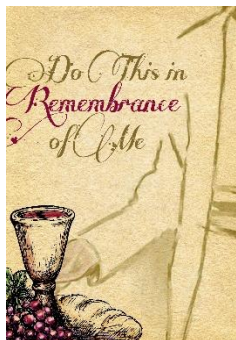


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we enact the instruction of Jesus to remember him each time we eat and drink together. Followers all around the world participate in this ritual of remembrance on World Communion Sunday as a sign of love and loyalty to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Selected Hymns from **Voices Together*** Marcia Brubaker

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

Psalm 111:1-4 CEB

All: Praise the Lord.

Leader: I thank the Lord with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation

People: The works of the Lord are magnificent; they are treasured by all who desire them.

Leader: God's deeds are majestic and glorious. God's righteousness stands forever.

People: God is famous for his wondrous works.

All: The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

***Gathering Hymns** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Sing to God a New Song

VT 88

VT 93

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship Music

Chancel Choir

Arr. Douglas Wagner

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (VT 474) Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication**

Children's Story

Delbert Peters

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Pastor Lois

Matthew 26:26-28; John 6:32-35; Isaiah 55:2

Message ...and they remembered Eric Schrag
Song of Response *I Am the Bread of Life* (vs. 1,2,4,5) VT 480

COMING TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Words of Invitation Pastor Lois
Sharing Bread and Juice
Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues* VT 829
***Benediction** VT 942
***Postlude** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* ~Hayes 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 – John and Jenny Fast
South – Matthew and Laura Voth

Organ/Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: Courtney Hiebert

Nursery Staff: Maryanne Esau and Myra Peters

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

October 5 Attendance: Sunday School – 87; Worship -- 129 in person; 12 Zoom Households

October 5 Offering: Sunday School -- \$69.30; First Fruits -- \$4,885.87

Next Sunday – Pastor Lois will preach from Luke 18:1-8 – Jesus' exhortation to keep praying! Next Sunday's greeters are Jim and Mary Schmidt and Karl and Marcia Brubaker.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We remember DJ and Marilyn Flaming, at the passing of DJ's sister, Dorene Claassen, who died Sunday, October 5.
- ❖ We thank you God for sending your Son Jesus into the world. We pray for the courage and conviction to follow him faithfully.
- ❖ We pray for those being impacted by policies that affect their daily lives and well-being.
- ❖ We pray for teachers and students as they approach the end of the first quarter of the school year. Give them energy and perseverance.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 12

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship with Communion
- 1:30 pm – Harvest Giving Walk (begins at Tabor Church)

Monday, October 13

- 4:00 pm – Prayer Team
- 5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service
- 7:00 pm -- Church Council

Tuesday, October 14

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, October 15

- 5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 pm – Midweek Activities

Friday, October 17

- 10:00 am -- Senior Coffee – Katie Schmidt from Dyck Arboretum

Saturday, October 18

- 7:00 pm – Donna (Ratzlaff) Hetrick organ recital

Sunday, October 19

- 9:30 am -- Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship
- 2:00 pm – Goessel Arts Committee Art Soiree at Tabor Mennonite Church

COMING EVENTS

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| Oct 17 | Senior Coffee – Dyck Arboretum |
| Oct 18 | Museum program featuring Donna (Ratzlaff) Hetrick |
| Oct 19 | Goessel Arts Fund Committee's Arts Soirée |
| Nov 2 | Bethesda Home Pillar's Banquet at Tabor Mennonite Church |
| Nov 6 | Tabor Mennonite Church Chicken Barbeque, 5-7 pm |
| Dec 6 | Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – October 12, is the Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk! You can still sign up to participate and you can still make a donation, payable to "Harvest Giving Walk." Find a walker today for your generous giving to help MCC's education projects, as well as the expenses of our local Tabor Food Pantry. Make checks payable to "Harvest Giving Walk". Walkers, please be at Tabor Mennonite Church by 1:15 p.m. to sign in and remember to bring your donation envelope, all money raised, and an item for the Food Pantry.

Support & encourage the HS youth as they participate in the Harvest Giving Walk on Sunday afternoon! Sponsor a youth and support their efforts to raise money for MCC & the Tabor Food Pantry!

Walkers include: Eli, Rosie, Delaney, Jayley, Lilly, Elly, Aida, Anthony, Bella, Myra, Levi, Jayden and Tina Schrag.

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.

NEW HOURS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE! Beginning on **Monday, October 20**, the **church offices will be closed on Mondays** and the building will be locked. The office hours will remain the same (8:30-12:30 and 1:00-4:00) Tuesday-Friday. Pastor Lois may be reached on her cell phone 316.617.3497.

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!

Bethesda Home's Annual Pillars Banquet – Join us on November 2, 2025 for our Annual Pillars Banquet. This year there will be 2 options – a drive thru from 5:00 - 5:30 **OR** a dine-in experience with seating starting at 6:15pm. Please RSVP by October 24 and when doing so, please indicate if you will be attending in person or drive thru. This year's proceeds will go to our updated lighting project. Help us reach our goal of \$126,000 this year!! Thank you!!