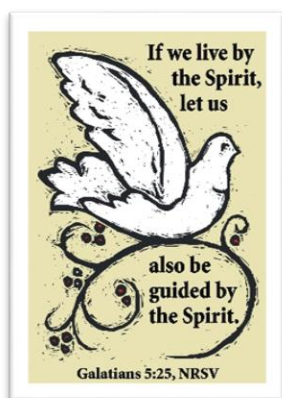


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

As we catch up with the Galatians this morning, Paul is reminding them of what it means for the Holy Spirit to have been sent to them and to live in that power. It's a reminder for us too!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Sonatina in C ~Kuhlau

Celia Peters, piano

Welcome

Judy Goertzen

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

excerpts from Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

People: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

Leader: Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

People: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

All : Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

All: Praise the Lord!

***Gathering Hymns**

Planets Humming as They Wander

VT 175

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

VT 428

Children's Story

Aileen Esau

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Morning Prayer

Bryant Miller

Worship Music

Kevin Gaeddert

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* ~Hayes Jason Peters
***Prayer of Dedication** *God, Whose Giving* VT 745

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Galatians 4:1-7; 5:16-26 NRSV Judy Goertzen
Sermon *Resemblances* Anita Kehr
Song of Response *New Earth, Heavens New* VT 377

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *Move in Our Midst* VT 827
***Benediction** VT 1067
***Postlude** *Earth and All Stars* ~Leavitt Jason Peters

*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 – Karl and Marcia Brubaker
South – John and Jenny Fast

Organ/Piano: Jason Peters

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Visual Arts: Janice Voth

Nursery Staff: Janice Voth, Laura Voth

(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

June 1 Attendance: Sunday School – 78; Worship -- 132 in person;
17 Zoom Households

June 1 Offering: Sunday School -- \$11.71; First Fruits -- \$4,621.37

June 8: VBS service at Tabor Mennonite Church; Attendance – 233
Offering for Camp Mennoscah -- \$2,871 (total for the week)
Offering for Alexanderwohl -- \$1,900.00

Next Sunday – Eric Schrag will wrap up our Galatians series preaching from Galatians 6:1-16.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We're grateful, God, for the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives; help us to live and trust in that power as our guidance.
- ❖ We pray for Noah Schrag as he is a counselor at Camp Mennoscah this week.
- ❖ We pray for your blessing on the Wednesday evening book study group.
- ❖ We pray for those in our congregation undergoing tests or treatment for ongoing illness.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 15

9:30 am -- Sunday School (Summer SS starts in Shelter House for age 3 through high school)

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, June 16

7:00 pm – Parent meeting for upcoming youth trip, Youth House

Tuesday, June 17

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 18

7:00 – 8:30 pm – Book Study in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 am – Safe Sanctuary Meeting, Conference Room

Friday, June 20

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Levi Goossen as our guest

Sunday, June 22

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am -- Worship

COMING EVENTS

June 18-21 Serve at New Hope Shelter

July 4 Church Offices Closed

July 6-12 Youth Summer Service trip to Rocky Mountain Menn. Camp

July 8-12 MC USA Convention in Greensboro, NC

Aug 6-9 WDC Annual Assembly at Hesston Mennonite Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lois is on vacation from June 9-16, returning to the office on Tuesday, June 17. Gail Graber is on call in case of emergencies. Gail was formerly the Chaplain at Bethesda. She can be reached at 620.386.0376. You may also contact any of the deacons for pastoral care concerns.

Summer book study 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 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.

Catch the reading bug! AMC summer reading program June 1 – August 31 for preschool thru adult. How many AMC library books can you read this summer? For every book that you read you can add a circle to our caterpillar's body by the library. The circles will be located on the library book tables in the lobbies and in the library. Please write the book title and

your name on the circle. For every circle that you add you will be entered into a drawing at the end of summer. Let's see how long our caterpillar will grow this summer! Questions? Contact Sandy Duerksen 620-386-4434 or Laura Unrau 620-386-4331.

Friday, June 20, 10:00 am – 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**.

Tabor Food Pantry is asking for donations to restock the shelves. Especially needed are the following: Laundry soap, dish soap, peanut butter, syrup, ketchup, salad dressing, hamburger helper, packaged rice meals, cake mix, frosting, corn muffin mix, and canned chicken. Thank you so much for your continued support of this community ministry!

Dear Alexanderwohl: Thank you so very much for your heartfelt support with the recent passing of our father Glen, and mother Mary Lou during Covid. Your prayers and compassionate kindness are deeply appreciated.

~The family of Glen and Mary Lou Unrau