

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Love**  
the Lord your God  
with all your HEART  
and with all your SOUL  
and with all your MIND  
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV

## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we'll hear again the ancient commandment from Deuteronomy known as the Shema; to love God exclusively and absolutely and then Jesus' addition (as told in the Gospel of Mark) to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The two greatest commandments... are they still?

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

Marcia Brubaker  
*O That I Had a Thousand Voices* ~Burkhardt, Weber  
*For All the Saints* ~Held

### Welcome

Ben Schrag

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

#### Call to Worship and Invocation+

Psalm 119:1-8 CEB

Leader: Those whose way is blameless – who walk in the Lord's instruction – are truly happy.

**People: Those who guard God's laws are truly happy! They seek God with all their hearts. They don't even do anything wrong! They walk in God's ways.**

Leader: God you have ordered that your decrees should be kept most carefully.

**People: How I wish my ways were strong when it comes to keeping your statutes! Then I wouldn't be ashamed when I examine all your commandments.**

Leader: I will give thanks to you with a heart that does right as I learn your righteous rules.

**All: I will keep your statutes. Please don't leave me all alone!**

#### \*Gathering Hymns

*The Word of God Is Solid Ground*

VT 399

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

VT 170

#### Peace Prayer

Megan and Delaney Duerksen

#### Song of Response

*Kyrie eleison, Have Mercy*

VT 796

#### Children's Story

Eric Schrag

#### Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder



❖ In this election week, God, guide us to be Gospel-informed voters whose decisions are rooted in the teachings of Jesus. May we remember that our ultimate allegiance is to you and to your upside-down Kingdom of Peace with Justice.

+ *For the past couple of years, we have listed names of those in our church community (both attenders and extended) in the bulletin as a reminder to hold up one another in prayer. We will take a break from listing names in the bulletin for the time being. However, we are encouraged to continue to intentionally pray for each other. Possible ways to do this include praying through the church directory, committing to pray for a specific children's Sunday School class, the youth group, a church board/committee, or any other person or group the Spirit places on our hearts. May we continue to support each other through prayer, deed, and action!*

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, November 3**

Daylight Saving Time Ends – Set clocks back 1 hour

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

### **Monday, November 4**

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

### **Tuesday, November 5**

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

### **Wednesday, November 6**

5:45 pm – Midweek fellowship meal served

Midweek Activities

### **Thursday, November 7**

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

### **Sunday, November 10**

9:30 am -- Sunday School

10:30 am -- Worship with Bethel College Concert Choir and Trent Voth bringing the morning message

Noon Potluck Meal

## COMING EVENTS

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| 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 13  | Midweek meal is a fundraiser for Mennonite Heritage & Agriculture Museum (see announcement)                        |
| Nov 15  | Senior Coffee with Brian, Delbert and DM presenting  |
| Nov 17  | Antonina Broyaka will present a program about leaving her Ukrainian homeland and coming to live in Kansas, 2:30 pm |

Nov 24 Community Worship Service at AMC sponsored by Goessel  
Ministerial Alliance (no Sunday School)  
Nov 24-26 Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton  
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 today (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.

It's been fascinating looking back in history and reflecting on 150 years of the Alexanderwohl congregation in the United States. Thank you for the many ways you have joined with the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum in this year-long commemoration. **With grateful hearts, museum board members will be serving Menno Bros. pizza, along with fresh tossed salad and delicious cookies, between 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13.** All proceeds from the meal will benefit the museum; your donations will be gratefully accepted. Please join us!

**In your mailbox last week, you received 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!

**Daughters of Grace are once again planning a Christmas brunch for December 7, and are looking for creative volunteers willing to decorate a Christmas-themed table for the morning.** If you are willing to share your holiday dishes and decorations, please sign up in one of the lobbies. We look forward to seeing everyone's festive holiday table displays.

**On November 6 the junior high and high school students will be participating 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!

**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!

In 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine, Antonina Broyaka and her two children fled Ukraine and came to live in Manhattan, KS. They were hosted by Sharolyn Flaming Jackson, who grew up in Alexanderwohl. **Come and hear their modern day story of leaving their homeland and coming to Kansas and learn about their life now on Sunday, November 17, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** For questions, contact the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.