

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we'll begin looking at Biblical stories of God's righteousness and justice. What can we learn about how to bring justice in our own time and place?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Mary Schmidt

Open Our Eyes / Be Thou My Vision ~arr. Tornquist

Nearer My God to Thee ~arr. Tonioli

Welcome

Kyle Unruh

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Moment in Mission

A Month with MDS

Tim Goertzen

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

Psalm 31:1-5

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

All : O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

All : Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

Leader: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

All: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Peace Prayer

Timothy Schrag

*Gathering Hymns

Come Now, O God

VT 143

Sometimes a Light Surprises

VT 618

Children's Story

Ann Hiebert

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *In the Garden* ~arr. Tonioli

Mary Schmidt

***Prayer of Dedication**

Timothy Schrag

Sharing from WDC Assembly Delegates

Timothy Schrag, Erica Stoltzfus and Lois Harder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Psalm 30, 2 Kings 5:1-19a

Justine Unruh

Sermon

Bumbling kings and the power of God

Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Worship Music / Song of Response

Healing River of the Spirit

VT 642

***Song of Sending**

Healer of Our Every Ill

VT 644

***Benediction**

Pastor Lois

***Postlude**

Mary Schmidt

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow ~arr. Tornquist

*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 – Lynell and Vickie Hiebert

South – Kris and Blake Schmucker

Piano: Mary Schmidt

Song Leader: Renae Schmidt Peters

Worship Music: Renae Peters, Timothy Schrag, Kyle and Justine Unruh

Visual Arts: Board of Mission and Service

Nursery Staff: Kim Voth, Celia Peters

(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Lynel Unrau, Steve Unruh

July 27 Attendance: Sunday School – 85; Worship -- 132 in person;

13 Zoom Households

July 27 Offering: Sunday School -- \$17.22; First Fruits -- \$17,197.59

August 3 Offering: First Fruits -- \$1,239.37

Next Sunday – Pastor Lois will continue with Biblical stories of justice. We'll hear from the prophet Amos who has tough words for God's people, Psalm 82, in which the Psalmist is asking God for righteous judgment and possibly a surprise text from Luke's gospel!

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ Along with Jill and Braden, we're grateful for the arrival of Dawson (Sonny) Gene Unruh-Siebert, born on Wednesday, July 30. He joins big sister Mia and they all celebrate together with grandparents Duane and Karen Unruh!

- ❖ We continue to ask for God's wisdom and guidance for Janice Voth as she has ongoing tests and treatment for cancer. We also celebrate and praise God for Janice and Delton's 40th anniversary today!
- ❖ In the midst of many problems that seem "unsolvable", we rejoice when there are small, individual victories. Cindy Hastings' neighbor was detained by ICE several months ago and three weeks ago was released by a judge in Oklahoma. Another immigrant (a minor), known well by the First Mennonite Church of San Francisco (where, ironically, Cindy's brother Russ attends) was also released, thanks to some fast-acting legal work done on his behalf. We pray for the thousands of others being detained who don't have advocates or representation. Lord, hear our prayers.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 10

9:30 am -- Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, August 11

4:00 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, August 12

5:30 pm -- Board of Christian Education

Friday, August 15

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Pastor Cliff Loesch as our guest

Sunday, August 17

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

10:30 am – Worship

1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois leading

COMING EVENTS

Aug 24 Mennoglass Event at Tabor Church park

Aug 31–Sept 2 Serve at New Hope Shelter

Sept 17 Safe Church Training

Sept 18 Senior Coffee (on Thursday rather than Friday)

Sept 28 Community Service sponsored by Board of Mission & Service

Oct 12 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Friday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m. the Senior Coffee speaker will be Pastor Cliff Loesch, a retired Quaker pastor who lives in Wichita. He recently travelled to Ramallah, West Bank to visit the Friends School there. He has interesting pictures and experiences to share.

The Pastor Search Committee continues to work through the search process. We welcome your prayers for us and for everyone involved in the

search process. We've been in contact with several people in the past several months and continue to work with Western District Conference. Your input, suggestions, prayers and encouragement are appreciated. Thank you! ~Karen Unruh, Megan Duerksen, Julianna Kaufman, Weston Hiebert and Tina Schrag

The sign-up sheet is in the south lobby for volunteers to help at New Hope Shelter, Sunday, August 31 - Tuesday, September 2. The food will be provided by Seekers & Sojourners, Friends & Followers, and Route 15. Your prayers are greatly appreciated by the residents and staff.

Regular Sunday School classes for the children and youth will begin on August 31.

Love Your Community Service Sunday, September 28th -- If you have a suggestion for a proposed service project, there are forms in both lobbies to complete and turn into Judy Goertzen, Chairperson of the Board of Mission and Service. The Board will review all proposals to determine feasibility. Please submit anytime before, but no later than August 31 so the Board has time to organize projects.

The garden sharing table is available in the south lobby. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others. See Megan Duerksen if you have questions.

Thank you to those who donated generously last Sunday through the offering taken at the Goessel Church community-wide worship service. The total amount received was \$3,254. A check has been delivered to Bethesda Home in the amount of \$1,627 and the other half has been gratefully received by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. Thank you!

A HUGE "Thank you!" to each of the more than 70 volunteers that helped in some way with the museum's activities for Country Threshing Days. It took a village, and you were amazing! We also want to express our appreciation to all who supported the museum with your attendance. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the opportunity to share the richness of our community! ~Aileen Esau, on behalf of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum