan and Colby Nafziger, Rod and Linda Peters, Eldon and Deloris Schmidt, Esther Schmidt, Jerah Schmidt, Darrell and Judy Unruh*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 27

9:30 am -- Sunday School

10:30 am -- Worship

### Tuesday, October 29

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, October 30

5:45 pm – Midweek fellowship meal served

Midweek Activities

### Sunday, November 3

Discernment for Pastoral Search Committee sheets are due – place in blue boxes in either lobby

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois leading

5:00 pm – Bethesda Pillar's Dinner

## COMING EVENTS

- Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Nov 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; Noon potluck meal  
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

**Discernment forms for Pastoral Search Committee (blue sheets) are due on Sunday, November 3.** Place them in the blue boxes in either lobby or drop off at the church office.

**Anyone interested in membership** (full or associate) here at Alexanderwohl, please speak with Pastor Lois.

**Please consider helping can meat with MCC on November 5 or 6.** Details are on the bulletin board in the South lobby.

**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 promises to be a wonderful morning of worship, and fellowship together.

**In your mailbox today, you will find a letter from the Mennonite College Student Ministry Team regarding our Fall Fundraiser.** As you may remember, in spring we implemented a month-long campaign to fund our students who attend Mennonite Colleges. As the colleges request our scholarships for spring semester in December, we are asking that you donate to the Scholarship Fund in the next four weeks via the envelope provided. **Your donations are appreciated by our students** and are matched by the colleges. Thank you for your support!

**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.

**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** participated in the *Circle of Grace* curriculum lessons on Wednesday nights 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!

**Elsie Unruh will celebrate her 98th birthday on Tuesday, November 5.** Her family would like to cover her with the blessing of many cards! Those who wish to do so may mail cards to: Elsie Unruh, Bethesda Home, PO Box 37, Goessel, KS 67053. Thank you!



## The Christmas Giving Tree

Jesus' love was the greatest gift that God has ever given to humanity. That love continues to inspire us to gift each other with God's grace and love. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Citizens State Bank are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to do just that. This tree endeavors to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for those families in need. We invite all parents who feel they could use a little help to fill out an application listing their children by name, age, and some gift suggestions with clothing sizes. Besides parents, other people that are aware of needs for children should also fill out the application form.

Applications will be available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the Goessel City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank. All applications will need to be turned in by **Friday, November 22** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Crossroads Credit Union. Each child's name turned in will get 1 tag on the tree with their age, sex and gift description. The names of the children will not be on the tag.

The tags will be available on the tree at the Crossroads Credit Union on **Tuesday, November 26**. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Credit Union by **Monday, December 16**. The gifts should be wrapped and the credit union personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. The gifts will then be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance.

It is our goal that everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both the giver and the receiver. We hope that each of our congregations may enter into this ministry opportunity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the one of the pastors.

