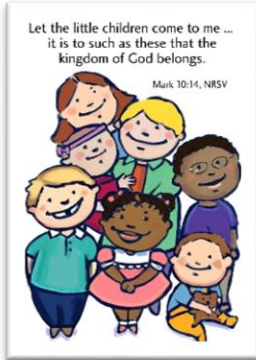


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

On this Education Sunday we'll recognize our teachers, celebrate our most recently arrived infant (and his parents and grandparents) and hear the words of Jesus, "Let the little children come to me..."

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* ~Behnke Marcia Brubaker
Children of the Heavenly Father ~Hobby
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns ~Helman

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer + adapted from Deuteronomy 6:1-9 CEB

Leader: Now these are the commandments... that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you to follow...

All: so that you will fear the Lord your God by keeping all his commandments...both you and your sons and daughters all the days of your life.

Leader: Listen to them! Follow them carefully so that things will go well for you...Faithful followers of Yahweh – listen! Our God is the Lord!

All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words... must always be on your minds.

Leader: Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol.

All: Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

***Gathering Hymns**

Praise to the Living God

VT 204

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

VT 131

Children's Story

Chrystiana Miller

Dedication of Parents and Infant

Dawson Gene Unruh-Siebert, (b. July 30, 2025) son of Braden Unruh and Jill Siebert

Rosebud and Grandparent Prayer of Blessing

Questions, Response, Blessing for Dawson

Congregational Covenant

VT 970

Worship Music

Samuel's Song

Schrags

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I'm Gonna Let It Shine ~Bober

Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17 CEB Tammy Flaming

Song of Response

Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast

VT 511

Sermon

Childlike Faith

Eric Schrag

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending**

O Little Children, Gather

VT 515

***Benediction**

Pastor Lois

***Postlude**

Marcia Brubaker

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow ~Jordan

*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 – Jared and Laura Unrau

South – Duane and Karen Unruh

Organ / Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Visual Arts: Anita Boese

Nursery Staff: Bri Combs, Tammy Flaming

(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

September 14 Attendance: Sunday School – 87; Worship -- 132 in person;
14 Zoom Households

September 14 Offering: Sunday School -- \$14.67; First Fruits -- \$4,207.47

Next Sunday – is our "Love Your Community" day! Come join us for a work project and/or some fellowship and fun! Be sure to stay for lunch whether you join a project or not!

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

❖ We pray for all children everywhere, O God. May your love surround and uphold the innocents in the world.

- ❖ We pray for the parents, grandparents and all caretakers of children. May your wisdom, courage and compassion guide them.
- ❖ We grieve and celebrate with Clarice and Nelson Voth at the death of her mother, Loretta Krehbiel. Loretta passed away on Thursday morning, September 18, at Bethesda Home.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 21

9:30 am -- Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Noon – Teacher Appreciation Meal

Monday, September 22

4:00 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room

6:00 pm – Church Kitchen Cleaning by Daughters of Grace

Tuesday, September 23

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons, Conference Room

Wednesday, September 24

6:30 pm – Youth Parent Meeting

6:45 pm – Youth Fun Night

Sunday, September 28

9:00 am – Projects begin for Community Service Day

Note: There will be no worship service here at Alexanderwohl.

You may join the worship service at Bethesda at 10:00 am.

Noon meal in the Shelter House

COMING EVENTS

Oct 1	Midweek Activities Begin
Oct 6	Goessel Community Blood Drive
Oct 11	Goessel Harvest Festival
Oct 12	Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk
Oct 19	Goessel Arts Fund Committee's Arts Soirée
Nov 2	Bethesda Home Pillar's Banquet at Tabor Mennonite Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 TODAY, September 21** to be included in the count for fall semester. Midweek activities begin October 1.

Wednesday night meals – If you are willing to bring dessert, help serve or clean up, sign up in the south lobby for dates that work for you.

