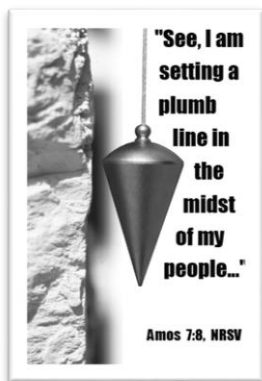


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we'll hear from the prophet Amos with the image of a plumb line "measuring a faulty wall".

The plumb line represents "a fatal flaw in the community's structure: it has come out of 'true' with itself" and needs to be put back into alignment.

(from *Feasting on the Word Year C*,
Vol. 3, pg. 220)

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Marcia Brubaker

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens ~Kerr

Nearer, My God, to Thee ~Hobby

This Little Light of Mine ~Behnke

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

Psalm 82:1-5; 8 CEB

Leader: God takes his stand in the divine council; he gives judgment among the gods:

All: "How long will you judge unjustly by granting favor to the wicked?"

Leader: Give justice to the lowly and the orphan; maintain the right of the poor and the destitute!

All: Rescue the lowly and the needy. Deliver them from the power of the wicked!"

Leader: Rise up, God!

All: Judge the earth because you hold all nations in your possession.

*Gathering Hymns

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Build Your Kingdom Here

VT 421

VT 393

Children's Story

Laura Voth

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Beautiful Savior ~Behnke

Marcia Brubaker

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Amos 7:7-17; Colossians 1:1-14 Brendon Nafziger
Sermon *This is what the Lord God showed me* Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Song of Response *Let Justice Flow Down* VT 791
***Song of Sending** *We Dream of a Turning* VT 209
***Benediction** Pastor Lois
***Postlude** *I Sing With Exultation* ~Lehman Marcia Brubaker

*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 – Ann Hiebert and Cindy Hastings
South – Jason and Renae Peters

Organ / Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Visual Arts: Ruth Goertzen

Nursery Staff: Gretchen Schrag, Julianna Kaufman
(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

August 10 Attendance: Sunday School – 88; Worship -- 124 in person;
Zoom was not available

August 10 Offering: Sunday School -- \$63.51; First Fruits -- \$8,815.00

Next Sunday – Eric Schrag will preach from Amos 8 – a continued conversation with the prophet about what could happen to those who dare to abuse the poor.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We celebrate with Ruth and Myron Goertzen, the birth of their granddaughter, Clara Ruth, born to Ryan and Miriam Goertzen-Regier on Monday, August 11, Thanks be to God!
- ❖ We're grateful for students, teachers and all who play a role in education! We pray that this school year will be a rich time of learning and growth.
- ❖ We pray for children who do not have adequate resources or support to attend school and for children who may not even have a school to attend.
- ❖ We give thanks for our elders whose shoulders we stand on in our faith and our lives. Be with all them, whether they live in their own homes or in nursing homes; give us due respect and gratitude for the gifts they are to us.
- ❖ We pray for Steve and Sandy Banman as they have begun to receive hospice services; grant them your continued love and mercy, God.

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, August 18

Time TBD – Safe Church Meeting

Tuesday, August 19

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Saturday, August 23

- 9:00-11:00 am – Church membership information

Sunday, August 24

- 9:30 am -- Sunday School (last summer session at the Shelter House for ages 3 through high school)
- 10:30 am – Worship
- 6:00 pm – Mennoglass at Tabor Church park

COMING EVENTS

- 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

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.

Saturday, August 23 - 9-11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Pastor Lois will once again offer a session on "What's this Mennonite thing, who are the people of Alexanderwohl, what does church membership mean, etc.?" This is open to ANYONE and it increases the quality of the discussion if a few "long-timers" participate! Please let Lois know if you can be there.

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 pink sheets 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.

MCC School Kit Contents:

- 4 spiral notebooks – 70 sheets each
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler – must include 30 cm (inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (1 or 2 holes)

Place items on the tables marked for MCC school kits in either lobby.

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.

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

Tabor Mennonite Church invites you to join us for our annual Mennoglass event on Sunday, August 24! A meal of hamburgers and sides will start at 6:00 and music will start around 6:15. The Schrag siblings (Julianna, Timothy & Jacob) and Prairie Heirs (Rick & Denise Woelk, Eric Schrag, and Gayle Voth) will be performing. This event is free to the Goessel community, but donations to help cover costs are welcome. Please bring your own lawn chair. We hope that you will join us at the Tabor Church park for this evening of food, fellowship and live music.

Newton Et Cetera Shop has a new look! Stop by and see it in person. There is a bulletin insert on the lobby tables that shows a few pictures of the renovations. If you bring in this flyer to the shop, and turn it in you will save 10% off your entire purchase! You will also find this flyer in Friday's email.