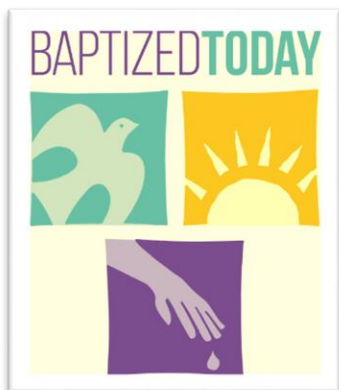


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we'll receive three new members, each upon their confession of faith and two receiving baptism. As we witness these acts of faith, may we be inspired to recall our own commitment to following Jesus with God's people.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Three Etudes* ~Fernando Sor Tom Harder, guitar
Welcome Ben Schrag

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

~A "harmonization" of Psalms 147-150 from *Psalms Now*

Leader: How good it is to celebrate God's presence and to sing God's praises throughout each day!

All: We celebrate what God has done for us through history:

North: *the creation of the world, the sun and the moon and the unnumbered stars...*

South: **The creatures that swim and crawl and walk and fly upon our planet; the children destined to enjoy these great gifts...**

Leader: We praise God for dealing with humanity through blessings, revelations, tender love and gentle concern...

North: *We praise God for devoted servants: who communicate The Word; perform miracles, bring healing to others' hurts.*

South: **We celebrate God's continued blessings to our world: flowers that bloom, rains that refresh, birds that fill the air with song.**

All: We give thanks for God's perpetual love: forgiveness of sin, God's pursuit of those who run away, God's reaching out.

Leader: We call upon everyone to praise the Lord: those who preach, those who sing, those who write or paint or dance or play instruments...

All: Let all who have breath join in celebrating the majesty of our great and loving God!

*Gathering Hymns	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	VT 84
	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	VT 103
Peace Prayer		Nic Peters
Children's Story		Aileen Esau
Morning Prayer		Pastor Lois Harder
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Prelude in C ~J.S. Bach</i>	Tom Harder
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Worship Music	<i>Romanza ~anon.</i>	Tom Harder
Celebration of Baptism		
Aida Hartvickson	– “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” ~ Romans 15:13 NIV	
Jayley Schmidt	– “And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” ~ Philipians 4:8 NLT	
	Mentor: Chrystiana Miller	
Membership by Confession of Faith		Malea Hartvickson
*Song of Response	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	VT 443
*Congregational Covenant		VT 932
Scripture Reading	Romans 6:1-4; Acts 11:1-18	
Reflection	<i>What is the Church to BE?</i>	Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>Longing for Light</i>	VT 715
*Benediction		Pastor Lois
*Postlude		Karen Unruh

*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 – DeAlan and Alma Unrau
South – Tim and Judy Goertzen

Organ / Piano: Karen Unruh

Song Leader: Braden Unruh

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Tina Schrag, Noah Schrag

(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

August 31 Attendance: Sunday School – 98; Worship -- 121 in person;
14 Zoom Households

August 31 Offering: Sunday School -- \$8.99; First Fruits -- \$5,941.00

Next Sunday – James Klassen will preach a sermon of encouragement and challenge from the story in 2 Kings 5 focusing on the young, courageous girl. What might it look like to talk and pray about peace, yes, and also DO and BE peace?

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We give thanks for Jayley, Aida and Malea as they join our congregation this morning upon their confessions of faith!
- ❖ We thank you God, for the wedding celebration of Heath Goertzen and Iris Holzer, who were married yesterday. We pray your blessings on their commitments to one another and this new chapter of their life together.
- ❖ We pray for ElRoy Wiens and his family at the loss of his older brother Bob, who died this past Sunday morning. Bob lived in Indianapolis and leaves behind a wife and three adult children.
- ❖ We pray for those in Afghanistan suffering after the destructive earthquakes there. Lord, in your mercy...
- ❖ We give thanks and pray your guidance, God, on all who work for peace with justice in this world.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 7

9:30 am -- Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, September 8

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, September 9

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education, Chapel

6:45 pm – Safe Church Committee, Conference Room

Wednesday, September 10

7:00 pm – Music Committee, Conference Room

Sunday, September 14

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

Sept 17	Midweek Informational Meeting, Chapel
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

There will be a short informational meeting for all individuals helping with Midweek this year. It will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 17, in the Chapel. This is right before the Safe Church meeting at 6:30 pm.

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.

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.

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!

Needed for MCC School Kits: We could use more UNSHARPENED PENCILS and RULERS for the MCC school kits. Rulers must include 30 cm markings. Assembling school kits will be one of the projects on our Community Service Day September 28.

If you plan to eat the Wednesday night fellowship meals, please sign up on either lobby bulletin board or call the church office – 620.367.8192. **RSVP by Sunday, September 21** to be included in the count for fall semester. Midweek activities begin October 1.

Sr. Coffee with Dr. Will Wiebe Friesen on **THURSDAY**, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. "Mennonite Hymnody: From the dungeons of Passau, Germany, in 1535 to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in 2025. We will explore some of the different veins of worship styles, hymns sources, and traditions, and possibly challenge your understanding of just what 'Mennonite singing' really is."

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

The annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk is a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will begin at Tabor Mennonite Church on **Sunday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m.** Find a donation envelope on the table in the foyer and start your fundraising today! Donations go to support MCC and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.