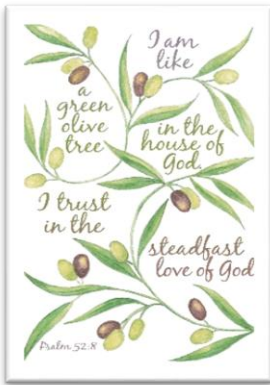


# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

We'll hear again from the prophet  
Amos - this time from chapter 8  
about the basket of summer fruit.  
What does the ancient prophet offer  
for us?

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

*Toccata* ~Douglas Wagner

Jared Janzen

*Jubilation* ~Gordon Young

### Welcome

Bryant Miller

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

### Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

Psalm 52 CEB

Leader: Hey, powerful person! Why do you brag about evil? God's faithful love lasts all day long. Your tongue devises destruction: it's like a sharpened razor, causing deception. You love evil more than good; you love lying more than speaking what is right. You love all destructive words; you love the deceiving tongue.

**All: But God will take you down permanently; he will snatch you up, tear you out of your tent, and uproot you from the land of the living!**

Leader: The righteous will see and be in awe; they will laugh at those people: "Look at them! They didn't make God their refuge. Instead, they trusted in their own great wealth. They sought refuge in it – to their own destruction!"

**All: But I am like a green olive tree in God's house; I trust in God's faithful love forever and always.**

Leader: I will give thanks to you, God, forever, because you have acted.

**All: In the presence of your faithful people, I will hope in your name because it's so good.**

### \*Gathering Hymns

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (omit vs. 2)  
*God Is Here among Us*

VT 126  
VT 62

### Children's Story

Delbert Peters

### Worship Music

Alyssa Burkholder and Julianna Kaufman

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Lois Harder

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Classic Trio* ~Gordon Young

Jared Janzen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Lois

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

Amos 8:1-12

Nathaniel Schmucker

**Sermon**

Eric Schrag

## **SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Song of Response**

*Kyrie eleison, Have Mercy*

VT 796

**\*Song of Sending**

*Jesus Christ Is Waiting*

VT 287

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Lois

**\*Postlude**

*Praise the Almighty* ~arr. Michael Burkhardt

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 – Tina and Ben Schrag

South – David and Aileen Esau

**Organ / Piano:** Jared Janzen

**Song Leader:** Marcia Brubaker

**Visual Arts:** Ruth Goertzen

**Nursery Staff:** Susan Nafziger, Travis Duerksen

(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

**Worship Technology:** DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

**August 17 Attendance:** Sunday School – 92; Worship -- 128 in person;  
14 Zoom Households

**August 17 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$25.25; First Fruits -- \$4,513.47

**Next Sunday** – Michelle Armster will bring us the message on “Mirroring Martyrs” from the Gospel of John 1:35-39; 43-49. Michelle is the Executive Director of MCC Central States. She has pastored in congregations, she is a trained mediator and an administrator, and a member of the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita.

## ***Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond***

- ❖ We grieve with Karl and Marcia Brubaker at the unexpected passing of Karl's uncle, Don Horst. Don and Rachel live in Newton and spend much of their time traveling with MDS. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for Karl and his family at this time of loss.
- ❖ We pray that this final Sunday of intergenerational Sunday school for our children ages preschool through high school will bring closure to the summer and strengthen the children's relationships with one another (as well as the teachers). Thank you, God, for this opportunity to spend

meaningful time together! Be with the children and teachers as we all return to our "grade-level" classes next Sunday.

- ❖ Thank you, God, for the opportunities for service that have come to the attention of the Board of Mission and Service thus far. Continue to guide and bless this board as they give final shape to the "Love Your Community Service Sunday".
- ❖ We pray your blessing, God, on the SAFE CHURCH training session coming up. We give you thanks for the many hours of work that have already been given by the committee.
- ❖ We pray for all children - close to home and around the world - who suffer at the hands of decisions made by adults. Lord, in your mercy...

## **THIS WEEK**

### **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

### **Monday, August 25**

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

### **Tuesday, August 26**

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

### **Sunday, August 31**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

## **COMING EVENTS**

Aug 31–Sept 2    Serve at New Hope Shelter

Sept 1           Church offices closed for Labor Day

Sept 3           Music Committee, Conference Room

Sept 9           Safe Church Committee, Conference Room

Sept 17          Safe Church Training, Fellowship Hall

Sept 21          Teacher Appreciation Sunday and meal

Sept 24          Youth Group Kickoff - fun night at 6:45 pm

Sept 18          Senior Coffee (on Thursday rather than Friday)

Sept 28          Community Service sponsored by Board of Mission & Service

Oct 1            Midweek Begins

Oct 12          Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Regular Sunday School classes for the children and youth will begin next Sunday, August 31.** The new quarter for adults begins one week later, on Sunday, September 7.

**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.

**Our church will have a SAFE CHURCH Safety and Abuse Prevention training session on Wednesday, September 17 from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** This is required for all adults 18 years and older, who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults in our church in any capacity. Anybody and everybody is welcome! Child care will be provided. All those attending need to RSVP on the sign-up sheets in the lobbies or contact the church office by Sunday, September 14. Contact Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Courtney Hiebert or Susan Nafziger with questions.

**Love Your Community Service Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** -- 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.

**It's time to register your kids for Sunday School and Midweek!** Use the QR code on the flyer in the lobbies or Friday's email.

**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 the north lobby or at the back of the sanctuary.

**Please note: All items currently stored in the church freezer need to be removed by Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.** The freezer will be unplugged for cleaning and maintenance the following week. Thank you!

**The garden sharing table is available in the south lobby.** Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others.

**The Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** will be on Sunday, October 12 at 1:30 pm beginning at Tabor Church.