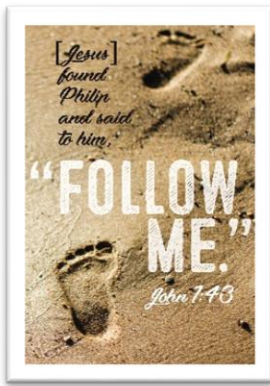


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning Michelle Armster brings us the message, preaching from the Gospel of John. Jesus' invitation to "Come and see" leads us all to follow him and be his disciples.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ~Fedak Jason Peters
Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices ~Burkhardt
Holy, Holy, Holy ~Leavitt

Welcome Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer + Psalm 139:1-6 CEB

Leader: Lord, you have examined me. You know me.

All: You know when I sit down and when I stand up.

Leader: Even from far away, you comprehend my plans. You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

All: There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely. You surround me – front and back.

Leader: You put your hand on me.

All: That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

***Gathering Hymns** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182
Come, Gracious Spirit VT 371

Children's Story Michelle Armster

Worship Music Carol Reimer Duerksen and friends
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place ~Doris Akers

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Be Still and Know / Be Still, My Soul* ~Hayes Jason Peters

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

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| Scripture Reading | John 1:35-39; 43-49 CEB | Elaine Banman |
| Song of Response | <i>Come and See</i> | VT 282 |
| Sermon | <i>Mirroring the Martyrs</i> | Michelle Armster |

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

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| *Song of Sending | <i>Faith of the Martyrs</i> | VT 575 |
| *Benediction | | Pastor Lois |
| *Postlude | <i>Somlandela (We Will Follow)</i> | VT 566 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 – Steve Goertzen and Rosi Reimer
South – Evan and Maryanne Esau

Organ / Piano: Jason Peters

Song Leader: Julianna Kaufman

Women's Ensemble: Carol Duerksen, Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Janine Peters, Karen Unruh, Janice Voth, Megan Duerksen, Tina Schrag, Lois Harder, Mary Schmidt (piano)

Visual Arts: Ruth Goertzen

Nursery Staff: Janice Voth, Laura Voth
(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

August 24 Attendance: Sunday School – 102; Worship -- 155 in person;
14 Zoom Households

August 24 Offering: Sunday School -- \$53.31; First Fruits -- \$3,306.75

Next Sunday – Pastor Lois will preach as we welcome Jayley Schmidt and Aida Hartvickson into membership by baptism and Malea Hartvickson by confession of faith. These actions can be a reminder to all of us as we recommit to our own baptismal / membership words.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Pastor Peter Emery who had back surgery on Friday, August 22. Cards may be sent to him at 101 S. Main, Newton, KS 67114.
- ❖ We pray for the families and the children who were shot and shot at in the Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis this week.
- ❖ We pray for our children's Sunday school classes as they begin a new quarter today.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 31

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, September 1

Church Offices Closed for Labor Day

5:15 pm – Board of Worship

Tuesday, September 2

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

7:00 pm – Board of Trustees

Sunday, September 7

9:30 am -- Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

Aug 31–Sept 2 Serve at New Hope Shelter

Sept 9 Safe Church Committee, Conference Room

Sept 10 Music Committee, Conference Room

Sept 17 Safe Church Training, Fellowship Hall

Sept 18 Senior Coffee (on Thursday rather than Friday)

Sept 21 Teacher Appreciation Sunday and meal

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

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 begin

TODAY, Sunday, August 31. The new quarter for adults begins one week later, on Sunday, September 7.

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 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 service ideas TODAY, 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 or south lobby.

Please note: All items currently stored in the church freezer need to be removed by Sunday, September 14th. 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.