It's that time of year again! Midweek for Junior High and High Schoolers will begin on September 24, one week before regular midweek

begins. We will start with a short parent meeting at 6:30 and then meet with the kids to talk about expectations and plans for the upcoming year until 7:45. Please meet at the youth house. Students can be registered at the midweek link on the flyer. Also, on the bulletin board in the south lobby is a sign-up sheet for snacks each week. Thanks for your support!

Midweek begins October 1. Here's the schedule:

5:45–6:30 pm – Fellowship Meal Served

6:30-7:45 pm – Supervised child care for 0-2

6:30-7:45 pm – Children's activities and music (ages 3-5th grade)

6:45-7:45 pm – Chancel Choir

6:45-7:45 pm – 6th through 12th grade activities (start on 9.24.25)

7:50-8:30 pm – Adult Bible Study

Please register your students with the QR code found in either lobby or in the Friday email.

Our group subscriptions to the magazine *Anabaptist World* need to be updated. The cost for each subscription is \$54. If you have been part of our group subscription and wish to continue or if you would like to participate as a new reader, please return to Dwight M. Flaming a completed form (found in the lobby and also attached to the church email) plus your check of \$54 payable to Alexanderwohl **TODAY, September 21, 2025.**

The **Harvest Giving Walk** will take place at Tabor Mennonite Church **Sunday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m.** Pick up a Walk envelope today or find someone who is walking and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's education projects. Walkers are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry to the event. Please make checks payable to "Harvest Giving Walk."

Bethel College's Fall Festival is Saturday, October 4. As usual, our church is responsible for selling New Year's cookies and coffee for the BC Women's Association. Volunteers are necessary to help with this exciting event. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the south lobby. Questions? Contact Bonnie Gaeddert.

Mennonite Action is a movement of Mennonites, Christians, and friends following in the example of Jesus Christ, who called us to live as active peacemakers, standing firmly on the side of the downtrodden and the oppressed. Right now the genocide in Gaza rages on while the authoritarian powers of our government kidnap our neighbors off the streets in the U.S. Many of us are horrified and want to do something, but we don't know how. Mennonite Action is bringing training, tools, and frameworks to help our communities respond with courage in this historical moment, "discerning the times" as we're called to do. There will be an **evening training event in Newton on Friday, October 10**, as part of the *To Build Our Courage* tour. On **Saturday, October 11**, there will be a **full-day training in Topeka**. The events will include trainings on noncooperation, grassroots organizing, and mutual aid. In addition to spending time worshiping in prayer and song, we'll enjoy a meal together too. Exact times and locations will be announced soon.

Blood Drive: "Color your fall with kindness" and donate blood on October 6, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Sign up at redcrossblood.org to donate. Your donations are always needed. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

The Mennonite Heritage & Agriculture Museum will have a program featuring Donna Hetrick, daughter of Norman and Wanda Ratzlaff on October 18, 7:00 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Donna Ratzlaff Hetrick will play the organ recital she played in June 2024 at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chelmo, Poland as part of a celebration of Mennonite history in the Przechowko area. This is the region where many of the Alexanderwohl congregation lived, 1600-1800.

The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is hosting an Arts Soirée on Sunday, October 19, from 2-5 pm at the Tabor Mennonite Church. There will be an **art show** in the hospitality hall that will feature local and regional artists. A **concert** at 3 pm in the sanctuary will include performances by the Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, Holly Swartzendruber (soprano), and a piano duo extravaganza that will feature Goessel area pianists Russell Adrian, Marcia Brubaker, Jason and Renae Peters, and Karen Unruh performing works for 4-10 hands! Following the concert at 4 pm, **refreshments** will be served in the hospitality hall. Plan now to attend this free event! (The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is a subsidiary of the Goessel Community Foundation. Members are Russell Adrian, John Goerzen, Kris Schmucker, and Karen Unruh.)

Bethesda Pillars Banquet – Mark your calendars now for November 2 at Tabor Mennonite Church – There will be a drive thru option as well as a plated meal. More details to come!