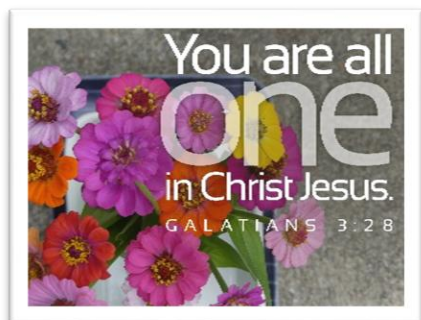


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

As we continue in Galatians we learn that if grace was the word last week, this week the word is faith. But we might be surprised by what Paul meant when he used that word!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Andantino* ~Cesar Franck Jared Janzen
 Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale ~Gordon Young

Welcome ElRoy Wiens/Timothy Schrag

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer + Psalm 43, adapted from *Psalms Now*

Leader 1: O God, my life is cluttered up with conflicts. And there are times when You seem so oblivious to it all.

Leader 2: The pitfalls before me, the weaknesses within me – all of this is most disheartening. I feel as if I am groping in utter darkness.

People: Break into my darkness, O God. Set me free from my anxieties.

Leader 1: May these daily pressures that threaten me drive me to Your fountainhead of grace.

People: Then night will give way to the dawn, discouragement shall resolve into joy, and I shall sing Your praises once more.

Leader 2: O foolish spirit, why do you fret over so many things? God is here!

Leader 1: God knows all about your troubles and trials. Renew your faith and rejoice in God!

All: I will rejoice! No matter how dark the night, God is my ever-present and eternal Hope.

Peace Prayer Celia Peters, Ellie Unrau, Lillian Voth VT 954 (adapted)

***Gathering Hymns** *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* VT 4
 This Is My Song VT 710

Children's Story Eric Schrag

Blessing for VBS Renae Peters

Blessing for Timothy Schrag

Pastor Lois Harder

Timothy will participate in the denominational "Ministry Inquiry Program" this summer, a time of learning more about what's involved in pastoral ministry. We welcome him to this experience at Alexanderwohl!

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Passacaglia* ~Douglas Wagner

Jared Janzen

***Prayer of Dedication**

Timothy Schrag

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:1-5; 19-29

ElRoy Wiens

Worship Music

In Christ There Is No East or West

VT 390

Laura Unrau, Justine Unruh, Eric Schrag, DeAlan Unrau

Sermon

Now that Faith has come...

Pastor Lois

Song of Response

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

VT 174

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending

Use Us, God

VT 811

*Benediction

Pastor Lois

*Postlude

Prelude on "Deo Gracias" ~Gordon Young

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.

Greeters: North – Marvin and Rosalie Duerksen

South – Eric and Gretchen Schrag

Organ/Piano: Jared Janzen

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Visual Arts: Janice Voth

Nursery Staff: Susan Nafziger, Delaney Duerksen

(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

May 25 Attendance: Sunday School – 77; Worship -- 121 in person; 14

Zoom Households

May 25 Offering: Sunday School -- \$17.32; First Fruits -- \$2,977.54

Next Sunday – VBS Celebration at Tabor Mennonite Church! Service begins at 10:00 am followed by tours of the children's classrooms and session spaces. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch and your table service.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for the family of Rodney Duerksen as they grieve his loss and celebrated his life with a graveside service and time together Saturday, May 31.
- ❖ We thank you, God, for the time of commemorating 500 years of Anabaptism; you are a faithful God!
- ❖ We pray for your Peace and calm in a world of chaos and uncertainty.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 1

- 9:30 am -- Sunday School (no Sunday School for ages 3 through 4th grade)
- 10:30 am – Worship
- 1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois leading.

Monday, June 2

- 8:30 – 11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church
- 12:30 pm – Prayer Team
- 1:00 – 6:00 pm – Goessel Community Blood Drive at Goessel Church
- 5:00 pm – Board of Worship

Tuesday, June 3

- 8:30 – 11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

Wednesday, June 4

- 8:30 – 11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm – Book Study in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 5

- 8:30 – 11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

Friday, June 6

- 8:30 – 11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

Sunday, June 8

- 10:00 am – VBS Program at Tabor Mennonite Church
- Potluck Meal following worship (see announcement)
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Bethesda's Summer Fundraiser at White Owl Barn

COMING EVENTS

- June 18-21 Serve at New Hope Shelter
- June 20 Senior Coffee with Levi Goossen as our guest
- July 6-12 Youth Summer Service trip to Rocky Mountain Menn. Camp
- July 8-12 MC USA Convention in Greensboro, NC
- Aug 8-9 WDC Annual Assembly at Hesston Mennonite Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer book study begins this Wednesday -- *So That We and Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis* by Sarah Augustine and Sherie Hostetler. **Meeting dates are June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 2 and 9 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Inspire a love of reading!! Spring/Summer Children's Sunday School Offering will be for the Marion County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Our offering will help pay the postage for the free books being sent to the children in Marion County.

Friday, June 20 – Senior Coffee with Levi Goossen, retired judge and interested historian. Levi will tell and show pictures of his family (from this congregation) moving to western Kansas... and other adventures.

Don't forget to purchase new baby items for distribution by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Wichita. The list of needed items is on the bulletin boards. June 22 and 29 are the collections days. If you have questions, contact Judy Goertzen.

Students interested in applying for a church scholarship may find the application on the church's website under: resources/bulletins & links/MCSMT Scholarship Application. Please return the application to the church office or Gretchen Schrag by July 1, 2025.

Start making your plans for summer and volunteer to help at New Hope Shelter June 18- 21. The sign-up sheet is posted in the south lobby. **More help is needed with providing supper on Thursday, June 19.** No Sunday school class is available so we need individuals to help provide food for that evening. If you are interested, please let Janice (620-747-0744) know as soon as possible.